

# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning**  
held on Tuesday, 5th January, 2016 in Committee Suite 1, Westfields,  
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

## **PRESENT**

Councillor A Arnold

## **Officers in attendance**

Tom Evans – Senior Neighbourhood Planning Officer

Cherry Foreman – Democratic Services Officer

## **17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

## **18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **19 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION**

Cllr A Lindsay of Brereton Parish Council, and Mr A Strang of the Brereton Neighbourhood Group, attended the meeting as they had both been involved with the process since the beginning; they confirmed they were happy with the modifications to the Plan and for it to proceed to referendum.

## **20 BRERETON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - DECISION TO PROCEED TO REFERENDUM**

It was reported that the Council was committed to supporting neighbourhood planning in Cheshire East. It had a legal duty to provide advice and assistance on neighbourhood plans, to hold an independent examination on neighbourhood plans submitted to it and to make arrangements for a referendum following a favourable Examiner's Report.

The Brereton Neighbourhood Development Plan was submitted to the Council in July 2015 and, following a statutory publicity period, proceeded to Independent Examination. The Examiners report had been received and recommended that, subject to some minor modifications, the Plan should proceed to referendum.

Neighbourhood planning allows communities to establish land-use planning policy to shape new development. This is achieved through the formation of a vision and the development of objectives and policies to achieve this vision. If a neighbourhood plan is supported through a referendum and is 'made' it then forms part of the statutory development plan and becomes, with the adopted Local Plan, the starting point for determining relevant planning applications in that area.

Subject to the modifications set out in the Examiner's Report, the Brereton Neighbourhood Plan was considered to meet the statutory "Basic Conditions" along with other legal and procedural requirements set out in regulations.

It was noted that community had worked very hard to reach this stage and that the Plan was a positive step in underpinning the local community.

## **RESOLVED**

That the Council accepts the Examiner's recommendations to make modifications to the Brereton Neighbourhood Plan as set out in the Examiner's report, shown as Appendix 1 to the report, and confirms that the Brereton Neighbourhood Plan will now proceed to referendum in the Brereton Neighbourhood Plan area.

## **21 BUNBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - DECISION TO PROCEED TO REFERENDUM**

It was reported that the Council was committed to supporting neighbourhood planning in Cheshire East. It had a legal duty to provide advice and assistance on neighbourhood plans, to hold an independent examination on neighbourhood plans submitted to it and to make arrangements for a referendum following a favourable Examiner's Report.

The Bunbury Neighbourhood Development Plan was submitted to the Council in August 2015 and, following a statutory publicity period, proceeded to Independent Examination. The Examiners report had now been received and recommended that, subject to some modifications, the Plan should proceed to referendum.

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Subject to the modifications set out in the Examiner's Report, the Bunbury Neighbourhood Plan was considered to meet the statutory "Basic Conditions" along with other legal and procedural requirements set out in regulations.

It was noted that the community had worked hard to reach this stage and that the Plan provided a positive step in underpinning the local community.

## **RESOLVED**

That the Council accepts the Examiner's recommendations to make modifications to the Bunbury Neighbourhood Plan as set out in the Examiner's report, shown as Appendix 1 to the report, and confirms that the Bunbury Neighbourhood Plan will now proceed to referendum in the Bunbury Neighbourhood Plan area.

The meeting commenced at 10.30 am and concluded at 10.40 am