

A meeting of the **CABINET** will be held in **THE CIVIC SUITE 0.1A, PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON, PE29 3TN** on **THURSDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2012** at **6:00 PM** and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

APOLOGIES


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5. ROLL FORWARD OF CORE STRATEGY - LOCAL PLAN PROJECT PLAN (Pages 1 - 2)

To consider a report by the Head of Planning Services seeking approval for the new Local Development Scheme.

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Dated this 10 day of February 2012



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Notes

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 - (a) *the well-being, financial position, employment or business of the Councillor, their family or any person with whom they had a close association;*
 - (b) *a body employing those persons, any firm in which they are a partner and any company of which they are directors;*
 - (c) *any corporate body in which those persons have a beneficial interest in a class of securities exceeding the nominal value of £25,000; or*
 - (d) *the Councillor's registerable financial and other interests.*
2. *A personal interest becomes a prejudicial interest where a member of the public (who has knowledge of the circumstances) would reasonably regard the Member's personal interest as being so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Councillor's judgement of the public interest.*

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any decision taken by the Cabinet.

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CABINET

16TH FEBRUARY 2012

ROLL FORWARD OF THE CORE STRATEGY – LOCAL PLAN PROJECT PLAN (Report by the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being))

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 At its meeting held on 9th February 2012, the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being) considered a report by the Head of Planning Services on the proposed scope, coverage and production timetable of the new Local Plan. The following paragraphs contain a summary of the Panel's discussions.

2. THE PANEL'S DISCUSSIONS

- 2.1 The process leading to the adoption of the new Local Plan will require significant levels of additional resources. Members have acknowledged that although the Council's Development Plans Team will take the lead in preparing all development plan documents, monitoring reports and the statement of community involvement, specialist consultants will be required for certain aspects of Plan production, which will prove costly. There is already provision in the budget for this purpose.
- 2.2 Having noted that the Plan should be "prepared based on a strategy which seeks to meet objectively assessed development and infrastructure requirements", the Panel has reiterated its concerns regarding the Council's lack of influence over the implementation of infrastructure works.
- 2.3 The Panel is conscious of the difficulties that the Planning service will face while the new Plan is developed owing to the uncertain policy position that will exist, particularly as the Government has not finalised its position on planning. There is, therefore, a need to complete the process expeditiously but Members are concerned that the Council's partners will not be able to complete the work required of them sufficiently quickly to enable the timetable in the Local Development Scheme to be met.
- 2.4 Members have been advised that contingency plans have been developed in relation to travellers' sites and wind farms that will be used until the necessary policies have been adopted.
- 2.5 The Panel has suggested that arrangements should be made to inform Members of the provisions of the new Local Plan. There will be an opportunity to discuss it at the next full Council meeting and a seminar is planned for all Members and Town and Parish Councils.
- 2.6 With the exception of Councillor C R Hyams who abstained from voting, the Panel has supported the recommendation in the report by the Head of Planning Services.

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1 The Cabinet is invited to take into consideration the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being) as set out above when considering this item.

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Background documents – Reports and Minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being) held on 9th February 2012.