

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
EXECUTIVE HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD ON
TUESDAY 8 MARCH 2016, AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor L Haysey (Chairman/Leader)
Councillors E Buckmaster, A Jackson,
G Jones, G McAndrew, S Rutland-Barsby
and G Williamson.

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillors M Allen, R Brunton, M Freeman,
J Goodeve, M McMullen, P Moore, T Page,
P Ruffles and N Symonds.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Louise Harris	- Housing Strategy and Development Manager
Martin Ibrahim	- Democratic Services Team Leader
Adele Taylor	- Director of Finance and Support Services
Liz Watts	- Chief Executive
Ben Wood	- Head of Business Development

624 **HOUSING AND HEALTH STRATEGY 2016-2021**

The Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing submitted a report detailing the consultation feedback and amendments to the draft Housing and Health Strategy 2016 – 21, and seeking support for its adoption by Council.

The Housing and Health Strategy 2016 - 21 was not a

statutory document, but it sought to set out the current position, issues and tasks for the Council in delivering a sustainable housing offer to residents.

The Executive noted the reasons for the review undertaken as the current Housing Strategy concluded in 2016. The Community Scrutiny Committee had considered and supported the revised Strategy for the purposes of public consultation. The Executive Member highlighted the responses received in Essential Reference Paper 'C' of the report submitted.

He also referred to a late response that had been submitted jointly from East and North Herts Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS England, which referred to the important contribution housing made towards the overall health and wellbeing of residents. He asked the Executive to accept this submission as an additional comment for inclusion within Essential Reference Paper 'C' of the report submitted. This was supported.

The Executive supported the recommendations as now detailed.

RECOMMENDED – that (A) the Housing and Health Strategy 2016-21, as now submitted, be adopted as a key document; and

(B) the joint submission received from East and North Herts Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS England, be accepted for inclusion within Essential Reference Paper 'C' of the report submitted.

625 **HERTFORD TOWN CENTRE URBAN DESIGN STRATEGY
FEBRUARY 2016**

The Executive considered and supported the recommendations of the District Planning Executive Panel meeting held on 25 February 2016, on the Hertford Town Centre Urban Design Strategy, February 2016.

RECOMMENDED – that (A) the Hertford Town Centre Urban Design Strategy, February 2016, be approved as part of the evidence base to inform and support the East Herts District Plan;

(B) the Hertford Town Centre Urban Design Strategy, February 2016, be approved to inform Development Management decisions; and

(C) a Steering Group be set up, including representatives from East Herts Council, Hertfordshire County Council and Hertford Town Council, to agree an action plan to bring forward appropriate projects in the short, medium and long term for the improvement and enhancement of the County Town, with a report on an action plan and identified projects being submitted to the Executive.

(see also Minute 634)

626 **BISHOP'S STORTFORD NORTH S106 SPORTS INVESTMENT STRATEGY, DECEMBER 2015**

The Executive considered and supported the recommendations of the District Planning Executive Panel meeting held on 25 February 2016, on the Bishop's Stortford North S106 Sports Investment Strategy, December 2015.

RECOMMENDED – that (A) the project prioritisation criteria be approved;

(B) the Steering Group, in conjunction with the Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing, be empowered to consider and make recommendations on future investments to Council following consultation with the Sounding Board; and

(C) the Bishop's Stortford North S106 Sports Investment Strategy, December 2015, be agreed as part of the evidence base to inform and support preparation of the East Herts District Plan and for Development Management purposes.

(see also Minute 634)

627 STRATEGIC LAND AVAILABILITY ASSESSMENT

The Executive considered and supported the recommendations of the District Planning Executive Panel meeting held on 25 February 2016, on the Strategic Land Availability Assessment (SLAA) Round 3 site assessments.

RECOMMENDED – that the SLAA Round 3 site assessments, and the ongoing process for completing the SLAA, be noted.

(see also Minute 634)

628 DUTY TO CO-OPERATE UPDATE REPORT

The Executive considered and supported the recommendations of the District Planning Executive Panel meeting held on 25 February 2016, on the Duty to Cooperate Update Report.

RECOMMENDED – that (A) the notes of the Member-level meetings held with neighbouring local authorities be received; and

(B) the Head of Planning and Building Control, in consultation with the District Planning Executive Panel Members, be authorised to prepare, agree and sign Memoranda of Understanding with neighbouring local authorities, and other bodies, as appropriate.

(see also Minute 634)

629 LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader welcomed Members and Officers to the meeting and reminded everyone that the meeting was being webcast.

630 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 2 February 2016, be approved as correct record and signed by the Leader.

631 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT VISION AND ACTION PLAN

The Executive Member for Economic Development submitted a report seeking approval for the Economic Development vision and action plan. This was detailed in Essential Reference Paper 'B' of his report now submitted.

The Executive Member also detailed the key stages of development that had resulted in the vision and action plan now submitted. The Executive noted that its implementation would require effective cooperation with partners such as the Local Enterprise Partnership, Hertfordshire County Council, WENTA, the London Stansted Cambridge Consortium and others.

The Executive approved the proposals now detailed.

RESOLVED - that the Economic Development vision and action plan as now submitted, be adopted.

632 2016/17 SERVICE PLANS

The Executive Member for Finance and Support Services submitted a report presenting the Service Plans which outlined the key activities the Council intended to undertake between 2016/17 – 2019/20. These plans sat underneath the Corporate Strategic Plan and were the result of the new integrated finance and business planning process that had commenced in the summer of 2015.

The Executive noted that the joint meeting of Scrutiny Committees had considered and supported the Service Plans now detailed.

The Executive approved the Service Plans as now submitted.

RESOLVED - that the 2016/17 – 2019/20 Service Plans, key actions and performance measures as detailed in Essential Reference Paper 'B' of the report submitted, be approved.

633 BUNTINGFORD AND SAWBRIDGEWORTH CAR PARKS - CONTINUED SUBSIDY

The Executive Member for Economic Development submitted a report seeking approval for the continuation of an internal subsidy to the Council's Buntingford and Sawbridgeworth car parks.

The Executive recalled that, it had agreed to subsidise 'pay and display' charges in its Buntingford and Sawbridgeworth car parks in 2015/16, funded from the Council's New Homes Bonus Priority Fund. This had been deemed appropriate on the basis that a two year trial including reduced 'pay and display' tariffs had begun in Hertford, Bishop's Stortford and Ware in September 2014.

The Executive approved the continued subsidy as now detailed.

RESOLVED - that East Herts New Homes Bonus funding is used to subsidise 'pay and display' charges in the Council's Buntingford and Sawbridgeworth car parks in 2016/17.

634 DISTRICT PLANNING EXECUTIVE PANEL: MINUTES - 25 FEBRUARY 2016

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the District Planning Executive Panel held on 25 February 2016 be

received.

(see also Minutes 625 – 628)

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm

Chairman
Date