

**Committee and Date**

Cabinet

7th September 2020

CABINET**Minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2020****Virtual Meeting**

1.00 - 2.40 pm

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Present

Councillor Peter Nutting (Chairman)

Councillors Steve Charmley (Deputy Leader), Gwilym Butler, Dean Carroll, Lee Chapman, Steve Davenport, Robert Macey, David Minnery, Lezley Picton and Ed Potter

115 Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence were received.

116 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Councillor Ed Potter declared that through his employment he was connected with sites and customers promoting sites in relation to Agenda Item 7, and as such would withdraw from the meeting and take no part in the discussion during that item.

117 Minutes

Consideration of the minutes from the meeting on 6th July was deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

118 Public Question Time

Twenty-five public questions were received in relation to the Shropshire Local Plan Review. The questions were circulated to Members before the meeting commenced.

The full questions submitted and the responses provided are attached to the signed minutes and the web page for the meeting.

119 Member Question Time

Member questions and supplementary questions were received as follows:

- Relating to land identified for future housing development in the proposed Local Plan for the Much Wenlock area, from Councillor David Turner;
- Relating to consideration of climate change, the provision of a printed extract for Members and the greater use of social media during the consultation process for the proposed Local Plan, from David Vasmer

The questions submitted, supplementary questions and the responses provided are attached to the signed minutes and the webpage for the meeting

120 **Scrutiny Items**

There were no scrutiny items.

121 **Shropshire Local Plan Review - Pre-submission Consultation Document**

The Portfolio Holder for Housing and Strategic Planning introduced the report, explaining that the Local Plan had reached the Pre-Submission Draft stage and was subject to further consultation stages.

He continued that following representations and further consideration, he was minded to propose an extension the current Section 18 consultation stage. He proposed that Recommendation A as set out in the report be amended to 'That Cabinet approves the Pre-Submission Version of the Local Plan for a period of public consultation under Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 in order to seek representations on the soundness of the Plan.' This was duly seconded.

Councillors Biggins, Milner, Turner, Wood, Winwood and Lynch were in attendance to raise concerns relating to their Ward areas. These were noted, and the Leader assured the Members that they would be able to submit the issues identified through the consultation process with the extension of the Section 18 consultation period.

A member asked for further clarification of the points system in regard to providing housing provision for neighbouring Local Authority areas. The Principal Planning Officer confirmed that the number of homes to meet the cross boundary unmet housing requirement was contained within the housing projection and was not additional to it.

Members welcomed the proposed extension of the Section 18 consultation period. The Leader advised that to meet deadlines an additional Cabinet meeting in November and an additional Council meeting in January may be required. He continued that Officers would scope out a revised timetable.

RESOLVED:

- i) That the Pre-Submission Version of the Local Plan for a period of public consultation under Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 in order to seek representations on the soundness of the plan, be approved;
- ii) That the principle of Shropshire Council accepting up to 1,500 dwellings from the Association of Black Country Authorities (ABCA) as part of the Duty to Cooperate, and for these to be incorporated into Shropshire's overall housing requirement up to 2038 and to be distributed in accordance with the overall Strategic Approach to the distribution of growth be agreed.
- iii) That authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Place in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Strategic Planning Development to make additional

minor editorial changes to the Pre-submission Version of the Local Plan ahead of its publication for public consultation, and to agree associated documents for publication, including the Sustainability Appraisal, Habitat Regulation Assessment and the Consultation Strategy.

122 Hardship Fund - Additional Discretionary Support

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate Support introduced the report by outlining the scheme and proposed recommendation. He confirmed that the Government Scheme allowed a maximum payment of £150.

RESOLVED:

That the proposals for expenditure of uncommitted grant by paying an extra £50.00 to working age council tax support claimants (maximising the award for these claimants to £200) be approved and the Director of Finance, Governance and Assurance in consultation with the Portfolio Holder - Finance and Corporate Support, be delegated to finalise arrangements for expenditure of the grant.

123 Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED:

That in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and Paragraph 10.4 (3) of the Council's Access to Information Rules, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item.

124 Exempt Minutes

Consideration of the exempt minutes from the meeting on 6th July 2020 was deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

Signed (Chairman)

Date: