NOTES OF INQUORATE MEETING OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE 22.01.14

Present: Cllrs. Bosley, Clark, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Morris and Williamson

(a) Update from Portfolio Holder

Cllr Bosley informed the Members that he had taken a Portfolio Holder decision for repairs to Almshouse of £27,000.

(b) Referral from the Audit Committee

There was uncertainty over the Dunbrik site. It was felt that it was not the right time for this to be discussed.

(c) Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule

The Chief Planning Officer talked Members through the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The CIL was intended to be charged from the 4 August 2014 and, once the schedule was in place, there was no opportunity to be flexible with customers. The Members expressed their thanks to Officers for the work completed on the CIL. Members were in favour for the CIL charging schedule but had queries regarding Governance arrangements which were to be first reported at the next Local Planning and Environment Advisory Committee meeting.

(d) Approval of High Weald and Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plans Second Revision

The Planning Officer talked through the proposal to adopt the Second Revision of the High Weald and Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plans. She explained that it would fulfil the statutory duty of the Countryside and Rights of Way act (2000) and there were links to other Council policies.

(e) Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

The Planning Policy Team Leader talked through the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). She explained that it was in draft form and would be for consultation. It refreshed the document that was first adopted by Council in 2006. The Members thanked the Planning Policy Team for the document and praised the print room for the work done on the printed version.

(f) Local Development Scheme Update

The Planning Policy Team Leader talked through the Local Development Scheme (LDS). She explained that it was a rolling product plan that set out the Council's proposal and timetable for the production of planning policy documents. It had updated the LDS that went to Cabinet in March 2012. The Members present discussed a proposed document on Horsiculture and whether it was still considered to be necessary or was now covered by other Planning Policies. There was a concern raised over the delays to the production

of the Gypsy Traveller Development Plan Document. This item would be brought to the Local Planning and Environment Advisory Committee in March 2014.

(g) Work Plan

The Chief Planning Officer informed Members that the Shoreham Neighbourhood Plan Area Designation would be coming off the work plan as they were awaiting more details. It was felt that a future report after the seminar on affordable housing was not necessary, however a future report on Airport expansion may be necessary following the shortlisting of proposals by the Davies Commission.