

CABINET

WEDNESDAY, 9 JANUARY 2019

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Wednesday, 9 January 2019. 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.

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

1. CAMBRIDGE NORTHERN FRINGE AREA ACTION PLAN - ISSUES AND OPTIONS 2 Cabinet

- (a) Approved the Cambridge Northern Fringe Issues and Options 2 for Regulation 18 public consultation in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 for a period of six weeks jointly with Cambridge City Council (Appendix 1 to the agenda report);
- (b) Approved the Statement of Consultation (Appendix 2)
- (c) Noted the findings of the Interim Sustainability Appraisal and Equalities Impact Assessment (Appendices 3 and 4)
- (d) Delegated authority to the Deputy Leader to consider and agree, as is consistent with this Council's Corporate Objectives, any changes proposed by Cambridge City Council.
- (e) Delegated authority to the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development in liaison with the Deputy Leader, to make editorial changes to the Issues and Options Report and supporting documents prior to the commencement of the consultation period (to comprise minor amendments and factual updates and clarifications).

Options Considered: Members may decide to:

- Approve the Issues and Options Report and consultation statement for public consultation without amendments;
- Approve the Issues and Options Report and consultation statement for public consultation with amendments;
- Not agree to publish the Issues and Options Report and consultation statement for public consultation.

Reason For Decision: The Cambridge Northern Fringe represents a major brownfield development opportunity which can make a significant contribution to the future development needs of the Greater Cambridge area. Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council have committed to producing a joint Area Action Plan in their respective Local Plans 2018, and in their recently adopted Local Development Schemes (LDS). The Issues and Options 2 consultation represents the next stage in preparation of the plan. The draft report responds to the changing circumstances in the area, in particular the Housing Infrastructure Bid and the opportunities it could provide

for the relocation of the Water Recycling Centre, and the Ely to Cambridge Transport Study's evidence of the need to seek a more balanced mix of uses, and focus on transport means other than the car.

2. STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Cabinet agreed

- (a) the draft Statement of Community Involvement (attached at Appendix 1) for consultation purposes;
- (b) that the consultation period will take place for six weeks between Monday 4 February and Monday 18 March 2019;
- (c) that the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development is granted delegated authority, in liaison with the Lead Cabinet Member for Planning, to make any editing changes identified prior to publication for consultation.

Other Options Considered: To not agree the draft Statement of Community Involvement for consultation purposes. This will delay the adoption of the new SCI for Greater Cambridge which is required by regulations.

Reason For Decision: This report presents the draft SCI for consultation purposes, identifying the points at which there will be an opportunity for communities and stakeholders to get involved in the various parts of the planning process. There is no mandatory requirement for consultation, but it is recommended that the draft SCI is made available for comment to ensure that the needs and aspirations of communities and stakeholders are understood and taken into account in finalising the document.

3. LOCAL PLAN AND HOUSING MONITORING UPDATE

Cabinet agreed

- (d) to publish the South Cambridgeshire Authority Monitoring Report 2017-2018 (included as Appendix 1), with any further minor editing changes delegated to the Joint Director for Planning and Economic Development where they relate to technical matters;
- (e) that, in future, a Greater Cambridge Authority Monitoring Report is produced, and that these future Greater Cambridge Authority Monitoring Reports will be agreed for publication by the Lead Member for Planning via a decision outside of a meeting (together with the Executive Member for Planning Policy and Transport at Cambridge City Council), unless the Authority Monitoring Report identifies any significant issue with the implementation of any Local Plan or Area Action Plan policy that requires more detailed consideration by Cabinet;
- (f) that a decision on whether to submit a Greater Cambridge Annual Position Statement (relating to five year housing land supply) to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) for consideration will be made by the Lead Member for Planning via a decision outside of a meeting (together with the Executive Member for Planning Policy and Transport at Cambridge City Council) and that the decision will be made before 1 April each year as required by national planning

guidance;

- (g) that, whether or not it is decided to prepare a Greater Cambridge Annual Position Statement, the housing trajectory and five year supply calculations will be agreed by the Lead Member for Planning via a decision outside of a meeting (together with the Executive Member for Planning Policy and Transport at Cambridge City Council);
- (h) to seek agreement from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) that South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge should be considered together for the purposes of the Housing Delivery Test; and
- (i) that, if on publication of the annual Housing Delivery Test results, an Action Plan is necessary in this or future years, it will be agreed by the Lead Member for Planning via a decision outside of a meeting.

Options Considered: Options relate to the preparation of the Councils' housing trajectory and five year supply calculations, and whether these should be confirmed through an Annual Position Statement. Detailed consideration of the options are set out in the Considerations section above (see the paragraphs relating to Housing Trajectory and Five Year Supply). Options also relate to the Housing Delivery Test and whether Members agree that agreement should be sought from MHCLG that South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge should be considered together as Greater Cambridge for the purposes of the Housing Delivery Test. Detailed consideration of the options are set out in the Considerations section above (see the paragraphs relating to Housing Delivery Test).

Reason For Decision: In July 2018, the Government published a new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) that introduces new national planning policy relating to five year housing land supply (including a revised definition of a deliverable site), and introduces a new test based on housing delivery. In September and October 2018, the Councils adopted the South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge Local Plans. Together these changes have implications for the preparation of the Authority Monitoring Report, housing trajectory and five year supply calculations, and there are also possible additional requirements arising from the new Housing Delivery Test (HDT). The Councils are looking to agree a new, streamlined approach to the decision making process for these technical, statistical and factual documents, to enable them to be prepared and published efficiently and in the required timetables.