

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE	13 JULY 2020	AGENDA ITEM: 9
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UPDATE ON PROGRESS ON WORKING PARTIES

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Economic Development & Planning Committee with an update on the progress in relation to setting up Working Party meetings.

Detailed Information

At the meeting of the Economic Development & Planning Meeting held on 9 July a number of Working Parties were set up with a request to arrange dates for these meetings. The following meetings have now been scheduled and will be held via Zoom unless otherwise stated:

Working Party	Membership	Date	Comments
Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)	Councillor Harvey Councillor Howells plus members of the public as per 2019/20	TBC –	Informal meeting being arranged to be followed by a Steering Group Meeting – Cllr Howells organising date – the initial meeting will consist of just 6 members and will be held in the Market House with all other meetings being held via Zoom
Traffic Management	Councillor Eakin Councillor Bannister Plus, members of the public as per 2019/20	18.08.2020	Waiting on response from Cllr Bannister for time of meeting
Charter Market & Market House Development	Councillor Knight Councillor Morris Councillor Manns Caroline Green (Traders Association)	24.08.2020 4.00 pm	

Town Marketing & Tourism	Councillor Knight Councillor Morris Councillor Howells Caroline Green (Traders Association) Christine Tustin (Civic Society)	24.08.2020 2.00 pm	
Climate Change	Councillor Knight Councillor Howells Nina Shields (Sustainable Ledbury)	01.09.2020 2.00 pm	To be noted that this working party will report back to Environment & Leisure

A press release has been placed on the Council's social media sites and in the Ledbury Reporter inviting members of the public to join. However, the response has been limited to-date. If any councillor knows of anyone who may be interested in participating in any of the above working parties, please ask them to contact the Clerk so that they can be sent the Zoom link accordingly.

Following the announcement from the government on 6 August 2020 in respect of changes to the planning system in England they have released the White Paper on "Planning for the Future" and a consultation document on "Changes to the Current Planning System". Members may wish to consider setting up a "Consultation Working Party" to deal with these two consultations. Links to these two documents are below:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/907245/MHCLG_PlanningConsultation.pdf

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/907215/200805_Changes_to_the_current_planning_system_FINAL_version.pdf

Recommendation

1. That Members of the Economic Development & Planning Committee note the dates arranged for the Working Parties, and that should they be aware of members of the public who are interested in participating in those Working Parties they ask them to contact the Clerk so that they can be sent joining instructions for the meetings.
2. That the Economic Development & Planning Committee agree to set up a "Consultation Working Party" to facilitate consideration of the government consultations in respect of "Planning for the Future" and "Changes to the Current Planning System" accordingly.