

South Cambridgeshire District Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet held on
Monday, 19 April 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillor Bridget Smith (Leader of the Council)
Councillor Dr. Aidan Van de Weyer (Deputy Leader of the Council
(Statutory) - Strategic Planning and Transport)

Councillors:	John Batchelor	Lead Cabinet member for Housing
	Neil Gough	Deputy Leader (non-statutory) - Transformation and Projects
	Bill Handley	Lead Cabinet Member for Community Resilience
	Dr. Tumi Hawkins	Lead Cabinet member for Planning Policy and Delivery
	Peter McDonald	Lead Cabinet Member for Business Recovery
	Brian Milnes	Lead Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Licensing
	John Williams	Lead Cabinet member for Finance

Officers in attendance for all or part of the meeting:

Anne Ainsworth	Chief Operating Officer
Peter Campbell	Head of Housing
Peter Maddock	Head of Finance
Jonathan Malton	Cabinet Support Officer
Liam Martin	AV Support Officer
Rory McKenna	Monitoring Officer
David Ousby	Head of Commercial Development & Investment
Tom Smith	Democratic Services
Kate Swan	Project Officer - Commercial Development & Investment
Liz Watts	Chief Executive

Councillors Henry Batchelor, Anna Bradnam, Dr. Claire Daunton, Heather Williams and Dr. Richard Williams were in attendance, by invitation.

1. Announcements

Councillor Bridget Smith, Leader of the Council, announced that Councillor Tumi Hawkins, Lead Cabinet Member for Planning Delivery and Policy, would assume the responsibility for equalities.

2. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence from members of the Cabinet, but apologies were received from Councillor Grenville Chamberlain, Chair of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee, and Judith Rippeth, Vice Chair of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Peter McDonald, Lead Cabinet Member for Business Recovery and Skills, declared a non-pecuniary interest, being a member of the South Cambridgeshire Investment Partnership Board, in relation to item 9, Potential Property Investment Decision.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Cabinet **authorised** the Leader to sign, as a correct record, the public version of the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 22 March 2021.

Councillor John Batchelor, Lead Cabinet Member for Housing, was not present at the meeting held on 22 March 2021 as a Member of the Cabinet, and abstained from voting to affirm the minutes thereof.

5. **Public Questions**

There were no public questions received ahead of this meeting.

6. **Shared regional principles for protecting, restoring and enhancing the environment in the Oxford-Cambridge Arc**

Cabinet received the 'Shared Regional Principles for Protecting, Restoring and Enhancing the Environment' report, from the Oxford-Cambridge Arc. Councillor Bridget Smith, Leader the Council introduced the report, indicating the high standards for the environment with the project, and the collaborative work of charities, government departments and the universities that were represented across the Arc. The Leader of the Council thanked the Chief Executive for her work within the working groups, and for collating the final document.

Councillor Dr. Aidan Van de Weyer, the Deputy Leader, noted the collective work of the local Council Leaders, and, through the development of the Oxford-Cambridge Arc, the impact on the wider community.

After a short discussion, Cabinet:

- a) **Endorsed** the shared environment principles at Annex 1 of the report; and,
- b) **Supported** the development of an Arc Environment Strategy which would provide for how the principles could be delivered.

7. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

Cabinet **agreed** by affirmation that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of items number 8 and 9 in accordance with the provisions of Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) (exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act). Paragraph 3 refers to information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

8. Minutes from the Previous Meeting - Confidential

Cabinet **authorised** the Leader to sign, as a correct record, the exempt version of Minute 17 (Provision of 12 Affordable Homes at Boxworth End, Swavesey) of the minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2021.

Councillor John Batchelor, Lead Cabinet Member for Housing, was not present at the meeting held on 22 March 2021 as a Member of the Cabinet, and abstained from voting to affirm the minutes thereof.

9. Potential Property Investment Decision

Councillor Peter McDonald, Lead Cabinet Member for Business Recovery and Skills, had previously declared an interest, being a member of the South Cambridgeshire Investment Partnership Board, and left the meeting for the duration of this item.

Cabinet received the exempt report. Councillor Bridget Smith, Leader of the Council introduced the report. Councillor John Williams, Lead Cabinet Member for Finance, mentioned this investment was part of the previously approved Investment Strategy.

The Monitoring Officer noted an amendment to the recommendations. After a short discussion, Councillor Bridget Smith concluded the debate, thanked Officers for their work, and Cabinet:

Agreed the options as detailed in the exempt report, as amended.

**The Meeting ended at
10.28 a.m.**
