**Minutes of the Strategic Planning Meeting held on Minutes 18th July 2024**

**Present:** Cllr B Beeley (Chairman), Cllr S Al-Hamdani, Cllr R Blackmore, Cllr K Barton, Cllr P Gaul,

Mr P Clegg, Mr P Sykes.

**1, Apologies received:** Cllr K Dawson, Mr A Taylor, Mr A Fletcher, Ms G Brownridge (OMBC), Mr K. Begley,

**2, Declarations of Interest**

**None declared.**

**3, Approval of Minutes 29th February 2024**

**The minutes were a**ccepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman, Proposed Cllr Al-Hamdani, seconded Cllr Blackmore, carried.

**4, Approval of Record taken 28th March 2024**

**This was a**ccepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman, Proposed Cllr Al-Hamdani, seconded Cllr Blackmore, carried.

**5, Consultation Progress**

Cllr Al-Hamdani advised that he had worked through 195 of the responses so far, the quality of responses was very good, roughly 3% response, whereas usually the response would be approx. 5%.

Cllr Al-Hamdani summarised the responses: the majority were very positive.

Policy 1; 177 for, 7 against

Policy 2; 189 for, 6 against

Policy 3; 164 for, 15 against

Policy 4; 170 for, 7 against

Policy 5; 181 for, 4 against

Policy 6; 176 for, 8 against

Policy 7; 164 for, 9 against

Policy 8; 170 for, 11 against

Policy 9; 154 for, 23 against

Policy 10; 170 for, 15 against

Policy 11; 169 for, 9 against

Policy 12; 164 for, 20 against

Policy 13; 161 for, 10 against

Policy 14; 178 for, 8 against

Policy 15; 167 for, 14 against

Policy 16; 166 for, 15 against

Policy 17; 163 for, 15 against

Policy 18; 169 for, 8 against

Policy 19; 170 for, 11 against

Policy 20; 174 for 4 against

Policy 21; 160 for, 22 against

Policy 22; 153 for, 21 against

Policy 23; 172 for, 5 against

Policy 24; 168 for 7 against

Policy 25; 160 for, 22 against

Cllr Al-Hamdani advised that the suggestions received would be taken on board and the plan will be amended to reflect.

There had been some strong opposition to the Chewbrook Vale development.

Cllr Al-Hamdani advised he would arrange for the clerk to send the committee full copies of the responses received for them to examine and feedback.

Cllr Gaul asked which areas had provided the best responses. Cllr Al-Hamdani suggested he include this in the report, and everyone agree this was a good approach to take.

Mr Sykes asked whether the new Government Manifesto would force any changes.

Cllr Al-Hamdani advised we needed to be mindful of this, but can’t actually change anything at the moment. Labour would be continuing with the previous governments’ mandatory targets, which are reflected in the plan.

Next Steps:

Corporate responses still to be reviewed.

Cllr Al-Hamdani to complete feedback report and send to the Clerk to share with the committee.

At the next meeting, ideas of how we integrate the suggestions into the plan would be agreed.

List all the changes, publish on the website and send to OMBC and PEAK

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Cllr Gaul wished to acknowledge all the work Cllr Beeley and Al-Hamdani had done over the years taking this plan forward.

**6, Items for the next agenda**

**To discuss integrating suggestions into the plan.**

**To agree information required for the website**

**To engage the Planning inspector**

**Next meeting: Thursday 26th September 2024 at 09.30hrs**