

**CABINET – 29 MARCH 2019****PUBLIC ORDER PAPER****ITEM DETAILS****APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr. N. J. Rushton CC

1. MINUTES (Pages 3 - 14)**Proposed motion**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2019 be taken as read, confirmed, and signed.

2. URGENT ITEMS

The Chairman has agreed to consider one urgent item; a report on the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road Housing Infrastructure Fund Bid, which, with the agreement of the Chairman of the Scrutiny Commission will be taken in private session. This will be the last item on the agenda.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Cabinet are asked to declare any interests in the business to be discussed.

4. LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2019/20 (pages 15 - 28)**Proposed motion**

That the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board Business Development Plan 2019/20 be noted and welcomed.

5. REVIEW OF PROPOSALS FOR A UNITARY STRUCTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR LEICESTERSHIRE (pages 29 - 62)**Proposed motion**

- (a) That officers be requested to have regard to the views of the Scrutiny Commission and the Member Working Party when developing the business case for a unitary structure for local government in Leicestershire;

- (b) That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet on 25 June 2019 presenting the business case for a unitary structure for local government in Leicestershire.

**6. SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES PROVISION –
PROGRESS WITH DELIVERY OF THE HIGH NEEDS BLOCK
DEVELOPMENT PLAN (pages 63 - 76)**

Proposed motion

- (a) That the progress with the High Needs Block Development Plan be noted, in particular -
- (i) The encouraging response from maintained schools and academies to the call for expressions of interest to develop new Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) places, which shows a real commitment to help deliver change in partnership with the County Council;
 - (ii) That the responses to date to the consultation indicate a high level of support for the proposals to develop new SEND provision;
 - (iii) The success of the bid to the Department for Education for targeted capital funding to establish a new build 50-place Free School for pupils with social, emotional and mental health needs on the Iveshead campus in Shepshed;
- (b) That the Director of Children and Family Services be authorised to issue Statutory Notices for the development of additional SEND places in the ten maintained schools identified in the Appendix to the report, and to subsequently determine the Notices where no significant objections are received;
- (c) That the need for Department for Education (Regional Schools Commissioner) to give consent for “significant change” to the eleven academies identified in the Appendix to the report to develop additional SEND places be noted; and
- (d) A further report be submitted to the Cabinet on 24 May 2019 on the outcome of the consultation exercise and, if necessary, to seek determination of the Statutory Notices referred to at (b) above.

7. RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION ON HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL'S LOCAL PLAN REVIEW: NEW DIRECTIONS FOR GROWTH (pages 77 - 90)

- *Comments have been received from Mr. D. C. Bill CC and Mr. M. T. Mullaney CC, which are attached to this Order Paper marked '7a'.*

Proposed motion

That:

- a) the response set out in the Appendix to the report which has been submitted to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council (HBBC) as the views of the County Council on its Local Plan Review: New Directions for Growth, be noted;
- a) HBBC's approach to the consultation on the New Directions for Growth document, in particular the insufficient reference made to the policy framework provided by the Strategic Growth Plan which the Borough Council endorsed on 27 November 2018, be noted with concern.

8. ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT 2019/20 HIGHWAYS CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND HIGHWAYS TRANSPORTATION WORK PROGRAMME (pages 91 - 128)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the Environment and Transport 2019/20 Highways Capital Programme and the Highways and Transportation Work Programme be approved;
- (b) That the Director of Environment and Transport, following consultation with the Director of Corporate Resources and the Cabinet Lead Member for Environment and Transport, be authorised to make minor amendments to the 2019/20 Highways Capital Programme and Highways and Transportation Work Programme;
- (c) That £6m be allocated from reserves to support and develop the advance infrastructure design for schemes in the County set out in paragraphs 36 to 38 of the report, all focused on new or accelerated housing delivery and provision of new employment, with the following two schemes being prioritised:-
 - i) The A511/A50 Growth Corridor as the Council's Major Road Network (MRN) priority for delivery from 2020 to 2025;
 - ii) The M1 Junction 20a scheme, which has been submitted for the current round of Large Local Majors Funding;

