

Cabinet

Monday, 19 October 2020

Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Monday, 19 October 2020. Decisions made by the Cabinet will be subject to call-in. Recommendations made 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 Jonathan Malton.

1. **Compulsory Purchase Order Policy**

Cabinet:

Approved the Compulsory Purchase Order Policy as the basis for considering the use of compulsory purchase powers to acquire land or property interests for the purpose of carrying out development, redevelopment or improvement, where there is a compelling case in the public interest to do so, subject to further minor amendments resulting from the Scrutiny and Overview Committee review.

Options Considered: Cabinet could have:

Not agreed the Compulsory Purchase Order Policy.

Reason for Decision: To determine an appropriate policy framework that sets out the approach, circumstances and conditions under which the Council will consider the use of compulsory purchase powers.

2. **Response to Government Consultation: Planning for the Future White Paper**

Cabinet:

- a) **Noted** the initial response to the Government's White Paper (Planning for the Future) consultation as set out in Appendix A.
- b) **Agreed** to delegate the wording of the final joint response and any individual response to the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development, in consultation with the Lead Cabinet member for Planning Policy and Delivery.

Options Considered: Cabinet could have:

Not responded to the Government's White Paper, or to agree an alternative response. The Cabinet could also not seek a joint response with Cambridge City Council.

Reason for Decision: The outcome of the White Paper could have significant implications for how the Council plans for the area in future. The draft consultation response identifies issues where there are positive opportunities, such as digital approaches to planning, but raises a number of concerns with proposals to change the nature of local plans, the development management process, and the approach to

funding infrastructure.

There is potential for a joint response with Cambridge City Council. They considered the same draft response on 29 September 2020 at their Planning and Transport Scrutiny Committee, and agreed to delegate the final response to an out of cycle decision by their Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Open Spaces.

3. Pre-Application Fees Proposal

Cabinet:

Recommended to the Lead Cabinet Member for Planning to **agree** the proposals for South Cambridgeshire District Council to introduce the revised pre-application service offer and charging schedule set out in this report for the South Cambridgeshire District Council area from 2 November 2020, subject to provision being made for discounts for Parish Councils.

Options Considered: Cabinet could have:

Not agreed to introduce the revised pre-application service offer and charging schedule.

Reason for Decision: The Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service (GCSPS) pre-application fee schedules have not been reviewed for several years. There are two sets of pre-application schedules across the shared planning service, and it is intended to move to a single set of pre-application fees for all GCSPS applicants. This enables consistency across the service, continue to improve the delivery of the service and how GCSPS monitors its' performance.