

MEETING: NATIONAL PLANNING FORUM

TIME: 12.45pm for 1.30pm THURSDAY MARCH 4th 2010

LOCATION: ROOM 8.01, LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOUSE, SMITH SQUARE, LONDON, SW1P 3HZ

AGENDA

1. **Welcome and opening remarks.**

Councillor Mike Haines, Local Government Association, Chair of the National Planning Forum and NPF Vice-chair (Local Government)

2. **The National Housing and Planning Advice Unit**

Presentation by the NHPAU Chairman Dr Peter Williams followed by discussion

The NHPAU was established in response to the pressing issue of housing affordability highlighted by Kate Barker's Review of Housing Supply (2004). PPS3 requires the NHPAU to provide advice to Regional and Local Planning Bodies about the impact of their housing provision proposals on affordability in the region. The Housing Green Paper (2007) states that the NHPAU should provide independent advice to Government and the regions which forms the basis of the supply ranges to be tested in the regional spatial strategies.

The NHPU has recently produced reports on:

- Housing affordability indicators
- Housing supply and planning controls
- Evaluating requirements for market and affordable housing

Peter is an independent consultant on housing and mortgage markets. He was previously Deputy Director General of the Council of Mortgage Lenders. Prior to that, he was Professor of Housing Management at Cardiff University, Deputy Director at the Chartered Institute of Housing and as an academic at the Australian National University and the University of Birmingham. He previously served on the Board of the Housing Corporation (1995-2002) and Housing for Wales (1989-1993). He is a Visiting Professor at the Centre for Housing Policy at the University of York.

3. **NPF/PINS Mediation in Planning Project – Interim Findings**

Presentation by Leonora Rozee OBE, Chair of the Project Steering Group followed by Q and A.

A copy of the Project Newsletter produced in December 2009 is attached for information.

4. CLG draft PPS on Development Management and consultation documents on Planning Conditions and Statutory and Non Statutory Consultees

Presentation by Tony Thompson, Programme Manager : Development Management, Communities & Local Government, followed by discussion.

5. Culture Change Action Plan Monitoring Report: Phase 2

Presentation and discussion led by Mike Hayes, NPF Secretary, and Janice Morphet, IDOX.

6. Updates from the Executive Board

- I. 'Improving the Connection' update on the NPF report on Planning and Building Control - Secretary
- II. 'Fit for Purpose Spatial Planning' – progress - Secretary
- III. Website refresh – Secretary
- IV. Member subscriptions - Secretary

7. Draft note of December 2009 meeting

Attached

8. AOB

FUTURE FORUM MEETINGS

- **June 23rd**
- **October 8th**
- **December 15th**

All at 12.45pm for lunch - start of business 1.30pm at Local Government House, Smith Square, London