

## **NORTHSTOWE AND NEW COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S MEETING**

**TUESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2011**

### **DECISIONS**

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Northstowe and New Communities Portfolio Holder's Meeting held on Tuesday, 20 September 2011. 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. CAMBRIDGESHIRE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY**

The Northstowe and New Communities Portfolio Holder

1. endorsed the final Cambridgeshire Green Infrastructure Strategy; and
2. instructed officers to submit to his Portfolio Holder meeting on an annual basis a report on progress with the Green Infrastructure Strategy.

**Other Options Considered:** Options available are to:

- (a) Accept the recommendations of this report
- (b) Decide not to endorse the final, published Green Infrastructure Strategy

**Reason For Decision:** To give the Council's formal approval and support for the Strategy and its delivery, alongside that of other Cambridgeshire local authorities.

#### **2. CAMBRIDGE: HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRE SOUTH OF ADDENBROOKE'S ACCESS ROAD**

The Northstowe and New Communities Portfolio Holder

1. Agreed to reaffirm this Council's support for the site allocation for a HRC to the South of the Addenbrooke's Access Road to remain in the Site Specific Proposals Plan and to support the comments made by Cambridgeshire County and Peterborough City Councils on this matter.
2. Asked that the Inspector does not include within his report a request for South Cambridgeshire District Council during the forthcoming review of its Local Development Framework to have to consider removing land from the Green Belt specifically for a HRC to serve the south of Cambridge.

**Other Options Considered:** None specified

**Reason For Decision:** South Cambridgeshire District Council recognises that many alternative options were considered by Cambridgeshire County and Peterborough City Councils in finding a suitable site for an HRC to serve the area to the south of Cambridge and that the proposed site south the Addenbrooke's Access Road is the best and most sustainable option.

#### **3. MINERALS AND WASTE SITE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS PLAN - RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION BY CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY AND PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCILS ON SUGGESTED CHANGES TO THE PLAN**

The Northstowe and New Communities Portfolio Holder agreed

- 1) To support the changes relating to the updating of the information on the A14 improvements

- 2) To question why the site allocations for borrowpits are 'areas of search' rather than remaining as site allocations
- 3) To support the inclusion of borrowpits within the SSPP to provide for any future improvements to the A14 but that a hierarchy of these site should be included in the final SSPP to reflect which should be utilised first in the event that they are not all needed.
- 4) To require that any future use of the identified borrowpits should be restricted to use on A14 improvements.
- 5) To support the changes proposed for the Cottenham Site Profile.
- 6) To agree the responses to the minor changes as set out in Appendix B.

**Other Options Considered:** None specified

**Reason For Decision:** To respond to the consultation being carried out jointly by Cambridgeshire County and Peterborough City Councils on suggested changes to the Minerals and Waste Site Specific Proposals Plan.

#### **4. RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION BY CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AND PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL ON THE DRAFT RECAP WASTE MANAGEMENT DESIGN GUIDE SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

The Northstowe and New Communities Portfolio Holder agreed the responses to the consultation on the SPD as contained within the report and in the more detailed schedule in Appendix 3.

**Other Options Considered:** None specified

**Reason For Decision:** Need to respond to the consultation being carried out by Cambridgeshire County and Peterborough City Councils.

#### **5. DRAFT NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK: RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION**

The Northstowe and New Communities Portfolio Holder agreed the response to the Government's consultation on the draft national Planning Policy Statement as set out in Appendix A, reiterating the five principles of sustainable development, namely

- Living Within Environmental Limits
- Ensuring a Strong, Healthy and Just Society
- Achieving a Sustainable Economy
- Using Sound Science Responsibly
- Promoting Good Governance

Subject to any minor amendments being proposed by the Corporate Manager (Planning and New Communities) and agreed to by the Portfolio Holder.

**Other Options Considered:** This consultation has generated a significant level of interest and many other organisations and bodies will be responding to the consultation. The Council could decide not to respond to the consultation. However, this is a very important document that will have significant implications to the Council in the operation of its planning functions and a response is recommended, particularly focusing on the issues with potentially greatest impact on the Council in its planning function.

**Reason For Decision:** To set out the Council's views on the draft National Planning Policy Framework as it affects South Cambridgeshire and seek revisions to the draft Framework to reflect those concerns before it is published.

