



MEETING OF THE CABINET
7 APRIL 2014 - 11.00 AM – 11.15 AM

PRESENT:

**Councillor Mrs Frances Cartwright
Councillor John Smith
Councillor Mike Taylor
Councillor Teri Bryant
Councillor Bob Adams**

Councillor Mrs. Linda Neal - Chairman

**Chief Executive (Beverly Agass)
Strategic Director Community & Environment
(Tracey Blackwell)
Operations Director (Ian Yates)
Head of Finance/Deputy 151 Officer (Richard Wyles)
Head of Development & Growth (Paul Thomas)
Planning Policy & Partnerships Service Manager
(Karen Sinclair)
Planning Policy & Partnerships Planning Officer
(Margaret Parr)
Environmental Health Team Leader (Anne-Marie Coulthard)
Solicitor – Legal & Democratic Services Team Leader
(Paul Rushworth)
Cabinet Support Officer (Lucy Bonshor)**

CO1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Paul Carpenter.

CO2. MINUTES

The decisions from the meeting held on 10th March 2014 were confirmed as a correct record.

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CO3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (IF ANY)

None disclosed.

CO4. *CLEAN, GREEN & HEALTHY STRATEGY

Decision:

That the adoption of the Clean, Green and Healthy Strategy is approved by Cabinet.

Considerations/reasons for decision

- 1) Report ENV598 from the Operations Director.
- 2) The strategy sets out the Council's strategic approach to deliver against the Council's corporate priority to create the environment to keep South Kesteven clean, green and healthy.
- 3) Consultations were carried out with residents and the Communities PDG on the development of the strategy.
- 4) Lincolnshire County Council Public Health was also contacted due to the strong relationship between where people live and their wellbeing and District Council's strategy has links to the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Lincolnshire.
- 5) The Clean, Green and Healthy Strategy contained four key themes with associated action plans:
 - Active and Healthy Lifestyles
 - Healthy Homes
 - Clean and Safe Neighbourhoods
 - Protecting the Environment for the Future
- 6) Comments made by Members at the meeting concerning obesity figures, Inspire+, which was a charity working with schools to encourage activity and healthy eating to tackle obesity and the work undertaken by officers in putting the strategy together.
- 7) Comments made by the Chief Executive that the statistics shown on page 3 would be updated with the latest data before publication.

Other Options considered

None – A strategy is needed to inform the delivery of this priority area of work.

CO5. ADOPTION OF SITE ALLOCATION AND POLICIES DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT (SAP DPD)

Decision:

Cabinet recommends to Council the adoption of:

- a) **the Site Allocation and Policies Development Plan Document as amended in accordance with the Main Modifications recommended by the Inspector in Appendix A to his report dated 27th February 2014 (Appendix 1 to report PLA1037) and the minor modifications set out in Appendix 2 to report PLA1037.**
- b) **the Policies Map as revised and updated to show the consequential changes that result from the adoption of the Site Allocations and Policies DPD.**

Considerations/reasons for decision:

- 1) Report PLA1037 from the Planning Policy and Partnerships Service Manager.
- 2) On 8th September 2011 the Council approved the publication of the Site Allocations and Policies Development Plan Document (SAP DPD) for a six week period to seek representations on it.
- 3) On 12th January 2012 the SAP DPD together with the representations received were submitted to the Secretary of State for examination.
- 4) An independent Planning Inspector was appointed by the Secretary of State to conduct the examination process. Hearing sessions were held between 6th and 16th October 2012 and further sessions held between 9th and 12th December 2013.
- 5) On the advice of the Inspector, the Council published two sets of proposed modifications to the Plan which were each subject to six weeks consultation. The Main Modifications published were agreed with the Grow the Economy Portfolio Holder in accordance with the resolution passed at Council on 8th September 2011 (minute 33). Representations received during the consultation period were taken in to account by the Inspector in finalising his report and recommendations.
- 6) The first set of Main Modifications related to changes to the Plan to respond to issues raised by the Inspector in exploratory meetings (concerning village and site selection) and as a consequence of the publication of the NPPF in March 2012.
- 7) The second set of Main Modifications published in July 2013 occurred from a reassessment of the Plan's Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SA/SEA), which had been undertaken following case law issues which had emerged at the end of November 2012 hearing sessions. Modifications from discussions at these hearing sessions were also proposed.
- 8) The Inspector's Report and recommended Main Modifications reflect the Main Modifications published and consulted on during the examination process.
- 9) The Inspector concluded that in preparing the plan the Council had complied with the duty to co-operate and, subject to the Main Modifications being made the SAP DPD was legally compliant and met the criteria for soundness in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). It had been positively prepared and was justified, effective and consistent with national policy.

- 10) Issues considered by the Inspector included the following:
 - a duty to co-operate
 - methodology for identifying appropriate locations and sites for development
 - phasing of delivery of housing
 - choice of LSCs to receive development allocations and choice of allocated sites in and around settlements
 - minor modifications
 - policies map (it is a legal requirement that the Policies Map is updated at the same time as a DPD is adopted).
- 11) The adoption of the SAP DPD will make it part of the statutory Development Plan for the District together with the Core Strategy and will be the starting point for the determination of planning applications.
- 12) Comments made Members at the meeting thanking the officers for all the work that had gone into the document and the reassurance that the document was sound.

Other Options Considered

Do not adopt the Site Allocation and Policies DPD. The Council could choose not to adopt the plan; however given the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, a decision not to adopt would leave the Council with reduced local policy control over development sites and the determination of certain planning applications. The SAP DPD has been prepared over several years and has also been through a number of states of consultation. There is, therefore, a reasonable expectation by residents, community groups and stakeholders involved in its preparation that the plan will be adopted.

DATE DECISIONS EFFECTIVE:

Decision CO4 as made on 7th April 2014 can be implemented on Wednesday 16th April 2014, unless subject to call-in by the Scrutiny Committee Chairman or any five members of the Council from any political group.

Decision CO5 stands referred to Council on 17th April 2014.

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