

## Key Decision Details

**Decision Name** The Contribution of Local Agriculture to the Environment and Economy in the context of planning policies

**Date of Decision** 22 November 2012

**Decision maker** Cabinet

**Describe the Decision taken**

Agreed that the need for community led growth in rural villages to contribute towards their sustainability be considered within the new Local Plan; requested that definition of green field and brown field sites be constantly applied; agreed to include in the new Local Plan reference to the National Planning Policy Framework's principles relating to the rural economy and agricultural land and requested that further investigations be undertaken into the Council's procedure for analysing and dealing with applications where agriculture is a factor and a report on the outcome submitted to the Development Management Panel.

**What were the reasons for taking the Decision?**

A Working Group was established by the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well Being) to undertake a study on the contribution of agriculture to the environment and economy, their report was then submitted to the Cabinet.

**What alternative options were considered and rejected?**

None

**Conflict of interest and dispensation**

None

**Is the decision a Key Decision?**

Yes

**Was the decision included in the Forward**

No

**Plan**

**Was the decision  
subject to the urgency  
proceedings?** No

**List the background  
papers to any report  
considered by the  
Decision Taker**

**Person Making this  
report** Mrs Helen Taylor

**Date upon which the  
Decision will come into  
force, subject to no  
call-in** 30 November 2012

**Accompanying  
Documents** notes of the land use for agricultural  
purposes in the context of planning  
policies working group  
why farming matter in the fens NFU  
online  
National planning policy framework  
os env ag policy interim report