

COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2014

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 25 September 2014. 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 Graham Watts.

THE OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014

Council **AGREED** to set the level for officer decisions considered as 'materially affecting the Council's financial position' at Level 4 in the Council's Financial Regulations and above, i.e. at present values, over £50,000.

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2014-17

Council **APPROVED** the Member Development Strategy for 2014-17.

APPOINTMENT TO THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

Council:

AGREED to re-appoint Simon Harris as a member of the Independent Remuneration Panel for a three-year term of office, with an expiry date of 31 July 2017.

CONFIRMED that the level of expenses paid to the individual members of the Independent Remuneration Panel be no more than £200 each per financial year. The final amount payable to be agreed by the Executive Director in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

NOTICES OF MOTION:

STANDING IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR JAMES HOCKNEY

Council **AGREED** the following motion:

"The Council expresses disappointment with the recent decisions by Planning Inspector Pete Drew, allowing appeals against refusal of planning permission for developments on Cody Road and Bannold Road Waterbeach. These have given rise to considerable uncertainty and anxiety, especially among residents of my ward, concerning development of land not allocated for housing either in the current Local Development Framework or the submission Local Plan.

The Council welcomes the agreement between Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council on a Memorandum of Understanding that the phasing of housing delivery across the two areas should be taken together, including for calculating the five-year land supply.

This Council formally and respectfully requests that the Inspector moves consideration of all housing land supply issues to the start of the Inquiry proceedings.”

STANDING IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR JOHN WILLIAMS

Council **ADJOURNED** the debate of this motion.

STANDING IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR AIDAN VAN DE WEYER

Council **AGREED** the following motion:

“While recognising that the new town of Northstowe requires a huge amount of infrastructure investment from developers and that affordable housing obligations must allow developments to be economically viable, this Council is concerned that affordable housing provision in Northstowe is being squeezed down to a level that threatens the sustainability of the new town and the contribution that it can make to the district-wide supply of social housing.

This Council reiterates its support for the planning policies concerning affordable housing.

This Council expects the Homes and Communities Agency to agree that all information about viability is made public so that the decisions on this matter can be fully scrutinised.”