

## **CABINET**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet of South Norfolk District Council held at South Norfolk House, Long Stratton on Monday 8 October 2018 at 11.30 am.**

### **Members Present:**

**Cabinet:** Councillors: J Fuller (Chairman), M Edney (for part of the meeting), K Kiddie, K Mason Billig and L Neal

**Apologies:** Councillor: Y Bendle

**Non-Appointed:** Councillors: D Bills, F Ellis, M Gray, N Legg, T Lewis , G Minshull and V Thomson

**Officers in Attendance:** The Chief Executive (S Dinneen), the Director of Communities and Wellbeing (J Sutterby), the Director of Growth and Business Development (D Lorimer), the Head of Planning (P Courtier), the Interim Joint Planning Policy Manager (J Walchester), the Development Manager (H Mellors), the Senior Planning Officer (S Marjoram) and the Senior Governance Officer (E Goddard).

The press and 17 members of the public were also in attendance

### **2664 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr J Fuller declared an 'other' interest in the matter referred to below:

<b>Minute No.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Declaration</b>
2665	Greater Norwich Local Plan	Has company connections with a site at Seething – not being considered at this meeting

**2665 GREATER NORWICH LOCAL PLAN: REGULATION 18 CONSULTATION ON NEW, REVISED AND SMALL SITES; DRAFT STATEMENTS OF CONSULTATION; AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE REVISED NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK****The Subject of the Decision**

The Chairman welcomed 17 members of the public to the meeting and summarised the process followed by the Council, together with Norwich City and Broadland District Councils, for the submission, consultation and assessment of sites put forward for inclusion in the Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP). He explained that, when preparing the current Local Plan, many of the sites put forward for consideration were discounted during the process and that only approximately 80 sites were accepted from 1500 put forward.

Members then considered the report of the Interim Joint Spatial Planning Manager, which sought to update Cabinet on the progress being made on the production of the GNLP and to gain its agreement for a consultation on approximately 200 new, amended and small sites that had been submitted by landowners, agents and developers to be considered for inclusion in the emerging GNLP.

In response to a question from Cllr Gray regarding the possibility that more sites might be put forward for consideration, the Chairman advised that it had been necessary for additional consultation to take place due to various factors, including significant new sites coming forward, and to take into account the revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The Joint Spatial Planning Manager added that it was necessary for the Council to take any new submissions into account during the initial stages but advised that this would be more difficult in the later, more formal stage. Cabinet noted that in previous years, the Council was required to demonstrate that it had the 'most appropriate Local Plan' but that the requirement was now that it must have an 'appropriate Local Plan'. The Chairman confirmed that South Norfolk, Norwich City and Broadland District Councils would carry out consultations in order to draw up a Draft Plan, but the final decision on the Local Plan would be tested by the independent Planning Inspector.

The Leader of the Opposition raised a question regarding the significance of a planning application being submitted for a site which was also included under the consultation. The Chairman clarified that the new Local Plan would not carry any weight in its early stages but that a little weight would be added once it reached the draft stage, which was currently timetabled for September 2019. The Head of Planning commented that he would advise caution to any developer who considered making an opportunistic

application as, in the case that it was refused, there may be less weight given to the site by the Planning Inspector in the Local Plan process.

Mr D Chapman and Mr R Parkinson, residents of Swainsthorpe, addressed Cabinet and spoke of their concerns regarding a potential planning application within their village. Although the Chairman advised that Cabinet would not discuss an individual case, he invited officers to comment on the process for planning applications. The Development Manager reassured the meeting that any planning applications submitted would be considered on their own merits in line with the current Local Plan together with all relevant national planning policies, legislation and in consideration of statutory consultees. The Chief Executive advised that decisions on planning applications were determined by the Development Management Committee, which followed a different process and was a separate body to the Cabinet.

### **The Decision**

#### **RESOLVED: To:**

1. Note the contents of the initial Draft Consultation Statement for the Greater Norwich Local Plan and the implications of the revised National Planning Policy Framework on the production of the Plan; and
2. Agree to undertake the forthcoming Greater Norwich Local Plan 'Regulation 18 Consultation on New, Revised and Small Sites' and delegate to the Director of Growth and Business Development, in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder for The Economy and External Affairs, agreement of the final consultation content.

### **The Reasons for the Decision**

To ensure that all the sites being considered for allocation have been through the same level of analysis and scrutiny.

### **Other Options Considered**

None

## **2666 CABINET CORE AGENDA**

Cabinet noted the latest version of the Cabinet Core Agenda.

(The meeting concluded at 12.08 pm)

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Chairman