

PLANNING PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S MEETING

FRIDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2015

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Planning Portfolio Holder's Meeting held on Friday, 4 December 2015. 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. STRATEGIC POLICIES IN THE ADOPTED DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE

The Planning Portfolio Holder agreed

1. The policies in the South Cambridgeshire Local Development Framework 2007 that are proposed to be adopted as strategic for the purposes of neighbourhood planning as listed in Appendix B of the report from the Planning and New Communities Director; and
2. To carry out a consultation with interested parties, in particular parish councils, the results of which would be reported back to a future Planning Portfolio Holder meeting.

Options Considered: The Portfolio Holder could

- (a) Decide to carry out a consultation with interested parties, such as parish councils, on the list of strategic policies to confirm that South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) has used an appropriate methodology and identified the correct policies – the results of which will be brought to a future Planning Portfolio Holder meeting;
- (b) Decide to identify the strategic policies in the currently adopted development plan for South Cambridgeshire as set out in Appendix B without the benefit of interested parties having the opportunity to confirm the approach of SCDC in identifying these policies;
- (c) Decide to delay identifying the strategic policies in the adopted development plan, making the assumption that parish councils will not progress their NP until after the Submission Local Plan is adopted. However this would lead to uncertainty for parish councils preparing plans as they would not know which policies in the Local Plan they should conform with and could introduce unnecessary delay for these local communities who wish to progress their NP towards adoption in advance of the adoption of the Local Plan.

Reason For Decision: It was agreed at the Planning Portfolio Holder meeting on 18 November 2014 that the strategic policies in the adopted development plan would be identified if there were delays in the adoption of the Submission Local Plan. As the examination of this plan is currently suspended until March 2016 and parish councils within the district are moving ahead with the preparation of their neighbourhood plans

(NPs) there is a need to identify the currently adopted policies that are considered strategic in order not to delay the progress of these NPs. It is recommended that an opportunity be given for interested parties to comment on the policies to be considered strategic for neighbourhood planning purposes to give them weight, before they are formally adopted by the Council.

2. UTTLESFORD LOCAL PLAN - RESPONSE TO ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION

That the Planning Portfolio Holder agrees the consultation response set out in Appendix 1 of the report from the Planning and New Communities Director.

Options Considered: The Planning Portfolio Holder has the following options:

- (d) Agree the proposed response; or
- (e) Agree the proposed response with amendments; or
- (f) Not to agree the proposed response.

Reason For Decision: The duty to co-operate