Minutes of the Strategic Planning Meeting held on Minutes 26th September 2024

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

 Mr P Clegg, Mr P Sykes. Mr A Fletcher, Ms G Brownridge (OMBC), Mr K. Begley,

1, Apologies received: Cllr K Dawson, Mrs J Greenwood

Absent: Cllr K Barton

**2, Declarations of Interest**

**None declared.**

**3, Approval of Minutes 18th July 2024**

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

**4, To discuss integrating suggestions into the plan**

Cllr Al-Hamdani had shared the Statutory Consultee responses and residents’ responses prior to the meeting, and these were discussed.

The Statutory Consultee responses:

Sports England- it was agreed that playing field provision strategy was already covered by the OMBC Local Plan so none of the comments raised needed actioning on the Plan.

Canal & Rivers Trust:

Policy 8 - it was agreed to amend the Plan with their suggested response

Policy 10 - it was agreed to add their suggested response regarding walking and cycling infrastructure as a bullet point to the Plan.

Lancashire Wildlife Trust:

Vision - it was agreed to incorporate the biodiversity and climate change suggestions into the Plan.

Policy 1 – it was agreed to incorporate into the Policy the provision of GI and open green space should be informed by and contribute to the emerging Greater Manchester Local Nature Recovery Strategy and future ecological networks.

Policy 3- a slight amendment to the wording was agreed.

Policy 4 – it was agreed to make reference to the biodiversity mandatory target in the text.

Paragraph 50 – it was agreed this is covered in policy 1, but we will add their comment to policy 1.

Paragraph 62 -it was agreed to add their supporting text.

Objective 3 – it was decided that this was already covered in the plan but Ms Brownridge would check this point with the Flood Management Team.

Policy 6 – it was agreed Ms Brownridge would check this point and it would be added if appropriate.

Policy 14 – it was agreed that the OMBC Plan covers Brownfield sites so there was no need to add any further info to the plan.

Policy 18 – agreed to add a reference to this in policy 1

Policy 19 – agreed this was already covered in the Oldham Plan

Committee members agreed to close the meeting here as there was such a lot more to get through. It was decided an additional meeting for anybody who wished to attend would be held next Thursday 3rd October at 9.30am where the rest of the statutory consultee responses and resident responses would be considered. A list of recommendations from this meeting would be shared with the full committee.

Ms Brownridge advised a project timeline plan would need agreeing and it was decided this would be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Cllr Beeley asked that members would read through the resident responses in the meantime and report their findings back to her before the meeting next week.

**5,** **To agree information required for the website**

 Deferred to next meeting

**6, To engage the Planning inspector**

 Deferred to next meeting

**7, Items for the next agenda**

 **Integration of responses**

 **To agree a** project timeline plan

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 **Next meeting: Thursday 3rd October 2024 at 09.30 (small group)**

 **Thursday 31st October 2024 at 09.30hrs**