

# Minutes

## OF A MEETING OF THE

# Cabinet



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**HELD ON TUESDAY 14 AUGUST 2018 AT 9.00 AM**

**MEETING ROOM 1, 135 EASTERN AVENUE, MILTON PARK, OX14 4SB**

### **Present:**

Cabinet members: Councillors Jane Murphy (Chairman), Felix Bloomfield, Kevin Bulmer, David Dodds, Paul Harrison, Lynn Lloyd and Bill Service.

Officers: Pat Connell, Matthew Gaskin, Liz Hayden, Suzanne Malcolm, Adrianna Partridge, Donna Pentilow, Ian Price and Mark Stone.

### **21 Apologies for absence**

Apologies of absence were received from Councillor Caroline Newton.

### **22 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interest**

None.

### **23 Urgent business and chairman's announcements**

None.

### **24 Public participation**

No members of the public had registered to speak in relation to items on the agenda.

### **25 Benson Neighbourhood Plan**

Cabinet consider the head of planning's report on the Benson Neighbourhood Development Plan. The report sought Cabinet's recommendation to Council to make the plan part of the council's development plan.

The council's options were limited by statute. It had a duty to make the neighbourhood plan part of the development plan unless the making of the plan would breach, or would otherwise be incompatible with, any EU obligation or any of the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998). Officers reported that the neighbourhood plan was compatible with the current EU obligations and complied with the Habitats Regulation Assessment.

The referendum, held on 28 June 2018, had resulted in 93 per cent support for the neighbourhood plan. Therefore, the Cabinet member for planning recommended that Cabinet supported a recommendation to Council to make the neighbourhood plan part of this council's development plan. Cabinet supported the recommendation.

**RECOMMENDED** to Council on 23 August 2018 to:

- (a) Make the Benson Neighbourhood Development Plan so that it continues to be part of the council's development plan; and
- (b) Authorise the head of planning, in agreement with the Qualifying Body, to correct any spelling, grammatical, typographical or factual errors in the Benson Neighbourhood Development Plan, together with any improvements from a presentational perspective.

## **26 Watlington Neighbourhood Plan**

Cabinet consider the head of planning's report on the Watlington Neighbourhood Development Plan. The report sought Cabinet's recommendation to Council to make the plan part of the council's development plan.

The council's options were limited by statute. It had a duty to make the neighbourhood plan part of the development plan unless the making of the plan would breach, or would otherwise be incompatible with, any EU obligation or any of the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998). Officers reported that the neighbourhood plan was compatible with the current EU obligations and complied with the Habitats Regulation Assessment.

The referendum, held on 28 June 2018, had resulted in 80 per cent support for the neighbourhood plan. Therefore, the Cabinet member for planning recommended that Cabinet supported a recommendation to Council to make the neighbourhood plan part of this council's development plan. Cabinet supported the recommendation.

**RECOMMENDED** to Council on 23 August 2018 to:

- (a) Make the Watlington Neighbourhood Development Plan so that it continues to be part of the council's development plan; and
- (b) Authorise the head of planning, in agreement with the Qualifying Body, to correct any spelling, grammatical, typographical or factual errors in the Watlington Neighbourhood Development Plan, together with any improvements from a presentational perspective.

The meeting closed at 9.04 am

Chairman

Date