**Minutes of the Strategic Planning Meeting held on Minutes 26th October 2023**

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

Mr R Knotts, Mr G Whitehead, Mr P Sykes, Mr G Fielding, Mr A Taylor, Mr A Fletcher, Ms C Bell

**1, Apologies received:** Cllr M Birchall, Cllr K Barton, Ms G Brownridge (OMBC), Ms C Wilkins Mrs K Hodges, Mr K. Begley.

**2, Declarations of interest**

None declared

**3, Approval of Minutes 28th September 2023**

**Accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman**

**4, Consultation Process/Discussion with Community Groups**

Cllr Beeley summarised the changes to the latest version of the Neighbourhood Plan, including the infrastructure policy changes and the Pots & Pans protected view comments.

Cllr Al-Hamdani asked if anybody spotted any errors while reading through to please let him know.

There was some further discussions around this.

Cllr Beeley noted that HRA/SEA are not included in the glossary, Cllr Al-Hamdani to add.

During discussion around the ancient woodland, Mr Taylor suggested we contact Ken Gartside who is very knowledgeable on this. Cllr Al-Hamdani will add ancient woodland to the glossary.

There was some discussion around the process of distributing the flyers. Most agreed it would be better to pay a distribution company to deliver as some community areas didn’t have sufficient manpower to hand deliver. Mr Knotts to get 3 quotes for distribution.

**5, Summary Document/Flyer**

Cllr Al-Hamdani and Mr Knotts had prepared an example flyer and both these formats were shared and discussed. It was agreed that both documents had good points that could be combined so it was agreed they would get together to prepare the final draft and the agreed format could then be rolled out to the other policies.

**6, Funding Application Update**

Mr Knotts updated the meeting on his progress so far regarding funding.

**7, HRA/SEA Screening progression**

**Cllr Beeley advised she was waiting for Derek Richardson to come back to her to confirm the HRA has been completed. The SEA cannot be started until the HRA is complete.**

**8, Next Steps**

**The GMCA Places for Everyone and the impact on the Fletchers site and Denshaw, and the impact it would have on Saddleworth, was discussed at this point. At the earlier Council meeting it had been referred to Strategic Planning for discussion. It was agreed that Mr Fletcher would look into this and its implications and feedback. It was agreed that an additional Extra ordinary meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee would be arranged to discuss this – Tuesday 21st November at 9.30am. Findings would then be fed back to the next Full Council meeting the following week.**

**9, Items for the next agenda**

**1, Flyer**

**2, Funding & Costings**

**3, Distribution**

**4, Community Groups’ responses**

**5, HRA/SEA Screening Progression**

**Next meetings:**

**Tuesday 21st November 2023 @ 09.30hrs (Extraordinary meeting)**

**Thursday 30th November 2023 @ 09.30hrs**