

From.Donald Allen. Girton
To.Chief Executive.South Cambs D.C.

16th Feb 1982.

Motion for Council.

South Cambs D.C. can rightly claim to date,that the Housing policy has been excellent in that need and provision,at competitive costs,have proceeded in balance.

This Motion is designed to ~~per~~pursue those policies by accepting initially the Management Team's recommendation to construct 100 dwellings,but in those Villages where minimal provision has so far been made,consistent with the ability to make an early decision.

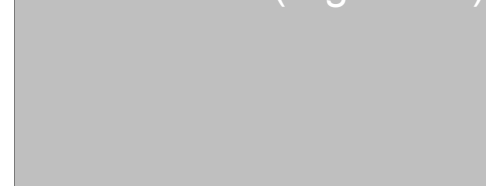
This Motion further urges the need to concentrate on 2 bedroomed bungalows adapted,in various ways for the elderly,with realistic grants in essential cases only,to solve as much as possible,the underoccupation problem which persists still in many villages.

Further the Management Team should be requested to indicate:-

- (1) Where further Land purchase is needed to solve the underoccupation problem.
- (2) Various alternatives for the construction of 3 bedroomed properties on land in the Council's ownership in conjunction with Private Developers for progressive purchase,or other means acceptable to H.M.Govt,and for which this Council's Housing Revenue Account or it's Rate Fund will be minimally liable.

This Motion,in particular,is designed to protect as far as possible existing Tenants from the massive Rent increases which must ensue from the current proposals recommended by the Housing Committee-

Donald Allen (Signature)



- (a) To consider the following NOTICE OF MOTION standing in the name of Councillor K.E. Turner:

"As most previous attempts by individual Councillors to change the procedures of South Cambridgeshire District Council in the direct appointment of three members to the Policy Advisory and Co-ordinating Committee, have created as many problems as they have sought to solve; it is necessary that the practice should be comprehensively reconsidered. The following procedures are designed to recognise the importance of the Committee, correct anomalies, provide Standing Committees with sufficient advance knowledge of its build-up of membership, and provide one comprehensive reference point to regulate appointment by the full Council:-

1. That the constitution of the Policy Advisory and Co-ordinating Committee shall provide for the direct appointment by the full Council of 3 or (where the application of this procedure requires it) 4 members;
2. That the initial appointment of members should be made each year at the Annual Council Meeting immediately after the appointment of the Vice-Chairman of the Council;
3. That the Council shall proceed with the appointments in the following manner:-
 - a) To appoint a Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year;
 - b) To appoint a Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year;
 - c) The retiring Chairman of the Council (if not re-elected) shall automatically become one of the direct appointments;
 - d) The retiring Chairman of the Committee (if not re-elected) shall automatically become one of the direct appointments;
 - e) To appoint a third member of the Committee for the ensuing year if not already achieved by c) or d) above;
4. That in the event of a member already appointed as above also being appointed subsequently by a Standing Committee, it shall not count towards a total of three direct appointments by the Council;
5. That the Council shall at the next meeting make any further appointment to bring the direct appointments up to 3 members.

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(b) To consider the following NOTICE OF MOTION standing in the name of Councillor H.P. Holt:

"That the Council welcome the determination of the Planning Committee and Development Control Sub-Committee to cut central administration costs at the earliest opportunity compatible with the continuing high quality of service to the ratepayers. In the meantime, it is further recommended that the Planning Committee and the Development Control Sub-Committee continue to elect their own Chairman and Vice-Chairman."

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(NOTE: As requested at the Policy Advisory and Co-ordinating Committee, extracts from all the appropriate reports on the future of the two Committees are given below:-

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1. Original instructions to Management Team to economise given by Policy Advisory and Co-ordinating Committee on 24th June 1981

"5 (viii) that the Management Team give immediate and, if necessary, continuing consideration to alternative and further means of achieving economies in 1981/82 and later years with a view to the submission of appropriate recommendations to Spending Committees generally and this Committee in particular"

2. Management Team Report to Planning Committee on 23rd July 1981

"1.02(n) Committee Meetings

Although this item is not directly reflected in the Committee's Estimates as a separate item, it is of course an essential part of "Central Administration".

With the reducing work load of the Committee your Chief Officers feel that worthwhile economies might be achieved by cancelling the November 1981 and March 1982 meetings of the main Committee. It is further suggested that with the reduced number of applications to be determined, consideration ought to be given to the possibility of "merging the work" of the Planning Committee and the Development Control Sub-Committee. The Committees have the same membership and our suggestion is that for 1982/83 onwards the Planning Committee itself should meet on the first Wednesday in each month to deal with all Development Control and Policy matters being included on the Agenda as and when necessary."

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3. Minutes of Planning Committee on 23rd July 1981
(considered by Policy Advisory and Co-ordinating Committee
on 9th September 1981):-

"3.04 Committee Meetings

The suggestion of combining Development Control and Planning Committees on the same day, if the reduction in the workload continued, was welcomed by Members and, as a further economy, it was AGREED that the November 1981 and March 1982 Meetings of the main Committee be cancelled.

The Committee

AGREED the recommendations of the Management Team, subject to the above amendments."

4. Minutes of Policy Advisory and Co-ordinating Committee
on 9th September 1981:-

3.04(b)(ii) Planning Committee

para. 3.04 Committee Meetings - In view of reservations expressed, the Planning Officer explained that the reducing workload of the Planning Committee meant that by June 1982 there would be no need for a separate meeting; any items of policy could be considered at the beginning of the Development Control Sub-Committee, perhaps once every three meetings."

5. Treasurer's Summary of Priorities in Rate Estimates submitted
to Policy Advisory and Co-ordinating Committee on 10th
February 1982:-

"Planning Committee

- (k) Committee Meetings If reduced workload continues combine Planning and Development Control on the same day.