

CABINET

Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet of South Norfolk District Council held at South Norfolk House, Long Stratton on Monday 30 April 2018 at 9.00 a.m.

Members Present:

Cabinet: Councillors J Fuller (Chairman), Y Bendle, M Edney, L Hornby, K Mason Billig and B Stone

Non-Appointed: Councillors F Ellis, M Gray, N Legg, T Lewis, G Minshull

Officers in Attendance: The Chief Executive (S Dinneen), the Director of Communities and Well-Being (J Sutterby), the Director of Growth and Business Development (D Lorimer), the Assistant Director – Resources (P Catchpole), the Head of Governance (E Hodds), the Head of Planning (P Courtier), the Commercial and Digital Marketing Manager (H Griffiths), the Joint Spatial Planning Manager (J Walchester), the Operational Economic Development Manager (D Disney), the Senior Planning Officer (S Marjoram) and the Learning and Development Advisor (J Evans)

2640 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held 19 March 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2641 SOUTH NORFOLK ECONOMIC GROWTH PROSPECTUS

The Subject of the Decision

Members considered the report of the Funding Manager, which sought Cabinet approval for the delivery and design of an on-line economic development prospectus, which was aligned with the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Norfolk and Suffolk Economic Strategy.

The Chairman commended the report to members, explaining that the proposed approach would produce an on-line prospectus to assist with the delivery of the growth ambitions of South Norfolk, and Greater Norwich. The Chief Executive added that this would promote the whole of the Greater Norwich Area, whilst also protecting the identity of South Norfolk.

The Operational Economic Development Manager outlined how the prospectus would attract inward investment and new business, and the Commercial and Digital Marketing Manager drew attention to the design concept, which would include an easy to navigate home page with key sectors highlighted.

Members noted that a more detailed downloadable document would also be made available, once contact details had been provided, and this would also act as a lead generation tool for officers.

Cabinet expressed its support for the proposals, noting that Broadland District Council planned to mirror this approach.

The Decision

- RESOLVED:**
- 1.To approve the proposed concept, content and design of the South Norfolk Economic Growth Prospectus;
 - 2.To delegate the production of the prospectus to the Director of Growth and Business Development

The Reasons for the Decision

To assist the delivery of the Council's growth plans, as part of Greater Norwich, and attract new investment opportunities.

Other Options Considered

Do nothing and continue to rely on third parties to attract new investment opportunities in to the area.

2642 RESPONSE TO CONSULTATIONS ON DRAFT REVISED NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK AND GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON “SUPPORTING HOUSING DELIVERY THROUGH DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS”

The Subject of the Decision

Members considered the report of the Joint Spatial Planning Manager, which set out a proposed response to the Government’s consultations on a draft revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and statement on “Supporting Housing Delivery through Developer Contributions – Referring Developer Contributions to Affordable Housing and Infrastructure”.

The Joint Spatial Planning Manager outlined the key areas of the draft NPPF, the Developer contributions consultation, and the proposed response, which had been produced under the Greater Norwich Development Partnership, with additional input from both Broadland and South Norfolk officers. Members noted that Norfolk County Council (NCC) did not concur with some elements of the response, particularly around CIL, and regulation 123 lists, and therefore the relevant councils would be sending individual responses.

Members considered how the Council’s response could be strengthened, and they urged officers to continue discussions with NCC, in the hope that a consensus would be reached, to enable a joint response that would carry more weight. Cabinet was supportive of a joint GNDP district response, should NCC choose not to align, and it was also suggested that officers should consider responses from other partner organisations, such as the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership.

During discussion, Cllr M Gray drew attention to Section 15 of the draft NPPF; “Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment”, and after brief discussion, it was agreed that with regard to paragraph 172, sub paragraph (a), the Council would propose that the words “and geodiversity” be added after “biodiversity”.

Some members expressed disappointment that affordable home ownership had only been proposed at 10% on major sites, however, the Chairman reminded members that this was a minimum requirement only, and that the Council would continue to

seek to achieve a high level of affordable housing, across the District. Members also raised the need for section 106 agreements to be carefully drafted, and the need for a better understanding of how new developments could have a positive impact on villages in terms of sustainability.

The Decision

RESOLVED: To:

1. Agree the Council's proposed responses as set in Appendices C and D, subject to a number of changes, and the outcome of further discussions with Norfolk County Council (NCC);
2. Should NCC decide not to align its response, to consider a joint Greater Norwich Development Partnership (GNDP) district response;
3. Delegate authority to the Director of Growth and Business Development, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economy and External Affairs, to agree any minor factual corrections to the responses if necessary.
4. Welcome an early review of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), through the Greater Norwich Growth Board (GNGB).

