

## SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Policy and Localism Portfolio Holder's Meeting held on  
Friday, 19 October 2012 at 10.00 a.m.

Portfolio Holder: Pippa Corney

### **Councillors in attendance:**

Scrutiny and Overview Committee monitors: Douglas de Lacey and Bridget Smith

Opposition spokesmen: Janet Lockwood

Also in attendance: Tumi Hawkins, Mervyn Loynes and Nick Wright

### **Officers:**

Patrick Adams	Senior Democratic Services Officer
Jane Green	Head of New Communities
Jo Mills	Planning and New Communities Director
Sarah Stevens	Head of Planning and Economic Development

## **8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

## **9. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2012 were agreed as a correct record.

## **10. PLANNING AND NEW COMMUNITIES: SERVICE PLAN PRIORITIES FOR 2013-14**

The Planning and New Communities Director presented this report, which invited the Planning Policy and Localism Portfolio Holder to approve the parts of the Service Plan for Planning and New Communities, which were relevant to her portfolio.

### **Priority 12: Supporting localism**

It was noted that in response to the Localism Act, and through a review of its internal organisation, the service would be dividing the district into three areas, each with its own lead officer. It was understood that this reflected arrangements that were in place or proposed in Housing and Health & Environmental Services departments. It was noted that this proposal was at an early stage. Members requested that there be effective engagement with district councillors before this proposal was implemented.

### **Priority 13: Delivery of new communities**

It was agreed that the County Council should be referred to in the proposal.

### **Priority 14: Develop solutions to deliver co-ordinated community transport**

It was agreed that the words "improve community transport provision" should be replaced with "Develop solutions to deliver co-ordinated community transport", which would retain the wording in the 2012/13 plan. It was suggested that communication with the County Council could be improved with regard to community transport.

### **Priority 16: Participation in sports**

It was agreed that whilst it was important to encourage sports development, other keep fit activities should also be promoted.

**Consultation on the Local Plan**

It was noted that over half the responses received from the public with regard to the Local Plan were made online. A further series of Member workshops would be held on the Local Plan from January. The Planning Policy and Localism Portfolio Holder expressed her support for sustainable development, but explained that she would not take any decisions with regard to the Local Plan until after the consultation exercise was concluded.

The Planning Policy and Localism Portfolio Holder **ENDORSED** the service plan priorities relevant to her Portfolio, as identified in Appendix 1 of the report, subject to the following amendments:

- In Priority 13, add the words “and County Council” after the words “City Council”.
- In Priority 14, replace the words “improve community transport provision” with “Develop solutions to deliver co-ordinated community transport.”
- In Priority 16, add the words “and activities” after the words “Sports Development”.

**11. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

The following meetings dates were noted:

- Thursday 13 December 10am
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2013 10am
- Thursday 11 April 2013 10am

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**The Meeting ended at 11.55 a.m.**

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