

MINUTES

CABINET

25 APRIL 2017

Present:

Members:

Councillors: Williams (Leader)
Griffiths (Deputy Leader)
Elliot
Harden
Marshall
G Sutton

Officers: Sally Marshall Chief Executive
James Deane Corporate Director - Finance and Operations
Mark Brookes Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer
Mark Gaynor Corporate Director - Housing & Regeneration
Elliott Brooks Assistant Director - Housing
James Doe Assistant Director - Planning, Development and Regeneration
Jim Doyle Group Manager - Democratic Services
Natasha Brathwaite Group Manager, Strategic Housing

The meeting began at 7.30 pm

CA/36/17 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2017 were agreed by the members present and signed by the Chairman.

CA/37/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

CA/38/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

CA/39/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None received.

CA/40/17 REFERRALS TO CABINET

None received.

CA/41/17 CABINET FORWARD PLAN

That the Cabinet Forward Plan be noted with the following changes:

- Public Space Protection order – Move to July
- Local Plan Review – Move to June
- Dacorum Borough Site Allocations Development Plan – move to June
- Draft Two Waters Masterplan for public consultation – move to June
- Creation of additional units in sheltered housing accommodation – move to June
- New build update for temp accommodation at Garage Sites – add to June

CA/42/17 QUARTER 3 RISK REPORT**Decision**

That the content of the report be noted.

Reason for Decision

To provide the Quarter 3 update on the Strategic Risk Register

Corporate Objectives

Dacorum Delivers – Risk management is an essential part of ensuring that the Council meets all of its objectives

Monitoring Officer/S.151 Officer Comments**Monitoring Officer**

No further comments to add.

Deputy S.151 Officer

This is a Section 151 Officer report.

Advice

Councillor Elliot noted that the Audit Committee saw the report in February and they did not have any areas of concern.

Voting

None

CA/43/17 GROVEHILL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Decision

- 1) That the formal submission be accepted and confirmed legally compliant and submitted for external independent examination.
- 2) That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director (Planning, Development and Regeneration) in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regeneration, to consider the examiner's report, make any amendments that may be identified in the examiner's report and submit the Grovehill Future Neighbourhood Plan to local referendum

Reason for Decision

To acknowledge receipt and acceptance of the formal submission of the Grovehill Future Neighbourhood Plan and obtain approval to progress to external Inspection and Referendum

Corporate Objectives

The Grovehill Future Neighbourhood Plan supports the Council's vision and in particular the corporate objectives of building community capacity, regeneration and affordable housing.

Monitoring Officer/S.151 Officer Comments

Monitoring Officer:

The Council has a duty to support a Neighbourhood Forum in the preparation of a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). This includes providing technical support expertise and resources. The Council is also responsible for arranging an independent Inspection of the NDP and to meet the cost of the Inspection.

If the NDP meets all the necessary criteria it can only come into being if more than 50% of those voting in a referendum vote in favour of it. If the referendum is in favour of the NDP it must be adopted by the Council. The Council is responsible for arranging the referendum which must take place in the Grovehill Neighbourhood Area and this process will be organised by the Election's team

Deputy S.151 Officer

There are no direct immediate financial implications for the council. The project will need to be positively monitored to ensure that it can be contained within the grant anticipated from the CLG.

Any future plans will need to be developed within the normal council financial planning processes and be submitted for consideration as part of the Medium Term Financial planning cycle.

Advice

Councillor Sutton explained that the report was to enable the consultation process to start.

J Doe added that this was the first neighbourhood plan in Dacorum. It had been prepared and submitted to the council and it would then go to an independent examiner. The consultation process was required and the recommendation sought delegation be given to the Assistant Director and Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regeneration to set the timescales. It was proposed that consultation may begin in the middle of June.

Councillor Williams asked if it was envisaged that there would be a potential referendum in September/October.

J Doe explained that the dates would be dependant on the outcome of the examiners conclusions; therefore the timing of the referendum couldn't be estimated. It was confirmed that DBC would have control over setting the date.

Councillor Williams asked if the council had looked over the neighbourhood plan for any potential flaws.

J Doe confirmed that officers carried out technical checks against policy and the law.

Councillor Marshall was impressed at the level of work and commitment of the Grovehill residents and the outcomes it had produced.

Councillor Sutton thanked all those involved for their input.

Voting

None

CA/44/17 NO SECOND NIGHT OUT POLICY

Decision

That the No Second Night Out policy set out in appendix 2 of the Cabinet report be approved and adopted.

Reason for Decision

For Members to consider the new No Second Night out Policy and approve if in agreement.

Corporate Objectives

Affordable Housing.

Monitoring Officer/S.151 Officer Comments

Monitoring Officer:

The Policy will help to ensure that appropriate support and guidance is offered to those persons 'rough sleeping' and provides a framework for enforcement action where appropriate.

Deputy S.151 Officer

We have received confirmation that the grant will be ring-fenced in 2017/18 and 2018/19. The detailed financial implications will need to be modelled to live within the terms of the grant both within year and also for any ongoing liabilities.

Advice

Councillor Griffiths explained that this had been through the Tenant and Leaseholder Committee (TLC) and the Overview & Scrutiny Committee (OSC).

N Brathwaite added that it had also been through CMT. The document supported and underpinned the homelessness strategy. It strengthens the partnership approach to achieve the commitments.

Councillor Harden noted that the title pf the report was a strange one.

N Brathwaite explained that the title was government set, the policy was to set a no second night out and therefore the title was well known and the policy therefore set out the approach and links to the strategy.

Councillor Harden enquired about the recall cost to public funds.

N Brathwaite said that the recall costs were minimal as was the officer time, most of which would be signposting clients to partnership agencies.

Councillor Harden asked if the council had made contact with South Hill Centre as lots of people used their facilities.

N Brathwaite confirmed that officers attended Friday group to provide help and advice.

Councillor Marshall noted that lots of agencies and partners were involved; she asked who the lead was.

N Brathwaite said that DBC worked in partnership with DENS and the homelessness forum monitored the work.

E Brooks added that the Chief Executive of DENS now chaired the homelessness forum and held a successful meeting recently.

N Brathwaite said that by having the forum led and supported by the voluntary agency carried more weight to the new service standards developed.

Voting

None

The Meeting ended at 7.46 pm