

**DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 21 JUNE 2007  
(FROM 4.30 PM TO 5.28 PM)**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Harrison in the Chair. Councillors Beer, Jean Butterfield, Trevor Chapman, Jim Clark, Ellington, Fawcett, Galloway, Goss, Grange, Elwyn Hinchcliffe, Horton, Anne Jones, Morris Lightfoot, Pat Marsh, Bob Nash, Parnaby, Peter Phillips, Rothwell, John Savage, Simms, Ward, Willis, Willoughby and Wren.

**In Attendance:** Councillor Don Mackenzie, (Cabinet Member for Planning and Transport and ex-officio member of the Committee)

Also in attendance were other Members of Cabinet - Councillors Mike Gardner, Cooper, Pat Jones.

**Late Arrivals:** Councillor Savage at 4.40 pm  
Councillor Lightfoot at 5.25 pm

**Early Departures:** None

**06/07 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTES:** Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Mrs Atkinson, Mrs de Courcey-Bayley, Webber and Wilson. Notification had been received that Councillor Willoughby was to act as substitute for Councillor Hoult.

(4.30 pm)

**07/07 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Certain Members declared personal interests as detailed in Minute 11/07 below.

(4.31 pm)

**08/07 - MINUTES:** The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 11 June 2007 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

(19 Members voted for the motion and there were 4 abstentions)

**09/07 - EXEMPT INFORMATION:** There were no exempt information items.

**10/07 - PUBLIC ARRANGEMENTS - QUESTIONS:** There were no questions to consider pursuant to Standing Order 27.

**MATTER WHICH IS TO BE REFERRED TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CONSIDERATION**

**11/07 - HARROGATE & KNARESBOROUGH URBAN EXTENSION STUDY:** The following Members declared personal interests as detailed, and remained in the meeting room and voted:

Councillor Willis - home overlooks part of Crimple Valley known as Stone Rings Bank

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Councillor Galloway - Trustee of Community Transport Forum  
Councillor Jim Clark - Director/Trustee of Little Red Bus Ltd which provides public bus services in the Harrogate District  
Councillor Pat Marsh - Chairman of Bugs Bus Users Group  
Councillor Grange - Member of Nidderdale AONB JAC  
Councillor Beer - Member of Nidderdale AONB JAC  
Councillor Ellington - Member of Nidderdale AONB JAC  
Councillor Hinchcliffe - Member of Nidderdale AONB JAC  
Councillor Simms - Member of Nidderdale AONB JAC

Further to District Development Committee Minute 05/07, the Head of Planning Services submitted a written report, attached to which was a copy of the Harrogate & Knaresborough Urban Extension Study for Members' consideration. The Study would be submitted to the Cabinet Member for Planning & Transport for approval on 15 August 2007. The Chair advised that consideration of the document prior to this evening's Cabinet meeting would enable the Cabinet members to be aware of the Committee's views on the contents of the Study prior to it considering the Harrogate District Core Strategy. The Chief Planner (Forward Planning) reported on the housing trajectories for the district and on the requirement to identify a 15 year supply of housing land. He circulated at the meeting an extract from the Inspector's Report concerning Chichester City Council's Core Strategy DPD, which confirmed that authorities were required to identify broad sectors for land release. The Study would then provide the basis for identifying specific locations later in the process.

The Planning Policy Manager explained that government advice was to develop land near to the existing larger settlements and that, accordingly, the area around Harrogate and Knaresborough had been divided into six sectors. Policy SG1 in the Harrogate District Core Strategy, endorsed by the Committee on 11 June 2007, mentioned specifically the East of Knaresborough (north east sector) and the West of Harrogate (which comprised the south west and north west sectors that had been identified in the Study). Those three sectors had been recommended for approval as they had the least number of major constraints to development. They would formally be identified as areas of search for growth in the LDF Core Strategy. A copy of an email from Councillor Webber on the matter was circulated at the meeting. It would be important to ensure the creation of sustainable communities, with all necessary infrastructure and facilities provided as part of the development. Greenfield land releases would be required both East of Knaresborough and West of Harrogate in order to meet the housing land requirement. The Cabinet Member for Planning & Transport also spoke to the item.

In answer to Members' questions, the Officers reported on work that had been undertaken on the Local Transport Plan, and other infrastructure issues such as road, rail and bus networks and traffic congestion. Specific traffic impact studies would be undertaken when particular locations were identified, and necessary infrastructure established or assured prior to any development taking place. Following a Member's suggestion, the Head of Planning Services agreed to investigate the possibility of submitting a bid to the Region for headroom funding for transport infrastructure. It was then,

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### **RESOLVED:**

That the Cabinet Member for Planning & Transport be advised that this Committee approves the Study as a background document to inform the Council's Local Development Framework Core Strategy, due to be submitted to the Secretary of State on 7 September 2007.

(14 Members voted for the motion and there were 11 abstentions)