

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Portfolio Holder's Meeting held on
Tuesday, 10 March 2015 at 10.00 a.m.

Portfolio Holder: Robert Turner

Councillors in attendance:

Scrutiny and Overview Committee monitors: Kevin Cuffley

Also in attendance:

Officers:

Jonathan Dixon
Jo Mills
Jennifer Nuttycombe
Ian Senior
Alison Talkington

Principal Planning Policy Officer (Transport)
Planning and New Communities Director
Senior Planning Policy Officer
Democratic Services Officer
Senior Planning Policy Officer

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Henry Batchelor and Aidan Van de Weyer were unable to attend the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Planning Portfolio Holder signed, as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2015.

4. SECTION 106 PLANNING OBLIGATIONS - SPEEDING UP NEGOTIATIONS: STUDENT ACCOMMODATION AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONTRIBUTIONS CONSULTATION

The Planning Portfolio Holder considered a report seeking his views on government proposals relating to:

- speeding up the negotiation and completion of section 106 planning obligations
- whether the requirement to provide affordable housing contributions acts as a barrier to development providing dedicated student accommodation.

The Planning Portfolio Holder

1. **approved** the draft response set out in Appendix B to the report from the Planning and New Communities Director; and
2. gave the Planning and New Communities Director **delegated powers** to
 - (i) make minor changes; and
 - (ii) provide supplemental information to support the response

5. SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE LOCAL PLAN - RESPONDING TO THE LOCAL GREEN SPACE LANDOWNER CONSULTATION

The Planning Portfolio Holder considered a report containing the responses received by the Council following a consultation carried out with the owners of land proposed as Local Green Space in the draft South Cambridgeshire Local Plan.

The Portfolio Holder commented that the measures were intended to be long-term, and noted that they would be handled in such a way as to avoid double protection.

The Planning Portfolio Holder:

- i) **noted** the representations received during the consultation with landowners of Local Green Space proposed in the draft Local Plan as set out in Appendix C and to forward these late representations to the Inspector examining the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan
- ii) **agreed** the proposed Council response to the representations received, to be provided to the Local Plan Examination Inspector as set out in Appendix D.
- iii) **agreed** to present to the Local Plan examination Inspector the following proposed modifications to the Submission South Cambridgeshire Local Plan, that would be considered at the appropriate part of the examination and be subject to public consultation alongside any other modifications at an appropriate time:
 - a. To include a new appendix to the Submission Local Plan to provide a numbered list of the Local Green Space sites included within the plan as set out in Appendix B of this report.
 - b. To amend the Policies Map in respect of seven Local Green Space sites as set out in paragraph 20 to 34 and shown on maps included in Appendix E.

6. RESPONSE TO BUILDING MORE HOMES ON BROWNFIELD LAND GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION

The Planning Portfolio Holder considered a report setting out a proposed response to the Government's consultation on Building more homes on brownfield land.

Councillor Anna Bradnam was concerned about the proposal's possible negative impact on providing land for employment purposes. The Portfolio Holder observed that a number of other Local Authorities shared the views being expressed by South Cambridgeshire District Council.

The Planning Portfolio Holder **agreed** the response to questions 1 to 12 of the Government's consultation on Building more homes on brownfield land provided in paragraphs 7 to 35 of the report from the Planning and New Communities Director.

7. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2013-14 - PART 2

The Planning Portfolio Holder considered a report on the Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report 2013-2014 (Part 2) for publication on the Council's website.

Councillor Anna Bradnam prompted a discussion focussing on the implications of the recent Appeal decision in Waterbeach and South Cambridgeshire District Council's shortfall in its five-year housing land supply. The Planning and New Communities Director said that the ongoing Local Plan Examination would be considering a Memorandum of Understanding aimed at addressing the five-year housing land supply shortfall facing both the District Council and Cambridge City Council.

The Planning Portfolio Holder:

- (a) **approved** the contents of the Annual Monitoring Report 2013-2014 (Part 2) (included as Appendix 1) for publication; and
- (b) **delegated** any further minor editing changes to the Annual Monitoring Report to the Director of Planning and New Communities where they are technical matters.

8. WORK PROGRAMME

The Planning Portfolio Holder **received and noted** the Work Programme attached to the agenda.

The Portfolio Holder requested that a report be presented to the meeting in June 2015 reviewing performance of the Consultancy Team.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Planning Portfolio Holder meeting had been scheduled for Tuesday 9 June 2015, starting at 10.00am.

The Meeting ended at 10.40 a.m.
