

**Minutes of the Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee held on
Monday 19 December 2016 at the rising of the Policy and Resources Committee in the
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Okehampton**

Committee Members Present: Councillor A Leech (Chairman)
Councillor R Rush
Councillor Mrs V Cushing
Councillor Dr M Ireland
Councillor B Stephens
Councillor Mrs J Goffey (Town Mayor)
Councillor Mrs C Marsh (Chair, Parks) - until 9.02pm
Councillor D Weekes (Chair, Property)

Other Members Present: Councillor Mrs J Carpenter
Councillor Miss C Holt
Councillor B Tolley
Councillor P Vachon
Councillor Mrs J Yelland

In Attendance: P R Snell (Town Clerk)

	Action
413 <u>Apologies for Absence</u> - None.	
414 <u>Deferment of Business</u> - No public presence	
415 <u>Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan (JLP)</u> : Members noted that deadline for submission of comment to the consultation and, through discussion, the following significant points were emphasised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritise development of brown field sites • Noting the use of 'thriving communities' in the documentation, seek to explain how the JLP will achieve this rather than simply asserting the expression • Importance of retaining green spaces – especially to the east and maintaining distance between A30 and residential development • Prioritise the town centre access road (infrastructure) • Ensure emphasis on the North Devon Rail option, with reference to PRTF report <i>Closing the Gap</i> • Importance of quality of design and build suitable for rural town environment • Support concentration of building in Plymouth • Windfall sites should not be included in the JLP • The need for a policy specifying adequate parking for new residential builds • The need for a policy to ensure protection of heritage sites as local and tourist assets 	

- How does the JLP seek to influence the detail of environmental protection and improvement in context of high level strategic plan?

On the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded Cllr Goffey, it was agreed to submit the above points as the Town Council's response to the consultation. It was further noted that all Members were encouraged to submit their personal responses.

Clerk

The meeting was closed at 9.16 pm.

Councillor Leech
Chairman