CABINET

Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet of South Norfolk District Council held at South Norfolk House, Long Stratton on Monday 9 January 2017 at 9.00 a.m.

Members Present:

Cabinet: Councillors J Fuller (Chairman), M Edney, L Hornby, C Hudson and K Mason Billig

Apologies: Councillor Y Bendle

Non-Appointed: Councillors V Bell, D Bills, L Dale, C Foulger, N Legg and T Lewis

Officers in Attendance: The Chief Executive (S Dinneen), the Director of Business Development (D Lorimer), the Director of Growth and Localism (T Horspole), the Head of Environmental Services (B Wade), the Head of Finance and Human Resources (P Catchpole), and the Planning Policy Manager (A Nicholls)

2511 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5 December 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Cllr J Fuller was sorry to report the death of Graham Hemming MBE, former County Councillor representing the Henstead ward.

Members considered the report of the Head of Environmental Services, which presented Cabinet with a proposed Community Assets Strategy for approval.

Cllr K Mason Billig explained that the Strategy set out proposals for the future management of assets, stressing that a more sustainable approach was required for the future. She reminded members that a draft of the Strategy had been considered by Cabinet back in October 2016, and that the document had now been subject to two public consultations.

The Head of Environmental Services referred to the consultation results at Appendix 1 of the report, and explained that the comments received did not result in any significant material changes to the Strategy. He drew particular attention to the proposal to no longer adopt any assets as part of the development management process, from 1 April 2017.

Cllr C Hudson encouraged town and parish councils to adopt assets and open spaces where possible. He did accept that this was not always appropriate, and explained that the appointment of a management company was the next best course of action. He
advised that management companies had already been appointed to manage some assets and open spaces in Costessey and Wymondham.

During discussion, Cllr V Bell explained that there had been some communication issues in Costessey, with management companies that were not locally based, and warned that because of such issues, residents tended to go to the Town or District Councils with problems. She suggested that a commuted sum from developers to town or parish councils was preferable. Cllr T Lewis reminded members that not all assets were above ground, such as drainage systems and tanks, and he made reference to a Norfolk Homes Development in Trowse.

Cllr K Billig was grateful to members for raising potential problems, and accepted that not all developments would be equal. She stressed the importance of detailed discussions with developers at an early stage, to ensure clarity, and to ensure that robust arrangements were in place.

Cabinet supported the Strategy in principle, however, the Chairman suggested that there was a need to provide a stronger steer to both developers and management companies, regarding future roles and responsibilities, clearly setting out the expectations of the Council. It was agreed that the appropriate vehicle for this guidance, was the Open Space Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), which was due for adoption in March 2017. It was further agreed that the implementation of the Strategy, should be delayed until the Open space SPD had been formally adopted.

The Decision

RESOLVED: 1. To approve the content of the proposed Community Assets Strategy;
2. That the Strategy be implemented in conjunction with the adoption of the Open Space Supplementary Planning Document.

The Reasons for the Decision

To ensure a more sustainable approach to the management of assets
Other Options Considered

Not to adopt the Strategy

2515 GREATER NORWICH LOCAL PLAN: SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL SCOPING REPORT

The Subject of the Decision

Members considered the report of the Planning Policy Manager, which sought Cabinet approval for amendments to the Greater Norwich Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Scoping Report, made following consultation comments received on the Draft Scoping Report in 2016.

The Planning Policy Manager outlined his report, reminding members that the SA document itself could not make policy, but was there to help guide policy choices.

Attention was drawn to Appendix 2 of the report, which detailed the representations made as part of the consultation process. Brief discussion followed regarding air quality, and the Chairman suggested that future technologies were likely to resolve issues around air pollution, and that these issues should not be given too much weight, restricting future plans.

The Decision

RESOLVED: To agree the proposed amendments to the Greater Norwich Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report, (as outlined at Appendix 3), and to use this as a basis for appraising policy options and choices in the Greater Norwich Local Plan.

The Reasons for the Decision

The proposed amendments appropriately reflect the significance and relevance of the representations made.
Other Options Considered

None

2516 GREATER NORWICH JOINT FIVE YEAR INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PLAN 2017-18 TO 2021-22

Members noted that this item was deferred to a future meeting of the Cabinet.

2517 CABINET CORE AGENDA

Member noted the latest version of the Cabinet Core Agenda.

(The meeting concluded at 9.49 a.m.)

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Chairman