

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the CABINET held in the Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon, PE29 3TN on Thursday, 16 May 2013.

PRESENT: Councillor J D Ablewhite – Chairman.

Councillors B S Chapman, J A Gray,
N J Guyatt, R B Howe, T D Sanderson and
D M Tysoe.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 18th April 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations were received.

3. APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS

RESOLVED

- (a) that executive responsibilities for the Municipal Year 2013/14 be allocated as follows:-

Strategic & Delivery Partnerships	Councillor J D Ablewhite
Strategic Planning & Housing	Councillor N J Guyatt
Healthy and Active Communities	Councillor R Howe
Environment	Councillor D M Tysoe
Resources	Councillor J A Gray
Customer Services	Councillor B S Chapman
Strategic Economic Development & Legal	Councillor T D Sanderson

- (b) that the Executive Leader of the Council be appointed to serve as an ex-officio Member of the Employment Panel; and
- (c) that Executive Councillors be appointed to serve as ex officio Members of the Panels as follows:

Executive Councillor for Strategic Planning and Housing	Development Management Panel
Executive Councillor for Healthy and Active Communities	Licensing and Protection Panel/ Licensing Committee.

4. HINCHINGBROOKE COUNTRY PARK JOINT GROUP

RESOLVED

that Councillors M G Baker, Mrs M Banerjee, R Howe and R J West be appointed to serve on the Hinchingsbrooke Country Park Joint Group for the ensuing Municipal Year.

5. DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICY ADVISORY GROUP

RESOLVED

that Councillors P L E Bucknell, W T Clough, D B Dew, N J Guyatt, Mrs P Longford and A Williams be appointed to serve on the Development Plan Policy Advisory Group for the ensuing Municipal Year.

6. MEMBER DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP

RESOLVED

that Councillors M G Baker, S Cawley, N J Guyatt, A Hansard, P Kadewere, P Reeve and R G Tuplin be appointed to serve on the Member Development Group for the ensuing Municipal Year.

7. SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP

RESOLVED

- (a) that Councillors Mrs B Boddington, J W Davies, A Hansard, Mrs P A Jordan and T V Rogers be appointed to serve on the Safety Advisory Group for the ensuing Municipal Year; and
- (b) that the Managing Director be requested to review the Panel's remit and membership.

8. ONE LEISURE HUNTINGDON SPORTS CENTRE JOINT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

that Councillors S Cawley, R Howe and T D Sanderson be appointed to serve on the One Leisure Huntingdon Sports Centre Joint Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year.

9. HUNTINGDONSHIRE LOCAL PLAN TO 2036 STAGE 3 DRAFT LOCAL PLAN, CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

Further to Minute No 12/23 and by way of a report by the Assistant Director, Environment, Growth and Planning the Cabinet were acquainted with the content of the draft Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036, together with an initial Sustainability Appraisal (copies of both

documents are appended in the Minute Book).

The Executive Councillor for Strategic Planning and Housing reported that since the first anniversary of the National Planning Policy Framework, the current Development Management Plan Document cannot be afforded significant weight in the Development Management process. As such, Councillor Guyatt indicated that the Development Management Development Plan Document (DPD) should cease to be used in the consideration of planning applications. Instead, the policies in the emerging Draft Local Plan should now be used as it would give more substance to the plan preparation process.

Having regard to the key stages and timescales for the Plan's consultation and engagement process, Members noted that a consultation leaflet would be delivered to all households in the district. Residents would be able to become involved by various methods including a consultation website or in one of the eight public "drop in" sessions being held across the district. Having stressed the importance of engaging local residents in the plan making process, the Cabinet

RESOLVED

- (a) that the use of the emerging Draft Local Plan policies for development management purposes, to supersede the previous Development Management DPD be endorsed;
- (b) that the progress made to date on preparing the new Local Plan and the anticipated next steps in the consultation and plan making process be noted; and
- (c) that Officers be authorised to proceed to Stage 3 Draft Local Plan non statutory consultation stage, using appropriate consultation material the exact content of which to be agreed by the Assistant Director (Environment, Growth and Planning) after consultation with the Executive Councillor for Strategic Planning and Housing.

Chairman