

MEETING: NATIONAL PLANNING FORUM  
 TIME: 12.45pm for 1.30pm THURSDAY DECEMBER 13th 2012  
 LOCATION: LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOUSE, SMITH SQUARE, LONDON, SW1P 3HZ

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## AGENDA

### 1. Welcome and opening remarks

Brian Waters: Chair of the National Planning Forum and NPF Vice-chair (Professions)

### 2. Review of Planning Practice Guidance

Matthew Taylor, Baron Taylor of Goss Moor

On October 16th Nick Boles, Minister for Planning announced that a government review of planning practice guidance would be undertaken by former MP Lord Taylor of Goss Moor, who would lead an external group looking to streamline some 6,000 pages of practice guidance that explains statutory provisions, planning and the planning system.

Lord Taylor invited Simon Marsh, Andrew Whitaker, Trudi Elliott and Councillor Mike Jones to join the group. They sat as individuals and not representatives of their respective organisations.

Matthew Taylor, Lord Taylor of Goss Moor, was author of the Taylor Review of Planning (Rural Economy and Affordable Housing - Living Working Countryside, 2008). He is chairman of the National Housing Federation which represents 1,100 housing associations across England, chairman of the St Austell Eco-Town Strategic Partnership and was, until recently, founder Chair of the Rural Coalition (representing 14 national organisations interested in the sustainable development of rural communities). He was MP for Truro and St Austell for 24 years from 1987, until he stood down at the 2010 general election.

### 3. Respite - planning in 2012; Prospice - the current Growth and Infrastructure Bill and other reforms; Aspice – what might 2013 hold?

Steve Quartermain, Chief Planner, DCLG

Steve Quartermain read Geography at St Chads College, Durham University and obtained a qualification in Environmental Planning from Chelmer Institute in 1984.

He worked for a number of Local Authorities before becoming Head of Planning at Hambleton District Council in 1988 and then Director of Planning and Environmental Services in 1997. In these senior management positions he helped to deliver one of the first sound core strategies and saw the council awarded both Beacon Council status for planning and community work, and an 'excellent' rating overall.

Steve took up the post as Chief Planner in the Department for Communities and Local Government in August 2008 and acts a head of profession.

He was President of the Planning Officers Society in 2007/8; has been a member of the RTPi since 1982 and worked with the Yorkshire branch in various capacities from 1987 – 2007.

### 4. Neighbourhood Planning Roadmap Guide

Dave Chetwyn, NPF Third Sector Chair

Dave Chetwyn is Managing Director of Urban Vision Enterprise CIC, Director of DJCI Planning Limited and a Design Council CABE Built Environment Expert.

Other roles include Planning Chair with Civic Voice, Vice Chair of the National Planning Forum and Vice Chair of the Historic Towns Forum. He is also planning adviser to Locality and heritage specialist on Crossrail Thames Tunnels section.

Former roles include Head of Planning Aid England, UK Chair of the Institute of Historic Building Conservation, a Design Council CABE enabler, and a team leader in local Government. Dave is a chartered member of the Royal Town Planning Institute, a full member of the Institute of Historic Building Conservation and a Fellow of the Institute of Leadership and Management.

### 5. Update: the Secretary

### 6. NPF Chair – the Private Sector

Request for nominations for the role of National Planning Forum vice-chair for the Private Sector, following the resignation of Liz Peace CBE, after many year's service.

### 7. AOB

#### FORUM MEETINGS IN 2013

- March 7<sup>th</sup> in the Convocation Hall, Church House, Westminster [Minister for Planning, Nick Boles has agreed to speak]
- June 6<sup>th</sup> at Local Government House
- September 11<sup>th</sup> at Local Government House
- December 11<sup>th</sup> at Local Government House

All meetings: 12.45pm for lunch - start of business 1.30pm