

COUNCIL MEETING – 14 APRIL 2011

Recommendations to Council from the Executive meeting held on 14 April 2011

E/10/143 Children and Young People's Plan

The Executive considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services that presented the Central Bedfordshire Children and Young People's Plan (2011-2014). Members noted that partner organisations had indicated their support for the ongoing development of partnership working within the framework for the Children's Trust and for a Children and Young People's Plan. The Plan had been refreshed following consultation with over 4,000 children, young people, parents, carers and stakeholders.

Reason for decision: To ensure that Central Bedfordshire Council meets its statutory duty as set out in the Children Act 2004 to make arrangements to promote co-operation with partners to improve the well-being of children in the authority's area.

RESOLVED

that the Central Bedfordshire Children and Young People's Plan be endorsed.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

that the Central Bedfordshire Children and Young People's Plan (2011-2014) be approved.

LDF (North): Site Allocations Development Plan Document

The Executive considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Development that set out the LDF (North): Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD). The DPD had recently been through public examination and the Inspector's report had found the DPD to be 'sound'.

In accordance with the Public Participation Procedure as set out in paragraph 2 of Annex 1 of Part A4 of the Constitution, the Chairman invited the members of the public who had registered to speak on this item to address the Committee:

- Mr Zerny was concerned that the proposed development in the DPD would blight the Georgian market town of Potton. He contended that the Potton Town Council and residents were opposed to the developments.
- Mr Belcher commented on the lack of support from Potton Town Council and residents for the proposed development for Potton and expressed his doubts about the provision of community facilities.

The Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Development explained that the DPD would provide an appropriate basis for the planning of the area over the next 15 years and would enable the Council to exercise appropriate control over development. He acknowledged the work of the Development Management Task Force and the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee and pointed out that a full consultation process had been undertaken including with members of the public.

The Portfolio Holder moved the following revised recommendations, which were duly seconded:

- “1. that the Inspector's conclusions that the Site Allocations Development Plan Document is sound be endorsed; and
2. that the Executive endorses the Inspector's conclusions that the Site Allocations Development Plan Document is sound and recommends the plan to Council.”

Reason for decision: To ensure the Council complies with the statutory requirement to produce a Development Plan through the production of the Local Development Framework (North).

RESOLVED

that the Inspector's conclusions that the Site Allocations Development Plan Document is sound be endorsed.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

That in view of the Executive's endorsement of the Inspector's conclusion that the Site Allocations Development Plan Document is sound, the plan be endorsed.

Community Safety Partnership Priorities and the Community Safety Partnership Plan for 2011 - 2012

The Executive considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Safer Communities and Healthier Lifestyles that set out the proposed Community Safety Partnership Plan for endorsement by the Executive and adoption by Council. Members acknowledged that the Plan had been endorsed by Central Bedfordshire Together Board, the Community Safety Partnership and the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The three priorities identified for Central Bedfordshire for 2011-2012 were:

- anti-social behaviour
- reduce reoffending
- domestic abuse.

The Chairman of the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee confirmed that a letter had been sent to the Secretary of State for Justice requesting that offenders be released on Mondays rather than Fridays as this would support the priority of reducing reoffending.

The Portfolio Holder for Safer Communities and Healthier Lifestyles clarified that the Safety Advisory Group did not have a statutory responsibility for the Plan.

Reason for decision: Central Bedfordshire Council was a Responsible Authority of the Community Safety Partnership under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The Act placed a statutory duty on the local authority to work with other responsible authorities to develop and implement a strategy for reducing crime and disorder. The Strategy must cover a district, borough or unitary area.

RESOLVED

that the Strategic Assessment of the Community Safety Partnership Priorities be endorsed.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

that the Community Safety Partnership Plan 2011-2012 be adopted.