

## **PLANNING PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S MEETING**

**MONDAY, 10 AUGUST 2015**

### **DECISIONS**

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Planning Portfolio Holder's Meeting held on Monday, 10 August 2015. Decisions made by the Portfolio Holder will be subject to call-in. Recommendations made to the Cabinet or to the Council are not subject to call-in. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Ian Senior.

#### **1. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS: WATERBEACH AREA DESIGNATION**

The Planning Portfolio Holder

1. Approved the designation of a Neighbourhood Area for Waterbeach that includes the whole parish with South Cambridgeshire District Council and Waterbeach Parish Councils agreeing a framework, by 21 August 2015, as to how they will work together;
2. Noted that the Parish Council had expressed its willingness to work with all the parties involved in the future planning of Waterbeach; and
3. Approved an addendum to the South Cambridgeshire Local Development Scheme listing the Neighbourhood Areas that had been designated and which indicated where Neighbourhood Plans were being prepared by Parish Councils (Appendix D to the report).

#### **Options Considered:**

To designate the whole parish of Waterbeach as a NA as proposed by Waterbeach Parish Council

To amend the boundary of the proposed NA to exclude the new town site. If the area applied for is considered to be not appropriate SCDC must set out clearly the reasons for this decision.

**Reason For Decision:** South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) has received an application from Waterbeach Parish Council ("the PC") to designate the 'Waterbeach Neighbourhood Area' (PC). SCDC has eight weeks from the start of the consultation, on 26 June 2015, to make a decision whether to designate the area as proposed or to designate an alternative area. The PC has applied to have the whole of its parish designated. The PC is willing to work and engage with all parties in the development of plans for this area including the proposed new town. It is supportive of creating effective links with SCDC and the other stakeholders to achieve the best of results for Waterbeach and the proposed new town.

The Local Development Scheme (LDS) that was approved in February 2014 does not list the Neighbourhood Areas that have been designated within the district. An addendum to the Local Development Scheme has therefore been produced (see Appendix D).

**2. REVIEW OF CONSULTANCY TEAM**

The Portfolio Holder noted the progress the Consultancy team had made and endorsed the outcomes and recommendations in paragraph 7 of this report from the Planning and New Communities Director to be taken forward in the Team Plan and endorses the new team vision, as set out in paragraph 22.

**Other Options Considered:** None specified

**Reason For Decision:** To enable the Portfolio Holder to comment on the work of the team, and its priorities for the year ahead.