



**South  
Cambridgeshire**  
District Council

**REPORT TO:** Cabinet 5 June 2019  
**FROM:** Councillor Grenville Chamberlain, Chairman, Scrutiny and Overview  
Committee  
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Committee

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### **Update from the Scrutiny and Overview Committee Chairman**

#### **Purpose**

1. This report is to inform Cabinet of the discussions of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee at its meeting of 21 May 2019, which Cabinet may wish to take into account in its decision making.

#### **Bourn Airfield Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)**

2. The committee considered the draft Bourn Airfield SPD and associated documents to be published for consultation.
3. Des O'Brien representing Bourn Parish Council addressed the committee and highlighted severe concerns regarding the dismissal of an option for direct access from Bourn Airfield onto the A428 and the impact of this on local roads and villages.
4. Councillor Tumi Hawkins also addressed the meeting as the local member representing Caldecote. She echoed Bourn Parish Council's concerns regarding lack of direct access to the A428 and questioned the traffic modelling that had been used. Councillor Hawkins also raised concerns regarding the build boundary and buffer zone, emphasising the need for Bourn Airfield to be completely separate from Caldecote and for parcel 4 to be entirely woodland.
5. The committee had a very long and in depth discussion about the SPD, raising some serious concerns regarding transport and traffic modelling, provision of community services including GP services and the potential pressure on existing community facilities in Cambourne, buffer zones with existing developments, and place making.
6. The committee agreed the following recommendations to Cabinet:
  - (a) The committee has severe reservations regarding transport. Committee members felt that there needed to be access from Bourn Airfield to the A428. The committee was concerned that the scale of modal shift desired was highly unlikely to be achieved.
  - (b) The committee was unconvinced by Highways England and other transport assessments and was concerned that transport infrastructure would not be in place before the development was built.
  - (c) How health services, including social prescribing, will be provided in accordance with the development of the Council's Health and Wellbeing policy, should be

consulted on with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group.

- (d) The village centre should be located in the centre of the settlement.
  - (e) There should be additional attention to place making, especially the village centre and more inclusion in the SPD of how economic development support will be provided where planning is not able to, such as for example to enforce occupancy of empty retail units, and, to include provision of amenities for youth and the aged.
  - (f) The committee had concerns about buffer zones on the eastern and western sides of the development. It should be ensured that these do not include gardens.
7. Given the reservations it had, the committee did not feel it could endorse the SPD in its current state.

### **Strategic Risk Register**

8. The committee reviewed the draft Strategic Risk Register and made a number of comments and suggestions which officers agreed to incorporate. These included:
- The committee felt that while some of the risk controls were clear and succinct, which the committee liked, some of the controls were aspirational.
  - Regarding IT risks, the committee requested the inclusion of reference to the Scrutiny ICT Working Group.
  - The committee pointed out reference being made to the names of officers who have left the organisation, and felt that it may be preferable to refer to role titles rather than names.
9. The committee felt that the document was a big improvement and agreed to note it.

### **2018-19 Quarter 4 Performance Report**

10. The committee considered the Quarter 4 Performance Report. Committee members requested a standard deviation and a scale on the graph be included in future reports.
11. The committee also raised concerns regarding the poor performance of the Customer Contact Centre. It is hoped that the committee will consider a report on this at its July 2019 meeting.

### **Scrutiny ICT Working Group update**

12. The Vice Chairman of the committee provided a brief update on the ongoing work of ICT Working Group. The LGA has offered the Council 5 days of ICT support, which would be discussed with the Head of ICT to ensure best value is achieved from this time.
13. The committee was informed that a meeting had taken place to work on resolving the issues with the Chamber microphone system and progress had been made in moving this forward.

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