East Herts Council - Non-Key Decision Record

Record of executive decision made by an individual under Regulation 13 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Reference Number: NKD23/16

Taken by Councillor Vicky Glover-Ward – Executive Member for Planning and Growth

Decision

- (A) the recommendations and modifications made by the Independent Examiner of the Watton-at-Stone Neighbourhood Plan, as detailed at Appendix A, be received and considered; and
- (B) the Watton-at-Stone Neighbourhood Plan 2017-2033, as modified and detailed at Appendix B, should proceed to a referendum.

Date of Decision

29 August 2023

Reason(s) for decision

This report proposes to agree the recommendations as made by the independent examiner of the Neighbourhood Plan and to agree to proceed to Referendum.

Details of alternative options considered and rejected

The Council could choose not to recommend that the Watton-at-Stone Neighbourhood Plan proceed to referendum. However, subject to modifications, the Neighbourhood Plan has been found to meet the basic conditions and as such not proceeding to referendum could lead to a legal challenge.

Does the decision or report contain exempt information?

State nature of any declaration of conflict of interest made by any Executive Member who is consulted by the Member taking the decision

None

State, in respect of any declared conflict of interest, whether any dispensation has been granted None

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