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SUPPLEMENT TO EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL AGENDA 15 OCTOBER 2024

3. CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP (Pages 3 - 7)

To consider and approve the revised committee membership (this report will follow as a supplement)

4. CABINET REFERRALS (Pages 8 - 10)

To consider the following referrals from Cabinet:

4.1 Local Plan

Agenda Item 3

MEMBERSHIP OF THE CABINET, OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEES, REGULATORY COMMITTEES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE 2023-2027 (REVISED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024)

CABINET

Cabinet Portfolio Holder	Liberal Democrats
Leader of the Council	Adrian England
Place	Adrian England
Housing & Property Services & Deputy Leader	Simy Dhyani
Corporate & Commercial Services	William Allen
Neighbourhood Operations	Robin Bromham
Transformation (People & Climate and Ecological Emergency)	Caroline Smith-Wright

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY (14 members = 5:5:1:3)

Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Labour
Garrick Stevens	Julie Banks	Barbara Pesch (Vice Chair)
David Deacon	Edward Barradell	
Carrie Link	Gbola Adeleke	
Cathy McAreyve (Chair)	Alan Johnson	Independent
Vacancy	Belinda Williams	Sammy Barry-Mears
		Jan Maddern
		Victoria Santamaria

FINANCE AND RESOURCES (14 members = 5:5:1:3)

Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Labour
Rick Freedman (Chair)	Graeme Elliot (Vice Chair)	Goverdhan Silwal
David Deacon	Andrew Williams	
Jonathan Gale	Heather Pound	
Paul Reynolds	Gbola Adeleke	Independent
Garrick Stevens	Fiona Guest	Victoria Santamaria
		Michela Capozzi
		Carole Weston

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (14 members = 5:5:1:3)

Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Labour
David Deacon (Vice-Chair)	Alan Anderson (Chair)	Angela Mitchell
Jonathan Gale	Stewart Riddick	
Brian Patterson	Jane Timmis	
Garrick Stevens	Philip Walker	Independent
Vacancy	Colette Wyatt-Lowe	Claire Hobson
		Victoria Santamaria
		Lara Pringle

HEALTH AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE (12 members = 4:4:1:3)

Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Labour
Cathy McAreyve (Chair)	Alex Bhinder	Pete Hannell
Caroline Smith-Wright (Vice-Chair)	Graeme Elliot	
Carrie Link	Heather Pound	
Brian Patterson	Belinda Williams	Independent
		Jan Maddern
		Lara Pringle
		Carole Weston

AUDIT COMMITTEE (6 members = 2:2:1:1)

Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Labour
Robert Stewart (Chair)	Graeme Elliot	Goverdhan Silwal
Rick Freedman (Vice-Chair)	Terry Douris	
		Independent
		Michela Capozzi

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (14 members = 5:5:1:3)

Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Labour
Garrick Stevens (Chair)	Fiona Guest (Vice Chair)	Angela Mitchell
Brian Patterson	Nigel Durrant	
Ian Bristow	Philip Walker	
Caroline Smith-Wright	Stewart Riddick	Independent
David Deacon	Colette Wyatt-Lowe	Jan Maddern
		Claire Hobson
		Toni Cox

APPEALS AND REVIEWS COMMITTEE**APPEALS (8 members = 3:3:1:1)**

Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Labour
Jonathan Gale (Chair)	Edward Barradell	Angela Mitchell
Nigel Taylor	Gbola Adeleke	
Cathy McArevey	Belinda Williams	
		Independent
		Carole Weston

**LICENSING AND HEALTH AND SAFETY ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
(12 members = 4:4:1:3)**

Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Labour
Jonathon Gale (Chair)	Alex Bhinder	Barbara Pesch
Ian Bristow (Vice Chair)	Nigel Durrant	
Paul Reynolds	Alan Johnson	
David Deacon	Andrew Williams	Independent
		Carole Weston
		Toni Cox
		Victoria Santamaria

LICENSING AND HEALTH AND SAFETY ENFORCEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE**(6 members = 2:2:1:1)**

Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Labour
Jonathon Gale (Chair)	Alan Johnson	Barbara Pesch
David Deacon (Vice Chair)	Alex Bhinder	
		Independent
		Carole Weston

LICENSING OF ALCOHOL & GAMBLING SUB-COMMITTEE (3 members = 1:1:0:1)

This Committee consists of a Panel of 3 Members who are picked from the Members of the Licensing and Health and Safety Enforcement Committee. Only Members who have had training on the Licensing of Alcohol & Gambling Sub-Committee can sit on this Panel.

Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Labour
Jonathon Gale	Alex Bhinder	
		Independent
		Carole Weston

STANDARDS COMMITTEE (5 members = 2:2:0:1)

Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Labour
Jonathan Gale (Chair)	Alan Anderson	
Cathy McAreyvey (Vice-Chair)	Graeme Elliot	
		Independent
		Claire Hobson

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (5 members = 2:2:0:1)

Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Labour
Adrian England	Graeme Elliot	
Nigel Taylor	Andrew Williams	
		Independent
		Ron Tindall

ELECTORAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (6 members = 2:2:1:1)

Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Labour
Garrick Stevens (Chair)	Alan Anderson	Pete Hannell
Nigel Taylor	Andrew Williams	
		Independent
		Lara Pringle

OTHERS

JNC (JOINT NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE) (4 members = 2:1:0:1)

Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Labour
Nigel Taylor	Terry Douris	
Adrian England	Andrew Williams	
		Independent
		Ron Tindall

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT STEERING GROUP (6 members = 2:2:1:1)

Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Labour
Garrick Stevens (Chair)	Julie Banks	Angela Mitchell
Nigel Taylor	Terry Douris	
		Independent
		Toni Cox

Item 4 – Cabinet referrals

4.1 CA/91/24 THE LOCAL PLAN

14th October 2024

Decision

Cabinet resolved to recommend to Council:

1. That the new Dacorum Local Plan to 2041 Pre-Submission Version (Appendix 1), Proposed Submission Policies Map Publication Version (Appendix 2) and supporting documents be made available for a six-week publication period under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012;
2. Following the six-week period as referred to in recommendation (1) above, to authorise the Strategic Director for Place, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to submit the Dacorum Local Plan to 2041 Pre-Submission Version and all associated documents, together with a Statement including how the responses from previous consultations have been taken into account and a summary of the main issues raised in the publication stage responses, to the Secretary of State for independent examination under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012;
3. To authorise the Strategic Director for Place, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make non-material changes and corrections to the Dacorum Local Plan to 2041 and supporting documents, to address editorial, typographical and grammatical errors, up to the close of consultation period;
4. To authorise the Strategic Director for Place, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to propose changes and corrections to the Dacorum Local Plan to 2041 and supporting documents, including policy updates, editorial, typographical and grammatical errors, during and following the publicity period, plan submission and during examination;
5. To authorise the Strategic Director for Place, once the Dacorum Local Plan to 2041 has been submitted for examination, to invite the examining Inspector(s) to recommend any modifications they consider to be necessary in accordance with section 20(7C) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004; and
6. To approve the new Local Development Scheme (October 2024), attached at Appendix 3

Corporate Priorities

A clean, safe and enjoyable environment
Building strong and vibrant communities
Ensuring economic growth and prosperity
Providing good quality affordable homes, in particular for those most in need
Ensuring efficient, effective and modern service delivery
Climate and ecological emergency

Statutory Comments

Monitoring Officer:

The statutory procedures to be followed for the Local Plan are set out in the statute and regulations as noted in the report. The report confirms that the required legislative requirements have been followed and therefore the report can proceed to the Regulation 19 stage subject to full Council approval.

S151 Officer:

There is funding set aside as part of the Council's medium term financial planning to finance the proposed timetable and project plan set out to conclude the creation of the Local Plan to 2041. Delays or changes in the delivery of the revised local plan would likely have both direct and indirect financial costs to the Council. The potential for the Council to incur indirect costs by delays to this process are wide ranging and could include costs related to developer planning requests rejections and legal challenges to the Council because of not having a current approved Local Plan.

Advice

Cllr Allen addressed officers, advising he had a couple of questions of his own but also felt there were a couple of strands he would like to raise where he feels the resident's questions hadn't quite been addressed;

1. Regarding grey belt, this has been addressed in terms of specific sites in Berkhamsted but where have we got to in terms of grey belt potential elsewhere in the Borough?
2. The other item is the issue of the feeling in Berkhamsted that they've had things hoisted on them in a way that Tring residents had more warning; so what was the timing and dynamic of these sites coming forward again and Berkhamsted residents having an opportunity to comment on them?
3. Given the sensitive nature of Marshcroft, does not putting Marshcroft into the Local Plan potentially cause more predatory development as nothing in Dacorum is sacred anymore?
4. Cllr Allen observed that on one hand Dacorum is facing the danger of predatory development, on other hand the Borough is saying there is not enough well advanced sites available as alternatives; seem to be two contradictory statements being made. He asked; is there any way to explain how those are being reconciled?

Following a point of clarification being raised (indicating it was not felt the question had been answered), Cllr England addressed officers and reiterated the question submitted by Emma Lelieveld under public participation.

Cllr England addressed officers and asked; we are trying to understand why there are not more sites which are capable of technical qualification and have willing land owners, is that because they do not exist or is it due to the resource we have available to identify these?

Cllr Smith-Wright addressed the committee and expressed she feels that we are being asked to make a decision that very much doesn't feel comfortable. Expressing that she would like to see that the environment is very much kept in mind for future building; for the Council to talk to developers from the word go to ask them to put sustainability and the ecological emergency at the forefront so that any houses that are built will not be a travesty to our towns and villages.

Cllr Dhyani expressed that the Cabinet want to be known as a listening Council; to take on board the feedback of residents as the people that have to live here, we want to ensure we get the right infrastructure alongside the right houses in Dacorum.

Cllr Bromham advised that he would like to push the sustainability of heating of homes and sustainable travel, want us to utilise this plan to put our aspirations forward to achieve actions that will reduce the cost of living and quality of life and pollution etc.

Cllr Bromham asked a point of clarification question regarding the west Berkhamsted sites and accessibility; the high street as we know is already very congested. If sites 2, 3 and 4 in Berkhamsted do not meet that requirement in view of inspectors,

The officer responses to questions raised and the full discussion on this matter can be viewed through the video minutes which can be accessed via the website; [Agenda for Cabinet on Monday, 14th October, 2024, 10.00 am \(dacorum.gov.uk\)](#)

Recommendation agreed.