

CABINET

THURSDAY, 26 JULY 2018

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Thursday, 26 July 2018. Decisions made by the Cabinet will be subject to call-in. Recommendations made 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.

Unless specified otherwise, the reasons for the decision are the reasons for the recommendation specified in each report. Options and resource implications are also specified in each report.

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

1. UPDATE TO SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL'S 'STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT' AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DECISION MAKING PROCESS

Cabinet:

- (i) approved the revised Support Offer to parish councils preparing neighbourhood plans as set out in Appendix A;
- (ii) approved the addendum to the SCDC SCI 2010 as set out in Appendix B to this report;
- (iii) delegated to the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development, in consultation with the Planning Portfolio Holder, the decision making process for designating a Neighbourhood Area and how the council responds to parish councils carrying out a pre-submission consultation on their Neighbourhood Plan; as set out in this report at paragraphs 26-33 and
- (iv) delegated to the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development, in consultation with the Planning Portfolio Holder the making of a Neighbourhood Plan before it is referred to Full Council as set out in paragraph 34.

2. RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION ON PRE-SUBMISSION DRAFT UTTLESFORD LOCAL PLAN (REG 19)

Cabinet **AGREED:**

1. That the Planning Policy Manager be requested to review and clarify the intent of the wording in revised paragraph 55 as presented to the meeting and that the Deputy Leader of the Council be authorised to confirm the wording of that paragraph having regard to the professional advice of the Planning Policy Manager;
2. That the following additional paragraph 61a be included in the response:

“Electricity Grid Capacity

61a The Council is aware that there are electricity grid capacity issues facing

development in the southern part of South Cambridgeshire, which require investment from developers to facilitate grid reinforcement. It is important that Uttlesford District Council give consideration to whether energy infrastructure upgrades are required to support development in its district as part of infrastructure delivery planning, as the costs and timescales for grid reinforcement could have an impact on both development viability and delivery timescales.”; and

3. That subject to 1 and 2 above, the Council makes representations on the Uttlesford Local Plan Regulation 19 consultation consistent with the submitted report and particularly paragraphs 22 – 62.

3. ECO HELP TO HEAT - FLEXIBLE ELIGIBILITY SCHEME (ECO FLEX)

Cabinet:

- (a) agreed proposals to identify households as eligible for support from suppliers under the ECO Flex scheme; and
- (b) agreed the criteria that is intended to be used to identify such households; and
- (c) authorised the Chief Executive to sign a joint cross-county Statement of Intent to that effect; and
- (d) noted and commented upon proposals for a bid from the Cambridgeshire Energy Partnership to the Warm Homes Fund; and
- (e) noted proposals to create an ‘Approved List’ of installers who have been vetted by the Cambridgeshire Energy partnership.

4. ESTABLISHMENT OF BREXIT ADVISORY GROUP

Cabinet **AGREED**

- (f) To establish a time limited Advisory Group to review and report on the potential impacts of Brexit on South Cambridgeshire and to recommend actions to mitigate those impacts where relevant and appropriate.
- (g) An advisory group comprising 5 Liberal Democrats; 2 Conservative and 1 Labour or Independent Member be established, together with the Leader as an additional Member and that the Chief Executive, after consultation with the Leader, be authorised to appoint Members on the basis of nominations from Group Leaders.
- (h) To delegate responsibility for devising the terms of reference of the Advisory Group to the Group and that these be submitted back to the September Cabinet for ratification.
- (i) To request that the Advisory Group consider the involvement of City Council Members.
- (j) That the Advisory Group operates on the basis of the procedures set out in Rule 4 of the Executive Procedure Rules.

5. SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL - AN ORGANISATION FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Cabinet **AGREED:**

- a) To approve a budget of £50,000 to enable the Head of the Paid Service to commence a procurement process and,
- b) that the money is taken from business efficiency reserves.

6. PREPARING FOR 2018 AND BEYOND TASK AND FINISH GROUP

Cabinet **Noted** the findings and recommendations of the elected member “Preparing for 2018 and Beyond” Task and Finish Group.