

Committee: Scrutiny Committee
Title: Referral from Cabinet regarding AECOM engagement
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Summary

1. At its meeting on 15 July 2019, Cabinet referred a matter to Scrutiny relating to the engagement of AECOM to review the Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal.
2. This report contains the Chair of Scrutiny's proposed note to Cabinet following correspondence and a meeting which took place over the summer.

Recommendations

3. The Committee refers the attached report by the Chair of Scrutiny to Cabinet.

Financial Implications

4. None

Background Papers

5. None

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	The attached report will be communicated to Cabinet, should members agree it.
Community Safety	None
Equalities	None
Health and Safety	None
Human Rights/Legal Implications	None
Sustainability	The report is in connection to the Sustainability Appraisal

Ward-specific impacts	None
Workforce/Workplace	None

Situation

7. At the Cabinet meeting of Monday, 15 July 2019, the Chair of Scrutiny Cllr Gregory raised the concerns of a resident who had contacted him regarding engagement of AECOM to review the Sustainability Appraisal.
8. The Cabinet made the following resolution:
9. *To refer AECOM's commission to carry out the Sustainability Appraisal update to the Scrutiny Committee, in light of a comment received by a member of the public.*
10. The minute can be read here, at item 10:
<https://uttlesford.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=136&MId=5268&Ver=4>
11. There has not been a Scrutiny Committee meeting since this referral; however Cllr Gregory has engaged in correspondence with relevant officers on the matter. Cllr Gregory and the Vice-Chair Cllr LeCount also attended a meeting with officers to discuss the matter.
12. Attached to this report is a report prepared by Cllr Gregory which is intended to be sent on to Cabinet, should members of the Scrutiny Committee agree. Also attached is a timeline prepared by Cllr Gregory.