

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9 MARCH 2015

Present: Councillor Mrs Blackmore (Chairman) and
Councillors Burton, Greer, McLoughlin and Perry

Also Present: Councillors Hogg, McKay, Powell, Round,
Sargeant and J.A. Wilson

140. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

It was noted that apologies had been received from Councillor Mrs Ring.

141. **URGENT ITEMS**

The Chairman indicated that she had agreed to take the Urgent Update from Officers and the revised SCRAIP from Planning, Transport and Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

142. **NOTIFICATION OF VISITING MEMBERS**

Councillors Hogg, McKay, Powell and J Wilson indicated that they reserved their right to speak on Agenda Item 7. Councillors Round and Sargeant indicated that they were just observing.

143. **DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

Councillor Burton indicated that he had an Other Significant Interest in Site H1 (10) Land to South of Sutton Road and would leave the room whilst this item was being discussed.

144. **DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING**

All Members stated that they had been lobbied on all the sites mentioned in Agenda Item 7.

145. **EXEMPT ITEMS**

RESOLVED: That all agenda items be taken in public as proposed.

146. REPORT OF THE PLANNING, TRANSPORT AND DEVELOPMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - CALL IN OF CABINET DECISIONS DATED 4 FEBRUARY 2015 - MAIDSTONE BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN - NEW AND AMENDED SITE ALLOCATIONS

Cabinet considered the report of the Planning, Transport and Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee relating to the Call In of the Cabinet Decision made on 2nd and 4th February 2015.

DECISION MADE:

Cabinet noted the recommendations of Planning, Transportation and Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee as set out in the SCRAIP following the Call In and made the following decisions:-

(1) H1 (25) – Tongs Meadow, West Street Harrietsham

RESOLVED: That in view of the recent advice from Natural England (NE) that they would be unlikely to consider issuing an EPS (European Protected Species) Development License given the fact that the site is a receptor site for a previous development, Cabinet resolved that this site would go forward to Regulation 18 Consultation for deletion.

Voting: 5 Agreed – unanimous

(2) H1 (10) – Land South of Sutton Road

RESOLVED: That:

- (1) point (c) of the original decision “there would be an unacceptable cumulative impact on traffic generations in the Sutton Road corridor” be deleted for consistency with Sites (7), (8) and (9) with the other sites in that area and the full detailed transport modelling is not currently available;

Voting: 4 Agreed - unanimous

- (2) add in the same criterion in the Local Plan for consistency which has been added at Criterion 10, paragraph vii of Sites H1 (7), (8) and (9) which is “strategic road infrastructure to significantly relieve traffic congestion on Sutton Road and Willington Street”;

Voting: 4 Agreed – unanimous

- (3) point (e) of the original decision “that development here would not command the consent of local people as reflected in the consultation response” be deleted on the grounds of consistency;

Voting: 4 Agreed – unanimous

- (4) having noted the Committee’s recommendation for Cabinet to reconsider their decision on this site and put it forward for Regulation 19 consultation, Members voted to reject this recommendation;

Voting: 2 Agreed
2 Against

Chairman had the casting vote.

- (5) having deleted points (c) and (e) from the original decision and added in a new Criterion for H1 – (10) Land South of Sutton Road which mirrors Criterion 10, paragraph vii of Sites H1 (7), (8) and (9), the original decision that this site go forward to Regulation 18 consultation for deletion would still stand;

Voting: 2 Agreed
2 Against

Chairman had the casting vote.

Councillor Burton left the meeting before this site was discussed.

- (6) Cabinet noted the disappointment of the Committee that they had not given a reason for recommending site H1 (20) - Postley Road, Tovil to go forward for Regulation 19 consultation. Cabinet felt that they had fully considered the issues raised by Committee and Visiting Members but after careful consideration having considered the policy criteria for H1 (20) maintained their view that these will afford the protection aspired to and therefore that the site should go forward for Regulation 19 consultation.

Voting: 3 Agreed
1 Against

147. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF FINANCE AND RESOURCES - CHANGE TO CRITERION RELATING TO SITES AT HEADCORN AND STAPLEHURST

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Finance and Resources relating to a change to the criterion concerning sites at Headcorn and Staplehurst.

DECISION MADE:

That the proposed change to the criterion relating to strategic issues of sewerage and water affecting sites at Headcorn and Staplehurst be

approved as follows:-

“That Cabinet instruct Officers to renew efforts to engage with foul water utility providers and other organisations with responsibility for managing water, including surface water, in the borough concerning future infrastructure provision both to respond to the current concerns and issues arising from consideration of the housing needs in the future, particularly for Headcorn and Staplehurst”.

148. DURATION OF MEETING

6.30 p.m. to 8.10 p.m.