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Minutes

OF A MEETING OF THE

Cabinet

HELD ON FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER 2019 AT 9.30 AM

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

Present:

Cabinet members: Councillors Sue Cooper (Chair), Pieter-Paul Barker, Robin Bennett, Maggie Filipova-Rivers, Andrea Powell, Leigh Rawlins and David Rouane

Officers: Lucy Billen, Jayne Bolton, Steven Corrigan, Margaret Reed and Mark Stone

Apologies:

David Turner tendered apologies.

Also present: Elizabeth Gillespie

32 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interest

None

33 Urgent business and chairman's announcements

None

34 Public participation

No members of the public had registered to address Cabinet.

35 Housing delivery

Cabinet considered the head of development and regeneration's report on housing delivery and ways the council can put in place a new approach to council intervention to bring forward a wide range of housing delivery in South Oxfordshire.

Cabinet supported the proposals as a means of developing a new approach to the delivery of housing to tackle the issue of genuine affordability, the development of greener communities with the right quality and type of housing in the right location and to support

the council's goals to reduce climate change and make a contribution to the council's long term financial position.

In response to questions officers confirmed that S106 monies provided a potential source of funding to subsidise the delivery of affordable housing, that any financial return would have to justify the risk and that the council could potentially have an approach for the delivery of more affordable housing operational within a year. The council would seek to identify sites to bring forward for development.

Views were expressed that the council should explore working with other public agencies, including the health service, to identify potential sites for collaboration.

RESOLVED to:

1. request officers to undertake an exploratory study and prepare a report to recommend suitable options for proactive action by the council to bring forward a wider range of housing in South Oxfordshire;
2. ask officers to consider, as part of this report, what options exist to prioritise Berinsfield as a location to pilot any new approach to housing delivery in the district; and
3. ask officers to identify whether the housing market conditions across South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Council are such that the option of a joint solution and approach would be beneficial.

The meeting closed at 9.55am

Chairman

Date