

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

Meeting of the Cabinet held in the Council Chamber, District Council Offices,
Letchworth Garden City
on Monday, 10th December, 2018 at 3.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Lynda Needham (Chairman), Julian Cunningham (Vice-Chairman), David Levett, Bernard Lovewell and Michael Weeks

IN ATTENDANCE: Jeanette Thompson (Service Director - Legal and Community), Ian Fullstone (Service Director - Regulatory), Louise Symes (Strategic Planning and Projects Manager), Helen Leitch (Landscape and Urban Designer), Nigel Smith (Strategic Planning Manager), Melanie Stimpson (Democratic Services Manager) and Hilary Dineen (Committee, Member and Scrutiny Manager)

64 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Audio Recording – Start time of item – 28 seconds

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Tony Hunter and David Barnard.

65 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

Audio Recording – Start time of item – 40 seconds

There was no other business notified.

66 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Audio Recording – Start time of item – 50 seconds

- (1) The Chairman announced that Members of the public and the press may use their devices to film/photograph, or do a sound recording of the meeting, but asked them to not use flash and to disable any beeps or other sound notifications that emitted from their devices. In addition, the Chairman had arranged for the sound of the meeting to be recorded;
- (2) The Chairman reminded Members that, in line with the Code of Conduct, any Declarations of Interest needed to be declared immediately prior to the item in question.

At the invitation of the Chairman, the Service Director Legal and Community/Monitoring Officer advised that the following Members had been granted dispensations and the reasons for the dispensations and where therefore permitted to take part in the debate, vote upon the item as well as any consequential matters in relation to the item of business until the Council considered the matter in 2019:

Councillors Needham, Levett, Barnard and Hunter

- (3) The Chairman asked that, for the benefit of any members of the public present at the meeting, Officers announced their name and their designation to the meeting when invited to speak.

67 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Audio Recording – Start time of item – 4 minutes 42 seconds

There was no public participation at the meeting.

68 ITEMS REFERRED FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

Audio Recording – Start time of item – 4 minutes 48 seconds

There were no matters referred from other Committees.

69 LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION AND MAIN MODIFICATIONS CONSULTATION

Audio Recording – Start time of time – 4 minutes 58 seconds

The Executive Member for Planning, Enterprise and Transport presented a report to inform Members of the progress with the examination of the new Local Plan and to seek approval to conduct a consultation upon the Inspector's proposed Main Modifications to the Plan and documentation produced under delegated authority.

Councillor Levett provided the background to the development of the Local Plan, along with reference to the volume of consultation responses received to the Proposed Submission Local Plan, through to the examination hearings. Having provided a comprehensive summary of the Main Modifications the following Members asked a number of questions:

Councillors Needham, Cunningham, Weeks and Lovell.

These were responded to by Councillor Levett, the Strategic Planning Manager and Strategic Infrastructure and Projects Manager.

Having fully debated the matter, the Cabinet

RESOLVED:

- i. That overall progress since Full Council's decision of 11 April 2017 to approve the submission of the new Local Plan for North Hertfordshire (together with other associated documentation) for examination by the Secretary of State is noted.
- ii. That the range of additional documentation produced for the Examination to date under the delegated powers granted by Full Council on 11 April 2017 and listed in Appendix B is noted and endorsed.
- iii. That approval be granted to conduct a six-week consultation on the Inspector's proposed Main Modifications to the Plan attached as Appendix C, to include consultation on the associated sustainability appraisal (Appendix D) as well as relevant additional documentation endorsed under Recommendation (ii).
- iv. That Officers continue to regularly update Members on the progress of the Examination, including any outcomes from the Main Modifications consultation, through the Strategic Planning Matters reports which are submitted to Cabinet.

REASON FOR DECISION:

To ensure that North Hertfordshire continues to progress a new Local Plan for management of development in the District.

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The meeting closed at 3.54 pm

Chairman