

CABINET

Date and Time: Thursday, 5 March 2020 at 7pm

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fleet

Present:

COUNCILLORS

Ambler, Bailey, Cockarill, Neighbour (Chairman), Oliver, Quarterman, Radley

In attendance: Councillors Dorn, Wheale

Officers:

Daryl Phillips	Joint Chief Executive
Mark Jaggard	Head of Place
Jenny Wood	Principal Planning Policy Officer
Martina Duffin	Committee Services
Sarah Taylor	Committee Services

I02 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 6 February 2020 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

I03 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Councillor Kinnell. Councillor Radley had notified that he may be late.

I04 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman moved that Item 9 be brought forward as a number of members of the public had been present for that item.

I05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

I06 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (ITEMS PERTAINING TO THE AGENDA)

Item 9 – The Chairman of the Crondall Neighbourhood Plan Working Group raised concerns about news of a potential judicial review stalling the referendum.

I07 CIVIC REGENERATION WORKING GROUP

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2020 were noted and the decisions endorsed.

Councillor Quarterman updated members on the progress of meetings with Fleet Town Council.

108 SHAPLEY HEATH GARDEN COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY BOARD

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2020 were noted and decisions endorsed.

Cabinet were advised this was the first meeting of the board and minutes would become more pertinent in the future once the board had sat for several sessions.

109 2019-20 BUDGET MONITORING – TO END OF DECEMBER

Cabinet was advised of the position on revenue and capital expenditure at the end of December 2019. The forecast is that £631k will be transferred to reserves at the end of 2019/2020 financial year.

DECISION

- 1 The revised projections and reasons for the main revenue variations highlighted be noted.
- 2 The current spending position for Capital shown, which included project details, be noted.

110 CRONDALL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – REFERENDUM

The Head of Place introduced the item and explained that a pre-action protocol letter had been received by Hart District Council with regards to a potential judicial review. An addendum was then circulated.

Members were advised that the legal implications needed to be considered. As the plan was at such an advanced stage it would have considerable weight on any decisions moving forward. Members then considered and agreed to go into confidential session.

Cllr Radley arrived during this discussion

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

It was agreed that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded during the discussion of the matters referred to, on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

After discussion members were advised that the recommendation be voted on positively. No Judicial Review application could be made until the referendum is approved at which time the opposing party could apply for an injunction to stop the

referendum. Potentially if Hart District Council did not make a decision Crondall Parish Council could challenge the Council.

The addendum proposed a revised recommendation (3), and Cabinet agreed to proceed to referendum.

DECISION

- 1 That the changes proposed to the Crondall Neighbourhood Plan, as set out in the “Decision Statement” be agreed, and that subject to those changes the Plan meets the ‘basic conditions’;
- 2 That a factual update be inserted into the Neighbourhood Plan regarding the Broden Stables appeal decision which grants planning permission for 30 homes at the edge of Crondall Village;
- 3 That the amended Crondall Neighbourhood Plan proceeds to a local referendum based on the geographic boundary of Crondall Parish consistent with the defined Neighbourhood Plan Area, and that delegated authority is provided to the Head of Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Place, to agree not to proceed with a referendum (1) if a claim for judicial review is actually made, and (2) in light of the content of the application for judicial review, a technical assessment and any other material consideration, if it is considered appropriate to delay the referendum.

Cabinet returned to open debate and invited the public to return to the chamber.

III ADOPTION OF HART LOCAL PLAN (STRATEGY & SITES) 2032

Cabinet was asked to recommend the adoption of Hart Local Plan (Strategy & Sites) 2032 to Council.

Members praised officers and the Council on the work done on the Plan. Members raised queries on measures addressing climate change. The Head of Place confirmed that as a result of the plan being adopted the Council will be preparing supplementary planning documents covering such matters as parking and affordable homes.

There would also be an update of the local development scheme to clearly set out a time frame for future development plan documents and consultations. Lower level technical advice notes would also be prepared and made public on the website.

Concerns were raised about MM81, MM82, MM83 modifications with regards to Gaps. The Principal Planning Policy Officer explained the changes and that the landscape policy had been modified to include the necessary references. The Head of Place set out the potential flaws of not making the modifications, as Recommended by the Inspector. It was confirmed that no wording of any policy would be changed when any consequential edits to the Local Plan are made to include any necessary updates.

The Chairman stated how heartening it was that most of the queries raised were about looking to the future and not about the plan.

DECISION

- 1 That the Hart Local Plan (Strategy & Sites) 2032 [Proposed Submission Version incorporating the Inspector's recommended Main Modifications be adopted.
- 2 That the content of the Sustainability Appraisal Adoption Statement be agreed.
- 3 That a new Policies Map for Hart be adopted, that incorporates the Policies Map changes associated with adoption of the Hart Local Plan 2032;
- 4 That the Head of Place in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Place be authorised to make minor alterations and corrections to the Local Plan and the updated Policies Map.

I 12 CABINET WORK PROGRAMME

The Cabinet Work Programme was considered and amended.

The meeting closed at 8.32pm