

**South Cambridgeshire District Council  
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- a Special Urgency notice has been published under Rule 16 of those Rules and the Chairman of Scrutiny and Overview Committee has agreed the decision is urgent.

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<b>Lead Cabinet Member</b>	Lead Cabinet member for Planning
<b>Subject Matter</b>	Response to Government Consultation: Planning for the Future White Paper
<b>Ward(s) Affected</b>	All Wards
<b>Date Taken</b>	Thursday, 22 October 2020
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Jonathan Dixon, Planning Policy Manager 07514 925952 (jonathan.dixon@scambs.gov.uk)
<b>Date Published</b>	Thursday, 22 October 2020
<b>Call-In Expiry/Exempt from call-in</b>	Thursday, 29 October 2020
<b>Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>In Forward Plan?</b>	No
<b>Urgent?</b>	No

<b>Purpose / Background</b>
<p>Cabinet on 19 October 2020 concerned a report on the Government's White Paper - Planning for the Future consultation.</p> <p>The following recommendations were agreed: It is recommended that Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note and consider the initial response to the Government's White Paper (Planning for the future) consultation as set out in appendix A.</li> <li>Agree to delegate the wording of the final joint response and any individual response to the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development, in consultation with the Lead Cabinet member for Planning Policy and Delivery.</li> </ol> <p>This decision seeks to finalise the response for submission to government. The response considered by Cabinet has been refined from bullet points into formatted responses. The key concerns raised by members have been drawn out more clearly in the responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive opportunities for Greater Cambridge to be a pathfinder in aspects like digital</li> </ul>

approaches to planning, where the Councils have already taken significant steps.

- Concern regarding the impact on community involvement and engagement in the planning process, including the impact on the democratic process.
- Lack of detail regarding the proposed Levy and how it would work. Concerns how the Levy paid at the end of the development process would enable upfront delivery of infrastructure.
- Concerns regarding capacity of Local Authorities to implement and resource the proposals in the short time scales proposed.
- The focus of these proposals being on the upfront permissions process, rather than identifying measures that would actually speed up delivery.

#### **Declaration(s) of Interest**

**Record below any relevant interest declared by any executive Member consulted or by an officer present in relation to the decision.**

None

#### **Dispensation(s)**

**In respect of any conflict(s) of interest declared above, record below any dispensation(s) granted by the Council's Standards Committee.**

None

#### **Consultation**

**Record below all parties consulted in relation to the decision.**

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#### **Other Options Considered and Reasons for Rejection**

Option 1: To not agree the proposed response to the consultation.

Option 2: to not seek a joint response with Cambridge City Council

Reason for rejection: the consultation offers an opportunity to feedback on proposals which could have significant impacts on planning in the Greater Cambridge area.

<b>Final decision</b>	<b>Reason(s)</b>
To confirm that the response set out in Appendix 1 of this decision should be made to the government consultation on the White Paper.	To provide the views of South Cambridgeshire District Council on the consultation.

<b>Signed</b>	<b>Name (CAPITALS)</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
Lead Cabinet Member	Signed copy available upon request from Democratic Services (democratic.services@scambs.gov.uk)		
Chief Officer			

#### **Further Information**

The Government is consulting on the White Paper ([Planning for the future](#)) between 6 August and 29 October 2020.