

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet held on
Tuesday, 10 March 2009

PRESENT: Councillor RMA Manning (Leader of the Council)
Councillor SM Edwards (Deputy Leader of the Council and Housing Portfolio Holder)

Councillors:	Dr DR Bard	New Communities Portfolio Holder
	Mrs SM Ellington	Environmental Services Portfolio Holder
	MP Howell	Staffing Portfolio Holder
	AG Orgee	Finance Portfolio Holder
	TJ Wotherspoon	Policy, Improvement and Communications Portfolio Holder
	NIC Wright	Planning Portfolio Holder

Officers in attendance for all or part of the meeting:

Caroline Hunt	Principal Planning Policy Officer
Gareth Jones	Corporate Manager, Planning & Sustainable Communities
Richard May	Democratic Services Manager

Councillors SGM Kindersley, RM Matthews and JH Stewart were in attendance, by invitation.

Procedural Items

104. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

105. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Leader was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2009 as a correct record.

106. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

Recommendation from Council

107. SITE SPECIFIC POLICIES DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT (DPD) - RESPONDING TO A HOUSING SHORTFALL - RESPONSE TO PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND AGREEMENT ON SITES TO RECOMMEND TO INSPECTORS

Cabinet considered the recommendations of the Council, made at its immediately preceding meeting, in respect of responding to the housing shortfall identified by the Site Specific Policies DPD Examination Inspectors.

Cabinet supported the Council's recommendations, subject to the Leader of the Council being requested to make representations to the Secretary of State setting out the Cabinet's dissatisfaction with the process the Council had been required to undertake, advising that the Council had undertaken the process reluctantly, and that, through it, the Cabinet considered that public confidence in the robustness of the plan-making process had been eroded.

Cabinet wished to record Members' grateful thanks to the Principal Policy Officer for her hard work in preparing and presenting detailed reports and recommendations to Council and Cabinet.

Councillor Dr DR Bard proposed, Councillor SM Edwards seconded, and Cabinet **RESOLVED** that:

1. The responses to representations included in Appendices B, C and D to the Council report be agreed, including changes to the preferred sites and policies.
2. The updated housing land supply position results in a residual housing shortfall of 1,120 dwellings
3. The capacity of the NW Cambridge Area Action Plan for the purposes of the housing shortfall be 65 dwellings but that discussions continue to explore the potential for provision to be up to 800 dwellings by 2016 in the district
4. That the following preferred sites be recommended to be allocated in the Site Specific Policies DPD examination Inspectors' report (subject to the changes set out in Appendix B and summarised in the report to Council):
 - i. 3 sites at Orchard Park, Cambridge, subject to the inclusion of a Grampian Condition to the effect that no residential development shall take place above the amount already approved until the A14 improvement programme relevant to the site has been completed.
 - ii. Land between Huntingdon Road and Histon Road (Council's revised boundary)
 - iii. Powell's Garage, Woollards Lane, Great Shelford
 - iv. Ida Darwin Hospital, Fulbourn
5. The Leader of the Council be authorised to write to the Secretary of State to express the Cabinet's dissatisfaction with the process South Cambridgeshire District Council has been required to undertake with regard to the current issue, that the Council has undertaken the process reluctantly, and that, through it, the Cabinet considers that public confidence in the robustness of the plan-making process has been eroded.

108. ISSUES ARISING FROM THE SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

There were no issues arising from the Scrutiny and Overview Committee.

**The Meeting ended at 5.45
p.m.**
