

CABINET

Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet of South Norfolk District Council held at South Norfolk House, Long Stratton on Monday 13 January 2020 at 9.00am.

Members Present:

Cabinet: Councillors: J Fuller (Chairman), Y Bendle, K Kiddie, K Mason Billig, L Neal and A Thomas

Non-Appointed Councillors: D Bills, T Laidlaw and G Minshull

Officers in Attendance: The Managing Director (T Holden), the Director of People and Communities (J Sutterby), the Director of Place (P Courtier), the Director of Resources (D Lorimer), the Assistant Director Governance and Business Support (E Hodds), the Assistant Director Planning (H Mellors) the Chief of Staff (H Ralph), the Spatial Planning Manager (J Walchester), and the Housing Enabling Officer (K Mitchell)

Also in Attendance: Mike Burrell (the Greater Norwich Planning Policy Manager – Greater Norwich Projects Team.

2764 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 9 December 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2765 GREATER NORWICH LOCAL PLAN (GNLP) REGULATION 18 CONSULTATION

Members considered the report of the Director of Place which presented members with a proposed Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP) Regulation 18 draft, for consultation.

The Spatial Planning Manager introduced Mike Burrell, the Greater Norwich Planning Policy Manager, to the meeting, and drew members' attention to several recommended amendments to the consultation document (tabled at the meeting), endorsed by the GNLP at its meeting on 6 January 2020. He further advised that the report had been considered at a recent meeting of the Regulation and Planning Policy Committee, where it had been recommended for approval, subject

to an agreed form of words with partner members regarding the approach to the South Norfolk village clusters.

Cabinet was also informed that since writing the report, two further papers had been added to the consultation documents; the Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment of the GNLP, and the Habitats Regulation Assessment. It was noted that all the consultation documents were available to view on the GNLP website.

The Greater Norwich Planning Policy Manager outlined the salient points of the report to Cabinet. Members noted that the proposals did not replace the Area Action Plans for Wymondham or Long Stratton and that they carried forward existing site-specific allocations, not yet started, or where the majority of development was yet to happen. Attention was also drawn to South Norfolk's proposed approach to village clusters where allocations of at least 1200 dwellings, would be made in a separate Local Plan document.

The Chairman referred to the proposed amendments (tabled at the meeting), and suggested that the proposed change at page 9, para 26, did not go far enough in explaining the reasoning for South Norfolk's approach to village clusters, and Cabinet agreed that this did require further amendment. The Chairman explained that a bespoke approach was required for the South Norfolk villages due to the complex housing market in the area. He confirmed that legal advice had been sought and that South Norfolk was entitled to take a different approach to its villages, to ensure that an appropriate strategy was taken forward for its area. This separate Local Plan would run in tandem with the GNLP.

In response to a query regarding consultation events, the Greater Norwich Planning Policy Manager agreed to look to see if a space could be identified for an exhibition to run in the reception area at South Norfolk House. Referring to the growth in more environmentally friendly forms of transport, for example electric vehicles, a member queried whether this might have a positive impact for development in areas where it may have previously been refused (due to the reliance on the motor vehicle). The Greater Norwich Planning Policy Manager suggested that South Norfolk could develop its own policies as part of the village clusters Local Plan.

Members agreed that any further minor changes should be delegated to the Director of Place, in consultation with the relevant portfolio holders, and that this should include the requirement for additional wording regarding the Council's approach to village clusters.

RESOLVED

To approve

1. the proposed contents of the draft GNLP for public consultation, with finalisation of the draft, including minor factual or typographical changes, to be delegated to the Director of Place, in consultation with the relevant portfolio holders;
2. the proposed engagement process for the consultation; and
3. the revised timetable for the production of the Local Plan and consequent amendments to the Council's Local Development Scheme (LDS).

The Reason for the Decision

To meet the Council's legislative duty, as a Planning Authority.

Other Options Considered

None.

2766 CABINET CORE AGENDA

Members noted the latest version of the Cabinet Core Agenda.

2767 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED: To exclude the public and press from the meeting under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act (as amended)

2768 HETHERSETT NORTH LAND OPTION

Members considered the *exempt* report of the Major Projects Team Leader, regarding the options to purchase land on the Hethersett North development.

After discussion (as set out in the exempt minute), it was

RESOLVED: To agree the recommendations as set out in paragraph 8 of the report, the final details of the transaction, to be delegated to the Director of Place, in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder.

The Reason for the Decision

To maximise the opportunities to secure additional affordable housing.

Other Options Considered

As set out in the report.

2769 EXEMPT MINUTE

The exempt minute regarding the Waste Services Review, considered at the Cabinet meeting held 9 December 2019, was confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(The meeting concluded at 9.55 am)

Chairman