



# Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STRATEGY & TOWN PLAN SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 2014 AT THE LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 71-73 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllrs: Richard Herbert, (Chairman), Donald Fraser and Carole Mulroney

In Attendance: Cllr Syrie Cox and Cllr Jane Ward (from Min 6), Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk)

### ***The meeting opened at 6.00pm***

#### 1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Richard Herbert was elected Chairman (Proposed Cllr Carole Mulroney; seconded Cllr Donald Fraser)

#### 2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Carole Mulroney was elected Vice Chairman (Proposed Cllr Richard Herbert; seconded Cllr Donald Fraser)

#### 3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Jerry Holden, Pat Holden and Caroline Parker

#### 4. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None

#### 5. MINUTES OF THE 4<sup>th</sup> March 2014

The minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2014 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

#### 6. TO REVIEW THE CORE STRATEGY AND ADOPT A MISSION STATEMENT (Appendix 1 to the agenda)

Members discussed the proposed mission statement on the agenda resulting in a new proposal:

'To promote, represent and provide for the community of Leigh-on-Sea'

Proposed Cllr Carole Mulroney; seconded Cllr Donald Fraser

The Sub-Committee **RECOMMENDED** the Mission Statement to F&GPC and Council for adoption.

Members then reviewed the Core Strategy and made some amendments attached as Appendix 1.

The Sub-Committee **RECOMMENDED** the Revised Core Strategy to F&GPC and Council for adoption.

### ***Cllr Jane Ward joined the meeting***

#### 7. CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REVIEWS

The Sub-Committee noted that the reviews had been undertaken earlier in the year and that some things had changed.

LCC – Benefit had increased due to imminent signing of a new 30 year lease and that the net cost had decreased.

Transport & Highways – The review was noted.

Leisure, Foreshore and Environment – It was noted that the Strand Wharf Lottery Bid had been unsuccessful and that the balance was now being funded from the Capital Projects fund.

Allotments – none had been received.

Planning & Licensing – Concern was expressed on the over reliance on one Councillor, the Chairman and to whether this was a sustainable position. The Sub-Committee felt there should be a change of focus from technical aspects to local input and an overview of policy and major applications.

***The meeting closed at 7.05pm***



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## Leigh-on-Sea Town Council Core Strategy Statement – Adopted 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011

### Proposed Revisions December 2014

#### Vision Statement

“Leigh-on-Sea is an active and vibrant ~~working~~ town with a ~~separate and~~ distinctive identity ~~to~~, but still an integral part of the larger urban community of Southend-on-Sea; a community where people support one another and can live, work, shop, visit and enjoy themselves in an environment that is constantly cared for and enhanced. A town that:

- provides sustainable employment opportunities, transport, housing and business facilities;
- preserves and enhances the natural beauty, heritage and traditions of Leigh;
- preserves and nurtures the cultural life of Leigh;
- encourages everyone within the community to work together to achieve continual improvement to the facilities and future prospects of the town; and
- promotes thriving commercial areas which provide leisure and shopping facilities to meet the needs and wishes of residents and visitors.”

#### Strategic Aims

##### “To promote the well being and quality of life of the residents of Leigh-on-Sea”

To achieve this we aim to:

- take part in an open dialogue with ~~residents~~ **community** to better understand their needs, and in turn explain how we will address these needs within the resources and powers available to the Town Council;
- provide high standard, value for money services to help meet the needs and wishes of the **community** ~~residents~~;
- assist and encourage other bodies to provide high standard, value for money services to help meet the needs and wishes of the residents; and
- promote the best interests of the town for the benefit of the local community

#### Strategic Objectives

The Town Council’s strategic objectives are based on the Council’s overall vision. The objectives are:

1. To promote the provision of accessible social, recreational, educational and cultural facilities within the town for the benefit of ~~Leigh’s residents~~ **the community** and visitors.
2. To encourage and support the economic and commercial vitality of the town.
3. To preserve ~~Leigh’s~~ **the** unique character and heritage, protect its conservation areas and maintain and enhance its maritime environment.

4. To ~~encourage harmony~~ **seek a balance** between developing commercial and residential requirements and existing amenities.
5. To ~~consult with and take due regard of all comments received from~~ **work in partnership with** other statutory bodies, voluntary organisations and individuals, to ensure an improving standard of service that meets with local needs.
6. To protect and enhance Leigh's **the** natural environment, its open spaces and public gardens.
7. To seek to improve sustainable transport infrastructure across the town.
8. To seek to create a socially inclusive and caring community.