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COUNCIL – 21 FEBRUARY 2013
DECISION LIST



EAST
CAMBRIDGESHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Agenda Item No.	Report Ref.	Item	Issue	Decision	Action by
1.	-	Public Question Time	To answer questions from members of the public.	There were no public questions received.	-
2.	-	Apologies for Absence	-	Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Austen, Bailey, Griffin-Singh, Harris and B Hunt.	-
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.	Cllr Brown declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 12.a – Schedule of Items Recommended from Committees and Other Member Bodies – Burwell Masterplan, as he had been the Cambridgeshire County Council Member on the Burwell Masterplan Working Party.	-
4.	-	Minutes – 8 January 2013	-	It was resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.	-
5.	-	Chairman's Announcements	Announcement of items of interest.	The Chairman made the following announcements: <u>Agenda</u> Please note that it has been necessary to withdraw agenda item 12.c – Schedule of Items Recommended from Committees and Other Member Bodies – Final Supplementary Planning Document on	-

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				<p>Developer Contributions from the agenda.</p> <p>As you will be aware from the report within the Council agenda, this document was due to be presented to the Development and Transport Committee on Tuesday 19 February, and recommended to Council for adoption at this evening's meeting.</p> <p>The public consultation on the document closed after the dispatch of the Development and Transport Committee agenda. Unfortunately the appendices to the report were not finalised in time for circulation to the Development and Transport Committee to allow Members sufficient time to digest and consider the appendices. Therefore, the item was withdrawn from the Development and Transport Committee agenda.</p> <p>The report will now be presented to the Development and Transport Committee meeting in March and recommended to Council for adoption at the Annual Council meeting in May.</p> <p><u>Draft East Cambridgeshire Local Plan</u></p> <p>The District Council is preparing a new plan for East Cambridgeshire. The new Local Plan will set out a blueprint for the future growth of the district, looking at how much, where and when development should take place up to 2031. It will seek to ensure that development in the district is 'sustainable'</p>	

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				<p>and meets the needs of the local area. The Local Plan will be the main basis for making decisions on planning applications.</p> <p>A draft Local Plan has been published for comment and is currently out for public consultation from 11 February – 25 March 2013.</p> <p>The Local Plan is split into 2 key parts:</p> <p><u>Part 1: Spatial Strategy and Policies</u> - sets out a strategic vision for future growth and a series of detailed policies to guide development relating to housing, employment, environment and climate change, community services and infrastructure.</p> <p><u>Part 2: Village and Town Visions</u> - comprises a 'Village/Town Vision' for every settlement in the district. It sets out how each settlement should change and improve, and identifies sites for development.</p> <p>Your comments and views on the draft Local Plan and Village/Town Visions are welcomed and should be made by 5pm on Monday 25 March 2013 by completing the online comments form on the Council's website. Alternatively you can email the Forward Planning Team.</p> <p>Copies of the document have been circulated you this evening. However, the document can also be viewed on-line or</p>	

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				<p>inspected at the District Council Offices. You are also welcome to attend one of the exhibitions that are advertised on the Council's website.</p> <p><u>Member Seminar on Waste</u></p> <p>Members are reminded of the Seminar on Waste scheduled for Monday 25 February 2013 at 6pm in the Council Chamber, which you have previously been notified of. The Seminar is intended to raise awareness of the new services that are being introduced, timescales and the progress being made. Also communication measures to ensure residents are aware of changes and how to use the new collections.</p> <p>If you have not already done so, please can you inform Denise Gawthrop in Elections as to whether or not you will be attending. The Chairman emphasised the importance of the Seminar due to the likely level of public interest and enquiries on the new waste collection arrangements and encouraged Members to make every endeavour to attend.</p> <p><u>Association of Drainage Authorities</u></p> <p>With the Chairman's permission Cllr Goodge notified Members of the Association of Drainage Authorities Local Authority Seminar that was being held on 14 March 2013 at the Great Northern Hotel</p>	

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				in Peterborough. Members were encouraged to attend, particularly those that represented the authority on the Internal Drainage Boards.	
6.	-	To Receive Petitions	To receive public petitions.	No petitions had been received.	-
7.	-	Notice of Motions Under Procedure Rule 10	<p>NEW SOHAM RAILWAY STATION</p> <p>This Council welcomes the inclusion of a new station at Soham in network rail's business plan for 2014-19.</p> <p>The Council requests that the Leader of the Council contribute fully to the joint work between Cambridgeshire County Council, Network Rail and other partners.</p> <p>And furthermore, that best endeavours are made to link Soham station directly to Cambridge to maximise the benefits to the local economy.</p>	<p>The motion as included within the agenda was proposed and seconded.</p> <p>The following amended motion was then proposed and seconded:</p> <p>This Council welcomes the inclusion of a new station at Soham in network rail's business plan for 2014-19.</p> <p>The Council recognises the hard work of the Leader of the Council in bringing the prospect of the station closer to fruition.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Council requests that the Leader continues to contribute fully to the joint work between Cambridgeshire County Council, Network Rail and other partners to bring the vision of this Council into being.</p> <p>On being put to the vote, the amended motion was supported.</p>	-
8.	-	To answer Questions from Members	To receive questions from Members of Council.	<p>Questions were received from Cllrs J Friend-Smith and Allen and tabled at the meeting:</p> <p>The following question was asked by Cllr Allen:</p> <p><i>'While I accept that there is a possibility of</i></p>	Chief Executive

