**Minutes of the Strategic Planning Meeting held on Minutes 29th June 2023**

**Present :** Cllr B Beeley (Chairman), Cllr M Birchall, Cllr K Dawson, Ms G Brownridge (OMBC),

**1, Apologies received**: Cllr S Al-Hamdani, Mr R Knotts, Cllr R Blackmore, Mr A Fletcher, Ms C Wilkins

**Absent:** Cllr K Barton

**2, Declarations of interest**

None declared

**3, Approval of Minutes 27th April 2023**

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

**4, To continue reviewing OMBC recommendations**

**The committee continued to go through the points and recommendations raised by OMBC.**

**The majority of the recommendations were taken on board, agreed and will be amended apart from the following:**

**Page 31 and Policy 12, committee decided on no changes.**

**Page 31 objective, no changes.**

**Page 37 Policy 14, Committee to discuss at next meeting.**

**Page 34 Policy 15, no changes.**

**Page 35 Policy 16, agreed work to be done on this – will discuss.**

**Page 38 objective 17, committee decided to leave as is.**

**5, Update on Consultation Progress**

* **Funding for consultation**

**Cllr Beeley explained that Rob Knotts was looking into this option and to date hadn’t been able to ascertain what funding was available. She would forward emails received by Rob on this to the Committee and we would hopefully have an update for the next meeting.**

**Next steps were discussed. Until funding is confirmed we can’t move forward with the consultation.**

**Cllr Beeley advised she had only received one response from the Community Associations on the numbers of households for each area. She would draft a reminder email for the Clerk to send out.**

**6, SEA Screening**

* **Funding for SEA Screening**

**Ms Brownbridge confirmed that OMBC would be able to arrange the SEA Screening (Strategic Environment Assessment) and this would be free of charge.**

**However, the Council would need to arrange a HRA (Habitat Regulations Assessment) with the Greater Manchester Ecology Unit – this would be at a cost of £720. After some discussion it was agreed that SPC budget would fund this if funding streams hadn’t been confirmed.**

**But we cannot invite this survey until the final version of the plan has been signed off and can then be shared with them– which should be in time for the next meeting.**

**7, Items for the next agenda**

* **Update on Funding**
* **Finalise the Neighbourhood Plan**
* **Appy for HRA Screening**
* **Further discussion on Consultation Process**
* **Invite Community Groups to Sept meeting**

8, **Next meeting:** 27th July 2023, 09.30hrs