

Dear Councillor

CABINET - THURSDAY, 22 JUNE 2017

I am now able to enclose for consideration at the above meeting the following reports that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

**Agenda Item
No.**

3. HUNTINGDONSHIRE LOCAL PLAN TO 2036 QUARTERLY UPDATE / APPROVAL FOR CONSULTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING UPDATE (Pages 3 - 4)

To consider a report by the Planning Service Manager seeking endorsement of the proposed approach to the development of the Local Plan to 2036 and its approval for consultation.

(A copy of the Consultation Draft 2017 – Appendix 1, has been circulated separately to the Agenda and is available on the Council's website.)

4. HUNTINGDONSHIRE HOUSING STRATEGY 2017 - 2020 (Pages 5 - 6)

To consider a report by the Housing Strategy Manager seeking adoption of the Housing Strategy 2017-20 and Housing Strategy Action Plan 2017-18.

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COMMENTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (ECONOMY AND GROWTH) – 20th June 2017

HUNTINGDONSHIRE LOCAL PLAN TO 2036 – APPROVAL FOR CONSULTATION

The Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Performance and Customers) was presented the Huntingdonshire Local Plan To 2036, the Local Plan Quarterly Update and the Infrastructure Planning Update at their meeting on 20th June 2017.

The Panel expressed approval with the approach taken in regards to the consultation. Members are pleased that the consultation will last two weeks longer than usual to account for the summer.

Concern was expressed that without Wyton there would not be enough sites coming forward however it was explained that there will be enough housing supplied with the existing sites that have been identified.

The Panel recommends that the Cabinet endorses the proposed approach and approves for consultation the Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036, Consultation Draft 2017 and accompanying Sustainability Appraisal and a Housing and Economy Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) June 2017 and issues a call for sites.

Members would also like the Cabinet to encourage Members to champion the Local Plan and ask Members to encourage Parish and Town Councils to get involved in the consultation.

For the avoidance of doubt a number of stages of the Local Plan have been completed. Within these stages, assessment of individual sites submitted to the Council as possible allocations has been completed, including at the following points:

Dates	Local Plan stage	Assessment of sites
February to June 2012	Stage 1: Scoping and Initial Issues and Options	N/A
August to November 2012	Stage 2: Strategy and Policy Consultation	Draft Huntingdonshire Environmental Capacity Study
May to July 2013 November to December 2013	Stage 3: Draft Local Plan	Huntingdonshire Environmental Capacity Study Huntingdonshire Environmental Capacity Study: Additional Site Assessments
January to March 2015 September to November 2016	Stage 4: Targeted Consultation	Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment: Additional Sites Consultation 2016

The additional sites now assessed, over and above those assessed in previous stages of the Local Plan are:

- East of Romans' Edge (Bearscroft part 2, submitted on the HELAA last year)
- Main Street, Yaxley (came in following an enquiry earlier this years)
- South of Gidding Road, Sawtry (reflects recent permission)
- Extension to West of Station Road, Warboys (reflects recent permission)

COMMENTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (ECONOMY AND GROWTH) – 20th June 2017

HUNTINGDONSHIRE HOUSING STRATEGY 2017-2020

The Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Performance and Customers) was presented the Huntingdonshire Housing Strategy 2017-2020 and the Housing Strategy Action Plan 2017-18 at their meeting on 20th June 2017.

Concern was expressed that the stated housing trajectory seemed fictitious however the Executive Councillor for Housing and Regulatory Services is confident that the amount of housing completions can be delivered. Members were informed that the housing trajectory graph comes from the annual monitoring report in which developers told the Council how many sites they are intending to build out.

A discussion ensued regarding Rural Exception Sites and the promotion of them. The Panel were informed that whilst in the Action Plan, the Council are providing a myth busting tour and a half day workshop to raise awareness, Members were told that they are best placed to advocate rural exception sites to their Parish Councils and the wider community.

A Member raised a concern that there are not the resources for priorities seven to twelve however clarification was given that it is not the case that resources are not available but rather the results don't warrant the resource.

The Panel endorsed the Housing Strategy 2017-20 and the Housing Strategy Action Plan 2017-18 and recommend to Cabinet that it be adopted.

In addition the Panel would like the Housing Strategy and the Action Plan to return to a future Panel meeting to assess whether the Council are meeting the targets set out.

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