

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOCAL PLAN CABINET SUB-COMMITTEE  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2013**

**COUNCILLORS**

**PRESENT** Del Goddard (Cabinet Member for Business and Regeneration) and Chris Bond (Cabinet Member for Environment)

**ABSENT** Achilleas Georgiou (Deputy Leader) and Ahmet Oykenar (Cabinet Member for Housing)

**CO-OPTED**

**OFFICERS:** Neil Rousell (Director of Regeneration, Leisure & Culture), Paul Walker (Assistant Director, Regeneration, Planning & Programme Management) and Joanne Woodward (Planning Policy Team Leader), Metin Halil (Secretary)

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**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ahmet Oykenar and Achilleas Georgiou.

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**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

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**URGENT ITEMS**

NOTED that the reports listed on the agenda had been circulated in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Constitution and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information and Meetings) (England) Regulations 2012, with the exception of the following report:

Report No.75 – Enfield's Local Development Scheme 2013-16.

These requirements state that agendas and reports should be circulated at least 5 clear days in advance of meetings.

**AGREED** that the report be considered at this Sub Committee meeting.

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**ENDORSEMENT OF UPPER LEE VALLEY OPPORTUNITY AREA PLANNING FRAMEWORK**

Councillor Del Goddard (Cabinet Member for Business and Regeneration) introduced the report of the Director of Regeneration, Leisure and Culture (No.71). This report seeks endorsement from the Local Plan Cabinet Sub-Committee, that the Upper Lee Valley Opportunity Area Planning Framework be endorsed and that following adoption by the GLA, the Opportunity Area Planning Framework is now a material planning consideration.

NOTED

1. Members agreed to endorse the upper Lee Valley Opportunity Area Planning Framework.
2. As set out in the London Plan, planning authorities will be expected to give planning weight to this Framework when preparing local planning documents, and to refer to, and take account of, the guidance when considering planning applications.
3. The Committee and Officers were extremely pleased with the document and thanked all officers for their hard work with the GLA to produce the document.

**Alternative Options Considered:**

1. None considered. Endorsement of the Upper Lee Valley Opportunity Area Planning Framework is the appropriate option, given the significant collaboration and engagement in producing the Framework.
2. As set out in the London Plan, planning authorities will be expected to give planning weight to this document when preparing planning documents, and to refer to and take account of the guidance when considering planning applications.
3. Having an adopted and comprehensive planning framework for the area provides a basis for setting area specific policies by which decisions on development can be guided. This is essential to support the Council's regeneration programme, particularly in light of on-going, as well as future investment opportunities.

Decision: Local Plan Cabinet Sub-Committee

1. Agreed that the Upper Lee Valley Opportunity Area Planning Framework be endorsed.
2. Agreed that following adoption by the GLA, it to be noted the Opportunity Area Planning Framework is now a material planning consideration.

**Reason:** As detailed above under 'Alternative Options' at paragraphs 1,2 and 3.

**(Non – Key)**

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**EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT, SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL, AND MINOR CHANGES TO THE MERIDIAN WATER MASTERPLAN TO SUPPORT ENFIELD'S LOCAL PLAN**

Councillor Del Goddard (Cabinet Member for Business and Regeneration) introduced the report of the Director of Regeneration, Leisure and Culture (No.73). This report seeks authorisation for the Cabinet Member for Business and Regeneration to agree the publication of the Sustainability Appraisal, Equalities Impact assessment, and any minor amendments to the Masterplan prior to publication.

NOTED

1. Members agreed the endorsement of the Sustainability Appraisal, Equalities Impact assessment, and minor amendments to the Masterplan.
2. The reports and appendices had gone through despite the prospect of a judicial review of the Masterplan.
3. Officers reported the decision that was taken and the action the Leader of the Council had taken, also approved the minor changes to the Meridian Water Masterplan document that were authorised at the last sub-committee meeting on Wednesday 3 July 2013.

**Alternative Options Considered:** None considered.

**Decision:** Local Plan Cabinet Sub-Committee

1. Agreed that the decision taken by the Leader of the Council, in the absence of the Lead Member for Business and Regeneration, be noted.

**Reason:** Preparation of the Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Appraisal and Equalities Impact Appraisal are respectively regarded as best practise and necessary to address statutory requirements.

**(Non – Key)**

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**NORTH EAST ENFIELD AREA ACTION PLAN - PROGRESS UPDATE**

Councillor Del Goddard (Cabinet Member for Business and Regeneration) introduced the report of the Director of Regeneration, Leisure and Culture (No.72). The report seeks to update the progress on the North East Enfield Area Action Plan.

