

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

COUNCIL – 23 OCTOBER 2019

REPORT BY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE REPORT – 8 OCTOBER 2019

WARD(S) AFFECTED: All

Purpose/Summary of Report

- This report details the recommendations made by the Executive at its meeting held on 8 October 2019. A separate report on this agenda refers to the recommendations made by the Executive at its meeting held on 3 September 2019.

1.0 Background

1.1 Since the last Council meeting, the Executive has considered and supported a number of recommendations on the following items:

- Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) – draft for public consultation
- Land North and East of Ware (Ware2) Masterplanning Framework
- Statement of Community Involvement – final for adoption
- Retail Frontages, Design AND Signage SPD – final for adoption
- Anstey Conservation Area Character Appraisal
- Council Tax Support Scheme 2020-21

The full reports can be viewed at: [Executive agenda 8 October 2019](#).

2.0 Agenda Item 10(A) - Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) – draft for public consultation

2.1 The Executive considered and supported a number of recommendations to agree that the Affordable Housing SPD, setting out the Council’s expectations for the delivery of affordable housing, be published for consultation.

<u>RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL: that</u>	
(A)	In accordance with the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 it has been determined that a Strategic Environmental Assessment of the emerging Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document is not required, as it is unlikely to have significant environmental effects; and
(B)	The draft Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document, as set out in Essential Reference Paper ‘B’, be agreed and published for a period of public consultation.

3.0 Agenda Item 10(B) – Land North and East of Ware (Ware2) Masterplanning Framework

3.1 The Executive considered and supported a recommendation on the Masterplanning Framework for Land North and East of Ware, which would assist the development management process.

<u>RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL: that</u>	
(A)	the Land North and East of Ware Masterplanning Framework for the strategic allocation known as WARE2, Land North and East of Ware, as detailed at Essential Reference Paper ‘C’, be agreed as a

	material consideration for Development Management purposes.
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4.0 **Agenda Item 10(C) – Statement of Community Involvement – final for adoption**

4.1 The Executive considered and supported recommendations following the public consultation on the draft revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), to note the officer responses and proposed changes to the draft SCI.

4.2 The Executive supported revisions which had been suggested arising from the consultation. The amended East Herts Statement of Community Involvement is attached as **Essential Reference Paper ‘D’**.

<u>RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL:</u> that	
(A)	The responses of the consultation be noted and the officer responses and proposed changes to the draft revised Statement of Community Involvement be supported; and
(B)	The East Herts Statement of Community Involvement 2019, as detailed at Essential Reference Paper ‘D’, be approved for adoption.

5.0 **Agenda Item 10(D) – Retail Frontages, Design and Signage SPD – final for adoption**

5.1 The Executive considered the results of the public consultation on the draft Retail Frontages, Design and Signage SPD, and supported recommendations on officer responses and proposed changes to the SPD.

5.2 The Executive supported revisions which had been suggested arising from the consultation. The amended Retail Frontage, Design and Signage SPD is attached as Essential Reference

Paper 'E'.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL: that	
(A)	The responses of the consultation be noted, and the officer responses and proposed changes to the Retail Frontages, Design and Signage Supplementary Planning Document be supported;
(B)	The Retail Frontages, Design and Signage Supplementary Planning Document, as detailed at Essential Reference Paper 'E' to this report, be approved for adoption; and
(C)	In accordance with the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 it has been determined that a Strategic Environmental Assessment of the emerging Retail Frontages, Design and Signage SPD is not required as it is unlikely to have significant environmental effects.

6.0 Agenda Item 10(D) - Anstey Conservation Area Character Appraisal

- 6.1 The Executive considered the results of the public consultation on the Anstey Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan and supported recommendations on officer responses and proposed changes.
- 6.2 The Executive supported a recommendation to adopt the Anstey Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan. The revised Anstey Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan is attached at Essential Reference Paper 'F', and accompanying plans (Historic Plan; Character Analysis Plan/Key; and Management Plan/Key) may be accessed in the full report pack on the [Executive Agenda](#).

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL that:	
(A)	the responses to the public consultation be noted

	and the Officer responses and proposed changes to the Anstey Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan be supported;
(B)	the Head of Planning and Building Control, in consultation with the Executive Member for Planning and Growth, be authorised to make any further minor and consequential changes to the document which may be necessary; and
(C)	the Anstey Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan be adopted.

7.0 **Agenda Item 10(E) - Council Tax Support Scheme 2020-21**

7.1 The Executive considered and supported a recommendation on the current local Council Tax support scheme at East Herts.

<u>RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL:</u> that	
(A)	There be no changes to the scheme design for East Herts Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2020/21.

8.0 **Executive Decisions**

8.1 Other matters determined by the Executive are detailed in the Minutes of the meeting included for information as **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

Background Papers

The full agenda for the Executive meeting can be viewed at:

[Executive Agenda](#)

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