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DISTRICT COUNCIL

SPECIAL COUNCIL – 20 AUGUST 2015
DECISION LIST

Agenda Item No.	Report Ref.	Item	Issue	Decision	Action by
1.	-	Public Question Time	To answer questions from members of the public.	<p>Two questions were received in accordance with the Public Question Time procedure.</p> <p>The first question was asked by Ms Christine Whelan of Ely as follows:</p> <p><i>'In view of the fact that Barratt Homes Northampton have failed to complete the works in the Kings Avenue area to the standard that will enable the County Council to adopt the roads, will the Council please confirm that all future developments, including those currently planned for North Ely, will include planning conditions that will ensure that developers build the public highways and facilities to a standard enabling them to be adopted by the County Council as advised by their Highways department?'</i></p> <p>The Director Regulatory Services, Jo Brooks, thanked Ms Whelan for her question and gave the following response:</p> <p>In order for the Council to impose a Planning Condition it must meet a number</p>	-

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				<p>of stringent tests.</p> <p>Road adoption is dealt with by the Highway Authority, Cambridgeshire County Council, and secured by separate Section 38 Agreements – this is outside of the Planning process.</p> <p>It is not possible to impose a condition requiring the adoption of a road and the Council cannot insist on a Planning Condition to secure S38 Agreements.</p> <p>The Council recognise that this is an issue. However, it cannot impose conditions that fail to meet the tests set out in legislation.</p> <p>The following question then was asked by Mr Mark Inskip from Sutton:</p> <p><i>‘On 31st July the High Court ruled unlawful the planning guidance issued by Housing Minister Brandon Lewis on behalf of the Department for Communities and Local Government which excluded development of 10 homes or fewer from the requirement to provide or contribute to affordable housing provision. In response the DCLG has stated that it will delete this guidance.</i></p> <p><i>What impact will this judgement have on the expected levels of affordable housing in East Cambridgeshire?</i></p>	

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				<p><i>How will this judgement be reflected in the revised East Cambridgeshire Local Plan?</i></p> <p><i>What are the financial implications of this judgement on East Cambridgeshire?'</i></p> <p>The Director Commercial and Corporate Services, Emma Grima, responded as follows:</p> <p>What impact will this judgement have on the expected levels of affordable housing in East Cambridgeshire?</p> <p>There will be no impact on the Council as we have an adopted Local Plan that requires affordable housing to be secured on sites of 11 or more dwellings.</p> <p>How will this judgement be reflected in the revised East Cambridgeshire Local Plan?</p> <p>As part of the Local Plan Review up-to-date evidence will be gathered; this will inform any proposed threshold.</p> <p>What are the financial implications of this judgement on East Cambridgeshire?</p>	

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				There are no financial implications.	
2.	-	Apologies for Absence	-	Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Chaplin, Edwards, Green, Griffin-Singh, Tom Hunt, Roberts and Josh Schumann.	-
3.	-	Declarations of Interest	To receive declarations of interests from Members in respect of any items on the Agenda in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct.	No declarations of interests were received.	-

4.	-	Chairman's Announcements	Announcement of items of interest.	<p>The Chairman made the following announcements:</p> <p>'I am delighted to announce that East Cambridgeshire has been recognised as one of the best places to live in Britain, where a perfect blend of happiness and affordability exist. As the Leader of the Council has stated in the Press, we will do our utmost to make East Cambridgeshire the best place possible to live.</p> <p>Regarding the 100 days commitment Action Plan. Our achievement is too lengthy to incorporate it all here. I will mention just a few that have been satisfactorily completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Guaranteeing the 2016 /17 council tax freeze (b) Incorporating 60% recycling rate into Waste Service Delivery plan (c) Commitment to free car parking into the Council's Constitution (d) Approving the time-table and process for the New Local Plan and (e) Target of 8 apprenticeship into the Economic Development Service Delivery Plan <p>Another piece of good news is that we have reached an agreement with the County Council that the bypass completion</p>	-
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5.	Q57	Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) Electoral Review of East	To agree a submission to the Local Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) consultation on warding arrangements as part of the Electoral Review of East Cambridgeshire.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the submission to the LGBCE attached as Appendix 1 to the report, with the minor amendments to Table 1 detailed at the meeting, be approved.</p>	Sally Bonnett

		Cambridgeshire – East Cambridgeshire District Council Response to Consultation on Warding Arrangements			
6.	Q58	Action Taken by the Chief Executive on the Grounds of Urgency	To note the action taken by the Chief Executive on the grounds of urgency regarding the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) review of Cambridgeshire County Council.	It was resolved: That the action taken by the Chief Executive on the grounds of urgency be noted.	Chief Executive