The Reasons for the Decision

To ensure that the Council's views are considered by the Government and that its response is strengthened where possible

Other Options Considered

None

**2643 GUIDELINES FOR RECREATIONAL PROVISION IN NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD)
- REVISED DRAFT FOR CONSULTATION**

The Subject of the Decision

Members considered the report of the Joint Spatial Planning Manager, which sought Cabinet approval for the revised draft “Guidelines for Recreation Provision in New Residential Developments” Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), to go out for four weeks’ public consultation, to commence in May 2018.

The Joint Spatial Planning Manager outlined the key issues arising from the report. He reminded members that the consultation on the original draft SPD had ran from June to August 2017, and that following this consultation, the SPD had been simplified, with the likely charge per dwelling laid out more clearly.

Cabinet noted that the draft SPD had been endorsed by the Planning and Regulation Policy Committee at its meeting on 18 April 2018.

Members expressed their support for the revised document, noting the reasons why the Council could no longer routinely take on the ownership and maintenance of new recreational open and play areas, provided through new developments.

The Decision

RESOLVED: To:

1. Note the representations received on the first draft of the SPD, and agree the Council’s proposed responses (Appendix C);
2. Agree the revised draft ‘Guidelines for Recreation Provision in New Residential Developments’ SPD (Appendix A) for four weeks’ public consultation, to commence in May 2018;
3. Agree that a Strategic Environmental Assessment of the ‘Guidelines for Recreation Provision in New Residential Developments’ SPD does not need to be prepared, but to seek consultation views on the revised Screening Opinion (Appendix D); and

4. Delegate authority to the Director of Growth and Business Development, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economy and External Affairs:
 - (a) To make minor changes to the revised draft SPD prior to consultation, where the Director considers this necessary or desirable;
 - (b) In consultation with the Chairman of the Regulation and Planning Policy Committee, to agree any minor changes to the revised draft SPD post consultation, prior to further consideration of the SPD by Cabinet and Full Council.

The Reasons for the Decision

To ensure that the proposed SPD is simplified, with the likely charge per dwelling laid out more clearly.
To ensure that it reflects the Council's agreed policy on adoption and maintenance, and adopted Local Plan policy.

Other Options Considered

None

2644 WAVENEY LOCAL PLAN DUTY TO COOPERATE – STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND ON HOUSING MARKET AREA, FUNCTIONAL ECONOMIC AREA AND OBJECTIVELY ASSESSED NEEDS

The Subject of the Decision

Members considered the report of the Joint Spatial Planning Manager, regarding Waveney District Council's "Duty to Co-operate – Statement of Common Ground on Housing Market Area, Functional Economic Area and Objectively Assessed Needs".

The Senior Planning Officer outlined the key issues arising from the report.

The Decision

RESOLVED: To agree that the Director of Growth and Business Development signs the '*Waveney Local Plan: Duty to Cooperate- Statement of Common Ground on Housing Market Area, Functional Economic Area and Objectively Assessed Needs*' (Appendix A) on behalf of South Norfolk Council.

The Reasons for the Decision

Waveney District Council has demonstrated that it has met the requirements of the Duty to Co-operate, engaging actively and constructively on strategic cross boundary issues.

Other Options Considered

None

2645 INVESTORS IN PEOPLE (IiP) 2018

The Subject of the Decision

Members considered the report of the Chief Executive, which updated Cabinet on a recent 2018 Annual Assessment Review of the Council's IiP standard, to determine whether the Council should retain its Platinum accreditation.

Members noted that the Council had retained its Platinum accreditation and the Learning and Development Advisor advised that during the assessment, the assessor had referred to the passion and focus demonstrated by all staff at South Norfolk, which in turn maintained and enhanced the services to the community. The assessment had also highlighted many positive examples that demonstrated the Council's commitment to continuous improvement.

Cabinet agreed that this was an outstanding achievement and thanked all staff and members for their contributions. In a response to a query regarding the collaboration with Broadland Council, the Learning and Development Advisor suggested that this would

not impact upon the Council's current accreditation, and Cllr K Mason Billig reminded members that the collaboration would bring with it more career opportunities for staff.

The Decision

RESOLVED: To note that the Council has successfully retained the highly prestigious Investors in People Platinum Award.

2646 CLLR L HORNBY

The Chairman reminded members that this was Cllr Hornby's last meeting as a Cabinet member, as he had chosen to step down from his role on the Cabinet, due to personal commitments. He thanked Cllr Hornby for his diligent approach to work, and the Chief Executive explained that staff in his portfolio had always found him to be approachable and helpful.

Cllr Hornby thanked officers and fellow members for their support.

2647 CABINET CORE AGENDA

Members noted the latest version of the Cabinet Core Agenda.

(The meeting concluded at 10.19 am)

Chairman