NOTED

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1. This was the next major action plan which will provide a framework for regeneration and investment in the area.
2. There had been a consultation document that re-ignited the North East Area Action Plan, last year followed by a very extensive consultation. Officers also followed debate at the North East Area Forum. School children from the academy also did a project on the action plan.
3. This report provided an update from the responses received from the consultation which were quite positive.
4. The key issues were around the transport network, particularly the Northern Gateway access Package, which was an item that would need to be continued in the final version of the document. These would need to be addressed as some of these issues concern the north east of the borough.
5. A tri-borough group had been set up between Epping Forest District Council, Broxbourne District Council and the London Borough of Enfield to have discussion around the key issues of the plan and to understand the concerns of the District Council's which are about the knock on effect of traffic flow in an already congested area.
6. Officers had been involved in a procurement process to appoint specialist consultants to complete this work for the Council. Consultants had now been appointed to complete the document.
7. Officers expect the final version draft submission to be prepared for the end of the year and then to come back to Committee for approval before it is submitted for its final stage of consultation.

**Decision:** Local Plan Cabinet Sub-Committee:

1. Agreed that the report be endorsed and noted.

**(Non-Key)**

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### **ENFIELD'S LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2013 - 2016**

Councillor Del Goddard (Cabinet Member for Business and Regeneration) introduced the report of the Director of Regeneration, Leisure and Culture (No.75). The report seeks the approval of the Local Plan Cabinet Sub Committee of the draft Local Development Scheme which sets out the programme for the preparation of Enfield's Local Plan for the period 2013-2016.

**NOTED**

1. The report provides an update of the Local Development Scheme (LDS). The scheme contains a three year rolling programme of local plan work and documents that will be produced and arrangements for the production, timetable, public consultation programme, project management, decision making procedures, level of resources and a required evidence base to support these documents.

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2. There had been many changes since the last LDS was approved in 2011 and at a national level there had been changes to the planning system with the publishing of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which has highlighted the need for Local Authorities to keep their local plan up to date and comprehensive. In the absence of an up to date and comprehensive local plan, development decisions would be taken in support of a development whether the Local Authority supported it or not.
3. Other key changes that have happened, include the Localism Act that has introduced a new type of plan called the neighbourhood plan. There has been some interest, for this new plan, across London and some interested groups were talking to the Council about the plan. There was a need to set aside resources to support these local plans going forward.
4. Much of the Local Plan Programme was already underway and some planning documents were well advanced and coming to the end of their production period and into adoption including the Development Management Document, which is in its final stage of consultation before submission to the Secretary of State for examination and the North Circular Road Area Action Plan which has recently been submitted to the Secretary of State for the examination process. The Community Infrastructure Levy along with other documents would be examined next year.
5. The Local Development documents are all set out on page 15 of the schedule.
6. The Chair stated that it was important to widely communicate and circulate Enfield's Local Development Schemes to other authorities so they understand the context and are aware of time frames. Officers' would be publicising the schemes on the Council's web pages as well as holding regular meetings with other planning authorities.
7. The Chair thanked officers' for their hard work in ensuring that all the administration documents and processes were clear.

**Alternative Options Considered:** The proposed local plan programme includes the appointment of external specialist contractors to work alongside the in house planning team to bring forward projects. This is considered to be necessary to speed up plan preparation. Alternative options include the appointment of more staff in house rather than external contractors or reprogramming some projects to the medium term.

### **RECOMMENDED TO CABINET**

That the Local Plan Cabinet Sub Committee:

1. Agreed to approve the draft Local Development Scheme (2013-2016) set out in Annex 1 for submission to the Mayor of London.
2. Recommend to Cabinet that appropriate provision be made in the Council's medium term financial plan to enable the local plan programme set out in the Local Development Scheme to be delivered from 2015/16 onwards.

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3. Agreed that in the event that the Mayor of London does not direct any changes or only those of a minor nature to the draft Local Development Scheme (LDS), the Cabinet Member for Business and Regeneration be authorised to formally bring the LDS into effect. Changes of a substantive nature will be reported back to the Local Plan Cabinet Sub-Committee for consideration.

**Reason:** An up to date local plan is critical to ensure new development in the borough will be of the type, quality and location to deliver corporate objectives. Statutory planning frameworks are particularly important for areas of the borough which are subject to a range of development pressures. The subsequent publication of the NPPF and CIL regulations makes it even more important for local plans to be in place to guide development decisions in the Council's priority areas and to support regeneration and housing renewal programmes. Additional funding will enable the appropriate resourcing of the Council's Local Plan preparation functions and will ensure the timely delivery of statutory planning frameworks to underpin regeneration delivery.

**(Key Decision KD – Reference No. 3690)**

## 15 MINUTES

**AGREED** that the minutes of the Local Plan Cabinet Sub-Committee held on 3 July 2013, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.