

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leader and Cabinet

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REPORT OF THE ARBURY PARK TASK AND FINISH GROUP

Purpose

1. To advise the Cabinet of the findings and recommendations reached by the task and finish group looking at Arbury Park, as set out in the report enclosed separately with the agenda for Cabinet members and available on the Council's website at www.scambs.gov.uk

Background

2. On 17 January 2008 the Scrutiny Committee set up a cross-party task and finish group to examine questions raised by residents regarding the new housing development at Arbury Park. Their aim was to make recommendations for improvement there and at future developments within the District.
3. The Chairman of Impington Parish Council was co-opted onto the group and all meetings were open to the relevant portfolio holders.
4. The group made an interim report to Cabinet on 8 May 2008.

Report

5. The review of Arbury Park took eight months to complete which required a considerable investment of time and energy by officers and Members, as well as more than thirty other contributors.
6. Cabinet will be pleased to hear of the extremely positive and constructive approach of everyone who took part in the review.
7. The report at Appendix 1 sets out the findings of the task and finish group, their recommendations, and what has been achieved already during the review. It will be presented by the Chairman of the parent committee, who will convey any changes or additional comments made by that committee.
8. The Cabinet is asked to undertake to provide a written response and action plan for presentation to the scrutiny and overview committee on 4 December 2008.

Implications

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Financial	Financial implications to the Council of the report at Appendix 1 have yet to be identified.
Legal	None
Staffing	Staffing implications to the Council of the report at Appendix 1 have yet to be identified.
Risk Management	None
Equal Opportunities	None

Consultations

10. Appendix A of the report of the Task and Finish Group lists an extensive list of consultees.

Effect on Corporate Objectives

11. The findings of this review will contribute to all of the Council's Corporate Objectives:
 - Work in partnership to manage growth to benefit everyone in South Cambridgeshire now and in the future
 - Deliver high quality services that represent best value and are accessible to all our community
 - Enhance quality of life and build a sustainable South Cambridgeshire where everyone is proud to live and work

Recommendation

12. That the Cabinet welcomes the report of the Arbury Park Task & Finish Group and undertakes to provide a response and action plan to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee on 4 December 2008.

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