**Community Facilities Working Group – Terms of Reference**

**Name: Community Facilities Working Group**

**Background**

At the Neighbourhood Plan Continuity Committee (NPCC) meeting held on 17 May 2016, it was minuted and resolved to form a cross party working group to coordinate progression of the three key identified (and interlocking) key issues. (Future of the Cattle Market site / Transport within Thame / Parking within Thame).

It was then further proposed outside of the meeting to actually create two separate Working Groups; a Transport Plan Working Group and a Community Facilities Working Group, with the parent group remaining to provide co-ordination between formal NPCC meetings. This was ratified at the NPCC meeting on 28 June 2016.

**Members**

* Cllr Nigel Champken-Woods (Deputy Chair / Health Hub representative / CLR representative)
* Cllr Nichola Dixon (Chair)
* Cllr Bob Austin (Chair of Co-Ordination Working Group) or delegate
* Cllr David Bretherton (Chair of Infrastructure Delivery Plan Working Group) or delegate
* Cllr Paul Cowell (Chair of Transport Plan Working Group) or delegate
* Cattle Market Action Group representative
* Health Hub representative
* Cassie Pinnells (TAG representative)
* Graham Hunt (Town Clerk) / Graeme Markland (NPCO)
* SODC representatives, as required
* OCC representatives, as required
* Additional Councillors, Officers, Resident Association representatives, community members / members of the public to be invited as and when their expertise or input is required.

Secretarial support (agendas, meeting notes, circulation of information) is provided by Graham Hunt / Cassie Pinnells / Graeme Markland.

Quorum is three members of the group, including two Councillors.

**Goals**

To do all that is possible to ensure effective community facility provision within Thame, in line with the needs of the public within Thame.

**Activities**

Working group to establish, but possibly include:

1. To identify community facility needs via analysis of all relevant data and information sources
2. To propose how those needs could be addressed
3. To liaise with the other NPCC Working Groups to ensure sharing of relevant information and agreement of base responsibilities
4. To make recommendations to NPCC as relevant

**Deliverables**

Specific proposals for community facilities within Thame, with initial focus on:

* health hub definition
* community centre definition.

**Scope / Jurisdiction**

The Group is required to:

* only work on projects within (or impacting on) Thame civic parish
* only work on projects in line with the Thame Neighbourhood Plan
* provide an update report to each meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Continuity Committee and to contribute to the Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Report.

**Guidance from the Council / Parent Committee**

Provided at initial resolution (Items 14/15 at NPCC meeting of 17 May 2016), the subsequent discussion paper from Cllr Bob Austin (as tabled at NPCC meeting on 28 June 2016), and after each meeting report back to the parent Committee.

**Resources and Budget**

The Group will be allowed use of Town Council meeting rooms, administration resources and officer time as required. Any funding authorisation is to be sought from the parent Committee or Full Council, in conjunction with the Infrastructure Delivery Plan Working Group as necessary.

**Governance**

Decisions to be agreed mostly by consensus, but where necessary a majority vote of those present, with Chairperson’s casting vote if necessary.

**Additional Notes**

* Methods of work (e.g. consultations, press releases, surveys, studies, progress reports, letters etc) are entirely up to the Working Group to decide.
* The Group will communicate through email, phone and meetings, both formally and informally.
* Relevant documentation is stored in the Neighbourhood Plan Continuity Committee folder on the Town Council IT data store, plus in member’s e-mail folders.
* The group will meet at a frequency required to ensure progress as required.
* Sub-groups (with other nominated members) can be created as necessary to progress specific items.
* The Working Group’s work is ongoing by nature, but its longevity will be determined by the parent Committee.

These Terms of Reference may be reviewed and changed as necessary by the Working Group in the light of additional information, with significant changes requiring authorisation by the parent Committee.