



Uttlesford District Council

Chief Executive: Dawn French

Council

Date: Wednesday, 16 November 2016
Time: 19:30
Venue: Council Chamber
Address: Council Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden, CB11 4ER

Members: All Members of the Council

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AGENDA PART 1

Open to Public and Press

1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

To receive any apologies for absence and declarations of interest.

2 Local Plan

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To consider a requisition for business to be discussed at the extraordinary meeting to examine the reason for delays in production of the Local Plan and receive information about a revised timetable; to consider alternative spatial strategies; to receive information about the duty to co-operate discussions; to question and receive answers from the responsible member of the executive; to agree what corrective measures are available; and to consider a notice of motion. The full text of the business requisition and notice of motion is set out in the attached document. The requisition and notice of motion has been submitted by Councillors Asker, Fairhurst, R Freeman, Hargreaves, Light, Lodge, Morris and Parry.

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Requisition for an Extraordinary Council Meeting to be arranged and Notice of Motion

Under the provisions of Rule 3.1.5 of the Council's Procedure Rules the undersigned members hereby call for an Extraordinary Meeting of the Full Council to consider the following business:

1. In the light of recent delays in the production of the Local Plan, the Cabinet Member responsible is required to report to the meeting on:
 - a. The reason for these delays. The Cabinet Member is further required to detail the schedule for the production of any further evidence that the Council proposes to prepare and publish; to inform the meeting of the dates when a draft of the Local Plan will be made available to councillors and the public and when the revised submission of the Local Plan will now be made. The Cabinet Member is further required to advise the meeting of the potential consequences of the delays already incurred, and of failing to deliver a credible Local Plan by the new date proposed
 - b. Which reasonable alternative spatial strategies for the Local Plan have been considered by the Council; when and why they were considered; what the currently preferred spatial strategy is, the reasons for this selection and what evidence has supported those decisions
 - c. The principal discussions held between the Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council and Braintree District Council pursuant to the Council's Duty to Co-operate

The Cabinet Member is expected to receive and properly answer questions submitted by councillors, with the assistance of officers as required.

2. To allow the Council to identify and debate any omissions, deviations or departures from acceptable practices and procedures in the planning process and to agree the corrective measures available to the Council.
3. To consider, debate and vote upon the following MOTION, of which due notice has been given:

“That Cabinet put in place immediate corrective measures to instil transparency and public confidence into the emerging Local Plan. These measures to include:

- Reviewing and making public the criteria and the weightings used to select sites for possible new settlements or large housing developments and to decide between different alternative spatial strategies. This review to take particular account of the need for many residents to travel outside of Uttlesford for their employment, and their consequent need to access the M11 motorway and the national rail network

- Ensuring that all material matters relating to the Local Plan, including any instruction of any expert or other third party assistance or the commissioning of any material evidence or other work stream in connection with the Local Plan, or the consideration of any spatial strategy of any material component of it, are referred to the Planning Policy Working Group for consideration.
- Reviewing the projected growth plans for Uttlesford, taking a realistic estimate of the expected growth of Stansted Airport (including the potential impact on the UK economy of Brexit) and the fact that many residents travel outside the district for work, for example to London, and to the expanding high-technology industries around Cambridge and along the M11/All corridor.”

Cllr Heather Asker; Cllr Paul Fairhurst; Cllr Richard Freeman; Cllr Neil Hargreaves; Cllr Barbara Light; Cllr John Lodge; Cllr Sharon Morris; Cllr Joanna Parry