

REPORT OF CABINET

(Meeting held on 5 May 2021)

1. MITIGATION FOR RECREATIONAL IMPACTS SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (MINUTE NO 185)

The Cabinet adopted a supplementary planning document, following public consultation in January and February 2021. The consultation attracted over 40 responses, broadly in support of the overall strategy and ambitions, and minor amendments had been made in response to the consultation outcomes.

The purpose of the Supplementary Planning Document is to give additional guidance on the implementation of Policy ENV1 and specifically the elements in relation to the recreational impacts on the New Forest European Sites. It will assist the development industry in understanding the Council's requirements and expectations, and the measures that will need to be secured to satisfy the local planning authority in meeting the requirements of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017. The Supplementary Planning Document also sets out the ways in which the Council will monitor the effectiveness of the mitigation measures.

The projects delivered under the mitigation strategy will not only help to protect the more sensitive parts of the New Forest National Park, but will provide valuable green spaces close to communities. As the projects evolve, full engagement will take place, including with councillors and Town and Parish Councils.

2. THE LOCAL PLAN REVIEW PART TWO AND SUPPORTING WORK (MINUTE NO 186)

The Cabinet agreed to progress the Local Plan Review Part Two, including the publication of a Local Development Scheme set out in Appendix A of the report. The Local Development Scheme informs interested parties of the Local Plan process and timetable, including opportunities for public engagement.

Section 5 of the Cabinet report sets out in detail the following matters for progression:-

- Non-strategic housing land allocations
- Town centre opportunities
- Climate Change and working towards a zero-carbon economy
- Green infrastructure, nature recovery and landscape matters
- Affordable Housing, including First Homes and specialist housing

It is expected that the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Regeneration and Infrastructure will bring forward further planning work priorities for future Cabinet consideration, if warranted by planning reforms or other circumstances.

3. RECAST ORIGINAL BUDGET 2021-22 (MINUTE NO 187)

The Cabinet, following the introduction of a new senior officer structure and new Portfolio Holders as appointed by the Leader of the Council on 12 April 2021, adopted a revised makeup of the original general fund budget and the allocation of lead Portfolio Holders to each project within the Council's Capital Programme.

The report is an important step of housekeeping to ensure transparency and an ease of understanding for anyone using or looking at the District Council's finances.

**COUNCILLOR E HERON
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