



Cabinet 23 May 2012

Recommendations from Sustainable Development Working Party: 1 May 2012 (Jun12/03)

Cabinet Members:

*Cllr Terry Clements and
Cllr Peter Stevens*

Chairman of the Working Party:

Cllr Richard Rout

**1. Suffolk Local Flood Risk Management Strategy: Consultation
(Report C461)**

RECOMMENDED:-

That the draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy, as outlined in Report C461, be approved for consultation purposes.

A presentation was given to the Working Party on the draft Strategy by Jane Burch, Flood and Coastal Policy Manager, Suffolk County Council. The County Council, as the lead Local Flood Authority, was required to develop a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy, and accordingly a draft had been prepared in conjunction with other partners, including all local authorities within Suffolk. The draft document had subsequently been published by the Suffolk Local Flood Risk Management Partnership.

A summary of the Strategy was attached as Report C461.

**2. Joint Forest Heath District Council and St Edmundsbury Borough Council
Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (Report C462)**

RECOMMENDED:- That

- (1) *subject to the re-drafting of paragraph 5.18, the minor textual amendments referred to at the meeting and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services being satisfied as to the content of Appendix C of the document on the Unilateral Undertaking for Off-site Contributions, the draft Forest Heath District Council and St Edmundsbury Borough Council Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document, detailed in Appendix A to Report C462, be approved for public consultation; and***

- (2) *delegated authority be given to the Corporate Director for Economy and Environment, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, to make any necessary minor typographical, grammatical or similar textual changes to the draft prior to publication for consultation purposes.***

Report C462 was considered which contained a Supplementary Planning Document relating to Affordable Housing as an Appendix to the report. Officers reported on minor textual amendments to the document at the meeting which had been made since the agenda and papers had been distributed.

The draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) had been developed jointly by St Edmundsbury Borough Council and Forest Heath District Council to provide guidance for the public, developers, landowners, consultants and local authority staff. The document would assist in providing clear and consistent advice to all parties involved in the delivery of affordable housing through the planning system.

Existing adopted planning policies within each authority required the provision of an element of affordable housing with the delivery of new housing. The SPD provided further guidance to assist in the delivery, management and financing of that housing. The document in itself would not be a planning policy, but it would inform and be a material consideration in the determination of planning applications.

The document explained how the policies of the respective Councils would be implemented to assist in the delivery of housing in both the towns and villages, and what processes both the Councils and applicants would need to follow when a planning application is submitted.

Before the document could be adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance, it had to be the subject of public consultation. The consultation would be jointly undertaken by the two Councils and would include statutory consultees and other interested parties. At the end of the consultation period, any changes to the draft would be made and reported back to the Sustainable Development Working Party for approval prior to the Council adopting it as Supplementary Planning Guidance. If necessary a modified version of the document would be put forward for final approval.