

PLANNING PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S MEETING

TUESDAY, 12 JANUARY 2016

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Planning Portfolio Holder's Meeting held on Tuesday, 12 January 2016. 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. PRE-APPLICATION ADVICE SERVICE

The Planning Portfolio Holder

- (a) Noted the progress made in the provision of pre-application advice; and the planned approach in respect of Development Delivery Agreements;
- (b) Endorsed the principle of a revised fee structure for pre-application advice, with staff costs and inflationary uplifts, details of which will be reported to Cabinet in February 2016, and changes to be implemented from 1 April 2016;
 - **Other Options Considered:** To continue with the existing schedule of charges;
 - To increase fees to take account of increased staff costs and inflation at 1.4%
 - To revise the fee categories to introduce a fee for 1-2 dwellings;
 - To implement a new fee schedule. It is suggested these increases are applied on or after 1 April 2016

Reason For Decision: The delivery of a reliable, well-regarded value for money and cost-effective pre-application advice service is important to help support and facilitate the timely delivery of acceptable and appropriate development.

The Council has previously reviewed its charges against those of comparable authorities and the schemes adopted by both Cambridge City and Cambridgeshire County Council. Both these Councils carried out an assessment of cost and benchmarked against other authorities. The existing fee schedule reflects that work.

2. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK - ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2014-2015

The Planning Portfolio Holder

- (a) approved the contents of the Annual Monitoring Report 2014-2015 (included as Appendix 2 of the report) for publication; and
- (b) delegated any further minor editing changes to the Annual Monitoring Report to the Director of Planning and New Communities where they are technical matters.

Options Considered: It is a legal requirement that the Council publishes an Annual Monitoring Report.

Reason For Decision: Local planning authorities are required to publish information monitoring progress of the implementation of their Local Development Scheme and planning policies included in their development plan documents at least on an annual basis. The Annual Monitoring Report is also required to give details of what action the Council has taken relating to the duty to co-operate, details of any neighbourhood development orders or neighbourhood development plans made, and once the Council has an adopted Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule, information relating to the collection and spending of CIL monies.

3. NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK (NPPF) - RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CHANGES

The Planning Portfolio Holder agreed the consultation response set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

Options Considered: Agree the proposed response; or
Agree the proposed response with amendments; or
Not to agree the proposed response.

Reason For Decision: None specified

4. COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) REVIEW

The Portfolio Holder approved the draft response as per Appendix B of the report and further provided delegated authority to the Director of Planning and New Communities to submit the response on behalf of the Council.

Options Considered: To approve the consultation response as currently drafted
To propose an alternative response to the consultation

Reason For Decision: None specified