- (d) That the Director of Environment and Transport, following consultation with the Director of Corporate Resources and the Cabinet Lead Members for Environment and Transport and Corporate Resources, be authorised to prepare and submit bids, as appropriate, to secure external funding for delivery of schemes identified in the Highways Capital Programme;
- (e) That the Director of Environment and Transport, following consultation with the Director of Corporate Resources, the Director of Law and Governance and the Cabinet Lead Member for Corporate Resources, be authorised to enter into such contracts as is necessary to progress schemes in the approved Highways Capital Programme to allow Early Contractor Involvement to take place in advance of all external funding required to deliver the scheme being in place, subject to:-
 - (i) The contract referring to an approved scheme (i.e. one set out in the Highways Capital Programme or Medium Term Financial Strategy).
 - (ii) The Director of Environment and Transport and Director of Corporate Resources being satisfied that funding partners are able to provide the necessary contributions including cost of ECI Stage 1 should the scheme not proceed to Stage 2.
 - (iii) The value of the contract at Stage 1 is within the amount covered by existing delegations to the Director of Environment and Transport and Director of Corporate Resources.
 - (iv) The Director of Environment and Transport following consultation with the Director of Corporate Resources will only authorise proceeding to Stage 2 (construction stage) where the scheme is approved and funding is in place.

9. EAST OF LUTTERWORTH STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT AREA – HOMES ENGLAND FUNDING AND EARLY CONTRACTOR INVOLVEMENT (pages 129 - 138)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the grant allocation of £14m from Homes England from its Local Authority Accelerated Construction Fund be accepted and the necessary funding agreements completed;
- (b) That the Director of Environment and Transport, following consultation with the Director of Corporate Resources, the Director of Law and Governance, and the Cabinet Lead Member for Resources be authorised to enter into a contract and to proceed with Stage 1 of that contract to allow Early Contractor Involvement in the design and undertaking of preliminary works in respect of the future proposed construction of the East of Lutterworth

spine road and related infrastructure.

10. DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2019/20 AND 2020/21 (pages 139 - 140)

Proposed motion

That the County Council be recommended to hold meetings on the following dates during the next two municipal years:-

Wednesday 10 July 2019
Wednesday 25 September 2019
Wednesday 4 December 2019
Wednesday 19 February 2020 (to consider the budget)
Wednesday 13 May 2020 (Annual Meeting)
Wednesday 8 July 2020
Wednesday 30 September 2020
Wednesday 2 December 2020
Wednesday 17 February 2021 (to consider the budget)
Wednesday 19 May 2021 (Annual Meeting).

11. ITEMS REFERRED FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY.

No items have been referred from the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

12. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN HAS DECIDED TO TAKE AS URGENT.

There is one, exempt, item.

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Cabinet – 29 March 2019**Item 7 - Response to Consultation on Hinckley and
Bosworth Borough Council's Local Plan Review: New
Directions for Growth**

We wish to put on record our grave concerns about the tone and content of this report. We have been making enquiries and can report that there has been no consultation with ourselves as County Councillors for the area, the residents who live in the vicinity and most significantly the present tenant of Middlefields Farm. The tenant tells us that he has just invested £250,000 in new dairy equipment and so his reaction is understandable.

We take the view that the County Council should not confuse its role as a strategic planner with that of being a land-owner as this could clearly be perceived as being a conflict of interests.

There are clearly concerns to be expressed about the loss of countryside and the impact on the A47 which currently fails to cope at the Dodwells junction with the A5 and we suggest that there needs to be a dialogue with all affected interests and in particular the farmers, residents and current users of the road before this proceeds further.

We already had concerns about the bid to the Housing Infrastructure Fund as we have still not been shown the extent of the suggested development around junction 2 of the M69 and this latest report only adds to exacerbate the situation.

Yours sincerely,

David Bill
Michael Mullaney
County Councillors
Hinckley.