

ITEM 3a

Department name: Growth, Economy and Culture

Name of meeting: Planning Cabinet Advisory Group

Date: 13/07/2020 Virtual Meeting

Attendees	<p>Membership: Cllr Jennifer Wilson-Marklew (Chair), Cllr John Bint, Cllr David Hopkins, Cllr Jenni Ferrans, Cllr Paul Trendall plus representatives from the following organisations Cllr Rebecca Kurth (Parishes Forum), Disha Hegde (Youth Cabinet), Hilary Chipping (SEMLEP)</p> <p>Substitute members: Kathryn Frazer (Youth Cabinet), Cllr David Stabler (Parishes Forum).</p> <p>Officers: Jon Palmer (JP), Andrew Turner (AT), Michael Moore (MM), Luke Gledhill, (LG), Roz Mascarenhas (RM), Sabina Kupczyk (SK), Phil Snell (PS), David Blandamer (DB)</p>
Guests:	Cllr Emily Darlington for item 3
Apologies:	Clare Walton (Community Action)
Note taker:	Michael Moore

		Action
1.	<p>Opening Matters-</p> <p>1.1 Cllr Wilson-Marklew introduced herself as the Cabinet member for Planning attending her first ever meeting of the Planning Cabinet Advisory Group (CAG) as Chair. She referred to the role of the group as an advisory body, giving stakeholders an opportunity to share views, lessons and expertise on planning documents. Although the Planning CAG is not a decision-making body, its input on planning matters is valued and appreciated.</p> <p>1.2 Apologies for Absence: Clare Walton (Community Action)</p>	
2.	Minutes of Last Meeting 27 February 2020 and Enclosures-	

	<p>2.1 The draft minutes from 27 February 2020 were agreed apart from the following points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Point 6 second bullet point Cllr Bint asked for an opportunity to input into the Parking Standards SPD - Item 5 The name for the New Local Plan. The Youth Cabinets suggested name for the new Milton Keynes Local Plan is Innovate:MK. <p>Item 2a: Schedule of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) AT introduced this item covering progress on the SPDs the Council was producing. He also mentioned that the Council’s Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) had been amended as planning documents issued for public consultation by the Council could not be viewed in libraries as they were closed due to the pandemic. Cllr Bint welcomed the making of the Article 4 Direction in CMK.</p> <p>Much of the debate on this item focused around the initial concept plans for the South East Strategic Urban Extension (SE SUE) circulated as part of the agenda for this meeting. There was an extensive wide-ranging debate by several speakers (including Councillor John Baker, member for the Apsley & Woburn ward in Central Bedfordshire) on various points connected to the proposed SE SUE development including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The impact of traffic and its effect on local communities as a result of new housing and other development in the area including the SE SUE. b) The provision, timing, location and alignment of transport infrastructure including East-West rail, the Expressway, grid roads and bridging points over the Bletchley to Bedford railway line. c) How best to involve and consult with key stakeholders interested parties and the public on this proposal. <p>Officers responded that they would be scheduling a workshop within the next few weeks to discuss the concerns and points raised at the CAG meeting in greater detail and how best to progress a Development Framework SPD for the SE SUE site.</p>	<p>Note: The brief for the Parking Standards SPD was circulated to CAG in April /May and some members have commented on it and the Project Centre commission.</p> <p>Workshop to be organised.</p>
3.	<p>Biodiversity SPD & Explanatory Briefing Note - PS and SK introduced this item. Comments sought on SPD before it proceeds to public consultation and subsequently to adoption, in response to questions and comments, Officers explained the SPD provided guidance to developers on the implementation of the Council’s bio-diversity policies in Plan:MK. The SPD aimed at achieving a net gain in biodiversity, providing greater consistency in decision-making in this area and to assist in the retention and protection of valuable habitats.</p>	<p>Note: An eight-week public consultation on this SPD was subsequently held from Monday 28 September 2020 until Monday 23 November 2020.</p>

4.	<p>South Caldecotte Development Framework SPD and Explanatory Briefing Note</p> <p>4.1 David Blandamer introduced this item. Points were made by various speakers about the importance of mitigating the impact of any development at South Caldecotte on features in and around this site. In response to points made during the debate on this item, JP mentioned that a plan did exist showing the detailed layout of the proposed warehousing development on this site. That plan accompanied the outline planning application, which was refused planning permission by the Council in February. A public inquiry into this refusal was scheduled to start in August for three weeks.</p>	
5.	<p>Revised Terms of Reference for CAG</p> <p>5.1 Terms of Reference (TOR) agreed with the addition of text on inviting Councillors' from neighbouring Boroughs to meetings, when considered appropriate.</p> <p>5.2 TOR to be amended to reflect Tracy Darke's new title as Director – Planning, Strategic Transport and Placemaking instead of previous title of Director, Growth, Economy and Culture</p>	<p>TOR text to be amended to refer to inviting Councillors' from neighbouring Boroughs to meetings, when considered appropriate</p> <p>Tracy Darke's title to be amended in TOR</p>
6.	<p>Closing Matters-</p> <p>6.1 Any other Business (AOB)</p> <p>6.2 Date of next Meeting. Date of Workshop meeting on SE SUE to be advised</p>	