

CABINET (LOCAL PLAN) COMMITTEE**30 June 2017****Attendance:****Committee Members:****Councillors:**

Brook (Chairman) (P)

Horrill (P)

Warwick (P)

Humby (P)

Other invited Councillors:

Bell

Evans (P)

Read

Ruffell

Others in attendance who addressed the meeting:

Councillor Tait

1. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councillors Humby and Warwick indicated they were Members of Hampshire County Council and the report noted that the County Council had been consulted on possible land in its ownership that may be available for site allocation. However as this had concluded that that no County Council land was available, the Councillors therefore did not consider that they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (or any other interest) in the matters under consideration.

2. MINUTES**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 February 2017 be approved and adopted.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Having regard to the Local Plan in general terms, Councillor Tait raised concerns over the deliverability of affordable housing in the District. He referred to the North Whiteley Major Development Area, where he said a further reduction of on site provision was currently being suggested by the developer consortium due to viability issues. Councillor Tait suggested that there must be open discussion about the potential for further and specific site allocation in the district to meet our housing need.

4. **TRAVELLER DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT – APPROVAL OF DRAFT FOR CONSULTATION**
(Report CAB2947(LP) refers)

The Head of Strategic Planning referred to representation received by the Council from Bishop's Sutton Parish Council which had been circulated to the Committee. It was suggested that the Parish Council may wish to pursue its concerns regarding the retention of the Appledown Lane site through the formal consultation process in due course.

The Head of Strategic Planning summarised the report and explained the background work undertaken as part of the drafting of the development plan document (DPD). This included the broad 'options' consultation, as summarised at paragraph 10.6 – 10.10. It was suggested that an additional Recommendation 6 should be added to the Report to formally note the Sustainability Appraisal as set out at Appendix B, and this was agreed. The Committee also noted paragraphs 2.6 and 4 – 4.3 that set out the likely additional resources required to ensure deliverability of the DPD over time.

Members also noted that the consultation period on the DPD was to commence on 10 July and having regard to the summer holiday period, was to be extended to eight weeks, from the statutory six week period. The Committee agreed that to further assist Parish Councils who may not meet during August, they be notified that the DPD would be available for informal consultation within the next few days. The Head of Strategic Planning also advised that submissions after the closing date were normally accepted if prior notice was given and when this was to be received.

During further discussion, it was also agreed that an expanded version of the summary table at paragraph 10.29 which demonstrated how gypsy and traveller need was to be delivered through the document, be appended to the DPD consultation document. This would include details of each of the specific sites.

In response to a question, the Head of Strategic Planning clarified that under the Duty to Co-operate, it will be necessary to discuss with neighbouring local planning authorities whether they have any sites that could be utilised to address the identified shortfall in the draft DPD.

At conclusion of debate, the Committee agreed that the DPD offered a pragmatic approach and would strengthen the Council's position with regard to dealing with any unauthorised sites in the future. It welcomed the extended period for consultation and looked forward to positive dialogue with Parish Councils, noting that some parishes had more than one site proposed within their areas.

The Committee agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the Report:

RECOMMENDED (TO CABINET):

1. That consultation on the draft Traveller Development Plan Document as set out at Appendix C to the Report be approved.

2. That authority be delegated to the Head of Strategic Planning, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Built Environment, to undertake minor updating and drafting amendments as required to the draft Traveller DPD, prior to publication for consultation and to agree the final consultation arrangements.

3. That the requirement for additional resources to ensure the effective implementation of the proposed DPD be noted and detailed proposals brought forward for consideration to a future meeting.

4. That it be noted that no land and buildings currently owned by Winchester City Council are available for further consideration for traveller site purposes, as all are required for operational purposes.

5. That the Assistant Director (Estates and Regeneration) be instructed to advise further on the option of acquiring land for the purpose of providing a site for traveller occupation within the District.

6. That the Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment be noted (as set out as Appendix B to the Report).

The meeting commenced at 10.00am and concluded at 10.55am

Chairman