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				<p><i>differing views about the merits of the Community Land Trust (CLT) model in delivering much needed low cost housing, can the administration explain whether the proportion of affordable housing in the proposed Stretham CLT is going to be the norm. The development of tens of private houses for sale in an out of development envelope location to deliver low numbers of homes for rent seems excessive. How does this fit into exception site policy which excludes private housing? Were the residents of the community told about the proportions in consultation materials, and is it a hidden aim of emerging policy to grant massive uplifts in edge of settlement land values?</i></p> <p><i>Granting permission for a couple of market houses to free up cheap land for low rent housing is to be lauded, especially if there is evidence of strong local support and need, but are large urban extensions acceptable particularly if there are evident conflicts with elements of Council community led development policies as evidenced by Growth Policy 6 in the Draft Local Plan?</i></p> <p><i>I ask this question as this Council has committed to support CLT development and policy needs to be transparent, robust and able to withstand scrutiny.'</i></p> <p>The Chief Executive stated that a full</p>	

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				<p>written response would be provided to Cllr Allen and appended to the minutes.</p> <p>The following question was asked by Cllr J Friend-Smith:</p> <p><i>'The tradition of all Councillors meeting together before Full Council meetings has recently lapsed because the Conservatives were too busy. As a consequence, for the last two years, other groups of Councillors have not been able to meet the visiting chaplain who comes to take prayers before the annual meeting of Full Council. With this pressure it must be difficult for the Conservatives to welcome the visiting chaplain.</i></p> <p><i>Under the rule of proportionality I would like to ask that the Independents and Liberal Democrats should meet and greet the visiting chaplain this year. Have we the right to make this claim?'</i></p> <p>The Leader of the Council confirmed that all political parties would convene before the Annual Meeting of Council to meet the visiting chaplain.</p>	Chief Executive
9.	M347	Schedule of Items Recommended from Committees and Other Member Bodies	To consider and take decisions on items recommended from Committees and Other Member Bodies	<p><u>Finance and Governance Committee – 31 January 2013</u></p> <p><u>2013/14 Annual Treasury Management Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy (AIS)</u></p>	

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				<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That Council approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2013/14 Treasury Management Strategy detailed in the submitted report; • The Annual Investment Strategy detailed in the submitted report; • The Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement detailed in the submitted report; • The Prudential and Treasury Indicators as set out in Appendix 1 of the submitted report. 	Head of Finance
10.	M348	The Robustness of the 2013/2014 Budget and the Adequacy of Reserves	To consider the robustness of the Council's budget for 2013/14 and the adequacy of the Council's reserves.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That Council notes the Head of Finance's assessment as to the robustness of the estimates and adequacy of reserves as set out in the officer's report.</p>	Head of Finance
11.	M349	2013/2014 Council Tax, Revenue and Capital Budgets	<p>i. Consideration of the Council's capital and revenue budget for 2013/14.</p> <p>ii. The setting of the Council Tax for 2013/14.</p>	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>i. That the formal budget resolution, which calculates the Council Tax requirement as set out in Appendix 1 of the officer's report, be adopted.</p> <p>ii. That the draft revenue budget set out in Appendix 2 of the officer's report be approved.</p> <p>iii. That the capital programme and financing as set out at Appendix 3 of the officer's report be approved.</p> <p>iv. That the Statement of Reserves as set</p>	Head of Finance

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				<p>out in Appendix 4 of the officer's report be approved.</p> <p>v. That the Fees and Charges 2013/14 as set out in Appendix 5 of the officer's report be approved.</p> <p>vi. That the programme for schemes to be funded from the former Housing and Planning Delivery Grant as set out in Appendix 6 of the officer's report be approved.</p>	
12.	M350	Schedule of Items Recommended from Committees and Other Member Bodies	To consider and take decisions on items recommended from Committees and Other Member Bodies	<p><u>Development and Transport Committee – 10 January 2013</u></p> <p><u>Draft Burwell Masterplan</u></p> <p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the draft Burwell Masterplan, as amended by the Burwell Masterplan Working Party on 9 January 2013, including the amendments identified in Appendix A1 of the submitted report and pages 5 and 24 of the Masterplan document, circulated at the meeting, be approved as the Council's long term vision for the future of Burwell.</p> <p><u>Development and Transport Committee – 10 January 2013</u></p> <p><u>Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report 2012</u></p> <p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the Annual Monitoring Report 2012,</p>	Infrastructure and Projects Officer

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				as attached as Appendix 1 of the submitted report be adopted.	Forward Planning Officer
13.	M351	Proposed Changes to Constitution: 1) Planning Terms of Reference – CIL - Enforcement; 2) Contract Procedure Rules – to allow for E-Tendering Procedures	To consider proposed changes to the Council's Constitution.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That Council authorise the Monitoring Officer to amend the Constitution, as follows:</p> <p>a) Planning Committee's Terms of Reference, to include delegated powers to the Head of Planning and Sustainable Development to deal with operational issues relating to CIL enforcement and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to authorise any Magistrates Court action;</p> <p>b) Contract Procedure Rules (rule 8) – to allow for e-tendering to be undertaken (in lieu of postal tendering)¹</p>	Head of Legal and Democratic Services
14.	M352	Draft Pay Policy Statement 2013/2014	To present the Council's draft Pay Policy Statement 2013/14, which is a requirement under the Localism Act 2011.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>i. That Council approve the 2013/14 Pay Policy Statement, as attached as Appendix 1 of the officer's report, and that the 2013/14 Pay Policy Statement be published on the Council's website.</p> <p>ii. That prior to Council, future Pay Policy Statements be presented to Scrutiny Committee, followed by the Personnel and Corporate Services Committee.</p>	Deputy Chief Executive

¹ On a pre-authorised/ pre-arranged basis.

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15.	M353	Scrutiny Committee Report	To receive a summary of the items considered by the Scrutiny Committee at its meetings on 7 January, 21 January and 4 February 2013.	It was resolved: That the report be noted.	Chief Executive