



## Cabinet 13 February 2013

### Recommendations from the Sustainable Development Working Party: 7 February 2013 (Feb13/08)

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#### **1. Joint Development Management Policies: Submission (Report D265)**

*(The following recommendations will be made to the Joint Development Management Policies Committee, not to Cabinet, and are presented here for **information only.**)*

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

The Joint Management Development Policies Committee be recommended, that:

- (1) the Joint Development Management Policies document, as attached at Working Paper 2 to Report D110, be approved for submission to the Planning Inspectorate;
- (2) delegated authority be given to the Head of Planning and Regulatory Services, in consultation with relevant Portfolio Holders, to make minor changes to the document, as required, as a result of discussion and negotiation with interested parties prior to the Examination in Public; and
- (3) **a method be brought forward whereby all Members can be kept informed of changes to the document being recommended to the Inspector.**

This report updates and reports on the latest stage of the Joint Development Management Policies, following the most recent 'submission version' consultation which took place between October and December 2012. This consultation sought comment on matters of 'soundness' and 'legal compliance'.

Officers' response to the latest representations will be considered and formulated in due course, in advance of the Examination in Public. Delegated authority is therefore sought, in conjunction with the Joint Head of Planning and Regulatory Services and the relevant Portfolio holders, for the negotiation and agreement of any minor changes to the Policy document that might be necessary as a result of the further submission version representations received.

This item was presented to the Local Plan Working Group at Forest Heath District Council on 4 February 2013. Any comments arising from either that meeting or Sustainable Development Working Party will be reported to the Joint Development Management Policies Committee on Monday 11 February 2013. Following consideration at the Joint Committee the recommendations will be taken to each Cabinet, and thereafter to each full Council, prior to 'submission', which is anticipated prior to the end of March 2013. Following this an Examination in Public will be held, at a date to be determined, but anticipated to be June 2013 or later, with adoption to follow the Inspectors' report.

## **2. Suffolk Flood Risk Management Strategy: Adoption (Report D266)**

### **RECOMMENDED:**

***That, subject to the approval of full Council, the content of the Suffolk Local Flood Risk Management Strategy, as contained in Appendix 1 to Report D266, be adopted.***

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The Local Flood Risk Management Strategy will be a statutory document, which will impact on the activities of all flood risk management authorities, i.e. local authorities, the Environment Agency, highways authorities and Internal Drainage Boards. Such bodies have a 'duty to act consistently with the local strategy' when undertaking their flood and coastal erosion risk management functions and have a 'duty to have regard for the strategy' when discharging other duties that may

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