

**South Cambridgeshire District Council  
Record of Executive Decision**

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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>	Greater Cambridge Local Plan First Proposals (preferred options) Regulation 18 consultation
<b>Ward(s) Affected</b>	All Wards
<b>Date Taken</b>	Thursday, 21 October 2021
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Jonathan Dixon, Planning Policy Manager 01954 713194 (jonathan.dixon@scambs.gov.uk)
<b>Date Published</b>	Thursday, 21 October 2021
<b>Call-In Expiry/Exempt from call-in</b>	Thursday, 28 October 2021
<b>Key Decision?</b>	Yes
<b>In Forward Plan?</b>	No
<b>Urgent?</b>	No

<b>Purpose / Background</b>
<p>This decision relates to specific delegations to the Lead Member for Planning Policy and Delivery agreed by Cabinet at its meeting held on 1 October 2021.</p> <p>The Local Plan is being prepared jointly for the Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council authority areas, the First Proposals consultation documents were considered by the following meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint Local Plan Advisory Group 8 September 2021</li> <li>• South Cambridgeshire District Council Scrutiny &amp; Overview 21 September 2021</li> <li>• South Cambridgeshire District Council Climate and Environment Advisory Committee 21 September 2021</li> <li>• Cambridge Planning &amp; Transport Scrutiny Committee 28 September 2021</li> <li>• South Cambridgeshire District Council Cabinet 1 October 2021</li> </ul> <p>Cabinet:</p>

- a) **Agreed** the Greater Cambridge Local Plan: First Proposals (preferred options) (Regulation 18) (Appendix A) for public consultation;
- b) **Noted** the First Proposals Sustainability Appraisal (Appendix B) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (Appendix C) and agree them as supporting documents to the First Proposals that will also be subject to public consultation;
- c) **Agreed** the following supporting documents to the public consultation:
  - Topic papers for each theme (Appendix D)
  - Statement of Consultation, including the Councils' consideration of and responses to representations received to the Issues and Options consultation 2020 (Appendix E);
  - Duty to Cooperate Statement of Compliance (Appendix F);
  - Draft Duty to Cooperate Statement of Common Ground (attached at Appendix G)
  - Equalities Impact Assessment (Appendix H);
- d) **Agreed** the findings of the following background document that has informed the First Proposals and is proposed to accompany the public consultation:
  - Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (Appendix I and errata at appendix J);
- e) **Noted** the findings of the following background documents that have informed the First Proposals and are proposed to accompany the public consultation (see Background documents to this report):
  - Greater Cambridge Local Plan: First Conversation (issues and options) (Regulation 18) data release published September 2020
  - Interim Evidence published in November 2020
  - New Evidence published August 2021;
- f) **Agreed** that any subsequent material amendments be made by the Lead Member for Planning Policy in Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council, in consultation with respective Chairs and Spokes;
- g) **Agreed** that any subsequent minor amendments and editing changes that do not materially affect the content be delegated to the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development in consultation with the Lead Member for Planning Policy in Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council, in consultation with respective Chairs and Spokes.

Following the meetings, and in liaison with JLPAG members, amendments have been identified to the Local Plan First Proposals document and supporting documents, responding to issues raised at the meetings and providing clarifications on a number of other issues identified by officers. These amendments are provided in a schedule appended to this decision as appendix 1 (which includes Annex 1: Greater Cambridge Local Plan: First Proposals Sustainability Appraisal (October 2021) and Annex 2: Greater Cambridge Local Plan: First Proposals Sustainability Appraisal Non-Technical Summary (October 2021), both revised to reflect changes in the schedule, and Annex 3: a finalised version the Greater Cambridge Local Plan Preferred Options Transport Evidence Report).

The purpose of this decision is to approve these amendments.

Note: To ensure an aligned agreement on these documents between Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council, the Cambridge City Council Executive Councillor for Planning and Transport is also taking an out of cycle decision on them at the same time.

#### **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
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<b>Consultation</b> <b>Record below all parties consulted in relation to the decision.</b>
JLPAG members have been consulted on the revisions to the text.

<b>Other Options Considered and Reasons for Rejection</b>
Option 1: To make further amendments to the proposed content of the First Proposals. Reason for rejection: the documents have already been subjected to extensive scrutiny by a number of committees. The documents have been refined following these discussions, including in liaison with Members of both Councils who sit on the Joint Local Planning Advisory Group.

Final decision	Reason(s)
To confirm the amendments to the Greater Cambridge Local Plan First Proposals document and supporting documents as set out in the schedule appended to this decision.	The documents have been refined following extensive scrutiny by members of both Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council.

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

<b>Further Information</b>
<i>Committee Meeting Papers:</i>  <i>Joint Local Plan Advisory Group 8 September 2021</i> <a href="https://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=492&amp;MId=4077&amp;Ver=4">https://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=492&amp;MId=4077&amp;Ver=4</a>  <i>South Cambridgeshire District Council Scrutiny &amp; Overview 21 September 2021</i> <a href="https://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=417&amp;MId=9240&amp;Ver=4">https://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=417&amp;MId=9240&amp;Ver=4</a>  <i>South Cambridgeshire District Council Climate and Environment Advisory Committee 21 September 2021</i> <a href="https://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=1095&amp;MId=9269&amp;Ver=4">https://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=1095&amp;MId=9269&amp;Ver=4</a>  <i>Cambridge Planning &amp; Transport Scrutiny Committee 28 September 2021</i> <a href="https://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=475&amp;MId=3973&amp;Ver=4">https://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=475&amp;MId=3973&amp;Ver=4</a>  <i>South Cambridgeshire District Council Cabinet 1 October 2021</i> <a href="https://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=293&amp;MId=9277&amp;Ver=4">https://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=293&amp;MId=9277&amp;Ver=4</a>