

WEST SOMERSET DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 October 2011 at 4.30 pm
In the Council Chamber, Williton

Present:

Councillor A F Knight.....	Chairman
Councillor D D Ross.....	Vice-Chairman
Councillor M J Chilcott	Councillor G S Dowding
Councillor A P Hadley	Councillor B Heywood
Councillor E May	Councillor K M Mills
Councillor C Morgan	Councillor P H Murphy
Councillor S J Pugsley	Councillor K J Ross
Councillor D J Sanders	Councillor L W Smith
Councillor M A Smith	Councillor T Taylor
Councillor A H Trollope-Bellew	Councillor K H Turner
Councillor D J Westcott	

Officers in Attendance:

Chief Executive (Adrian Dyer)
Group Manager – Housing and Community ()
Section 151 Officer (G Carne)
Housing Manager (A Goodchild)
Principal Planning Officer, LDF (M Wilsher)
Group Manager- Customer and Corporate Support Services (W Bass)
PR & Media Officer (S Beaumont)
Tim Durrant, ARUP

C38 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A M Chick, H J W Davies, M O A Dewdney, S Y Goss, R P Lillis and I R Melhuish.

C39 Declarations of Interest

Members present at the meeting declared the following personal interests in their capacity as a Member of a County, Parish or Town Council:

Name	Minute No	Description of Interest	Personal or Prejudicial	Action Taken
Cllr P H Murphy	All Items	Watchet	Personal	Spoke and voted
Cllr K Ross	All Items	Dulverton	Personal	Spoke and voted
Cllr A H Trollope-Bellew	All Items	Somerset County Council	Personal	Spoke and voted
Cllr K Turner	All Items	Brompton Ralph	Personal	Spoke and voted
Cllr D J Westcott	All Items	Watchet	Personal	Spoke and voted

In addition Councillors C Morgan, D Sanders, T Taylor and A Trollope-Bellew declared a personal interest in the Joint SPD item as members of the Somerset Nuclear Energy Group. Councillor Morgan declared a further interest as the ward member for the Hinkley C site.

Councillor M A Smith stated that as an ex member of the Stop Hinkley Group she had taken no part in the planning application for the site preparation works however she did not consider that she had any interest to declare regarding the Joint SPD item on the agenda.

C40 Public Participation

No member of the public had requested to speak on any item on the agenda.

C41 Hinkley Point C Project Joint Supplementary Planning Document

(Report No. WSC 115/11, circulated with the Agenda).

The purpose of the report was to present the Hinkley Point C Project Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for adoption by Council.

The report was presented by the Group Manager – Housing and Community and he advised Members that due to the absence of detailed adopted local policy guidance in relation to potential development at and in relation to Hinkley Point C, West Somerset Council and Sedgemoor District Council took the decision to prepare a joint supplementary planning document. He reminded Members that at its meeting held on 5 October 2011, Cabinet had recommended that the Final HPC Project Supplementary Planning Document should be adopted by Full Council.

Members noted that Sedgemoor District Council had adopted the Joint Supplementary Planning Document.

The Chairman of the LDF Panel expressed his thanks and appreciation for the hard work the Council officers and ARUP had undertaken in preparing the document which would put the Council in the best possible position.

In response to a question regarding the use of local labour and local products and whether this would be monitored, Members were advised that there was a local labour agreement in the S106 agreement for the Site Preparation Works together with funding for Economic Development posts.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor C Morgan and seconded by Councillor K H Turner.

During the debate the following amendments to the report were suggested as follows:

- Paragraph 6.40 of Appendix A should state that the Council will accept up to 100 worker accommodation bed spaces on the main site if there is a proven limited need for essential workers.
- Box 20 should include an additional bullet point stating 'There should be no importation of nuclear waste onto the site'
- Paragraph 6.55 should make reference to access to Exmoor being possible via junction 27 of the M5 and then using the A361 and the A396

It was noted that the signed S106 agreement relating to the Site Preparation Works included the provision of a roundabout at Washford Cross.

RESOLVED (1) that Council adopts the Hinkley Point C (HPC) Project Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) as a supplementary planning document, subject to changes specified at the meeting, that will perform the following roles:

- guide the HPC project promoter and other developers with an interest in the project when preparing HPC proposals, with a focus on associated development;
- provide guidance and be a material consideration during the assessment of any HPC project related Town & Country Planning Act applications submitted by the HPC project promoter or other developers;
- inform the positions adopted by the Councils in a Local Impact Report(s) submitted to the Infrastructure Planning Commission; and
- set out local matters and planning approaches that do not conflict with and accord with NPS policy and guidance and which the IPC may consider both important and relevant to its decision-making.

RESOLVED (2) that Council delegates authority to the Housing and Community Group Manager, Ian Timms and the Planning Manager, Andrew Goodchild to make further amendments to the SPD, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Lead Member, prior to the publication of the final supplementary planning document.

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm