

## PLANNING AND NEW COMMUNITIES JOINT PORTFOLIO HOLDERS' MEETING

THURSDAY, 20 MAY 2010

### DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Planning and New Communities Joint Portfolio Holders' Meeting held on Thursday, 20 May 2010. Decisions made by the Portfolio Holder will be subject to call-in. Recommendations made to the Cabinet or 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. ST EDMUNDSBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICIES SUBMISSION DRAFT, AND RURAL SITE ALLOCATIONS PREFERRED OPTIONS**

The New Communities Portfolio Holder agreed that South Cambridgeshire District Council should support the inclusion of Policy HH9 (Sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople) in St Edmundsbury Borough Council's Development Management Policies Draft Submission document

**Other Options Considered:** None

**Reason For Decision:** This criteria-based policy is consistent with Government guidance and will allow sites to come forward, where they comply with the criteria, to meet local needs. It may also help address the provision of sites in the period to 2011, which might otherwise not be met by solely relying on allocations in the Rural Site Allocations Development Plan Document and Area Action Plans for Bury St Edmunds and Haverhill, which are in early stages of production.

**2. REVISION OF PROCESS AND GUIDANCE NOTES FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES CAPITAL GRANTS PROGRAMME**

The New Communities Portfolio Holder approved revised guidance notes for the Sustainable Communities Capital Grants Programme as attached in

- Appendix 1 – Community Facility Grants
- Appendix 2 – Play Facility Grants
- Appendix 3 – Village Sports Facility Grants
- Appendix 4 – Youth Sport Initiative Grants
- Appendix 5 – Arts Capital Grants

**Other Options Considered:** None specified

**Reason For Decision:** To formalise the revised guidance notes for applicants to the Sustainable Communities Capital Grants Programme, as the programme is highly valued and appreciated across the district. Most specifically, the revisions cover the formalisation of the approach introduced in the second half of 2009-10 in considering grant applications in batches.

**3. SELF-COMMISSIONED HOUSING AT ORCHARD PARK**

The New Communities Portfolio Holder noted the contents of the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and New Communities), and agreed that:

1. New planning policies should continue to take a positive approach towards self-commissioned housing, including enabled co-housing;

2. Officers should continue to work collaboratively with Cambridge City Council in the next stage of work for site K1 at Orchard Park – to include setting up a Self-Providers Forum, soft-market testing and, subject to the outcome of the market testing, procurement of a development partner for an Enabled Co-Housing Project;
3. Sites within South Cambridgeshire deemed suitable for self-commissioned housing be included in the soft-market testing of the K1 project, subject to agreement with the relevant landowner or developer.

**Other Options Considered:** None specified

**Reason For Decision:** The measure is good for business, shows commitment to the community, and gives local people a degree of influence over their environment.

#### **4. CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN 2010-13: CONSULTATION PROCESS**

The New Communities Portfolio Holder

1. requested that an Executive Summary be added to the consultation draft
2. approved the public and partner consultation process outlined in paragraph 14 of the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and New Communities) relating to the release of the consultation draft of the Council's new Climate Change Action Plan 2010-13, subject to minor variation (including extension) should there be any slippage that might result in the consultation period covering August; and
3. delegated to the Corporate Manager (Planning and New Communities) approval of the finalised draft for consultation release, scheduled for the week beginning 24 May 2010.

**Other Options Considered:** None

**Reason For Decision:** Public consultation

