

CABINET**Tuesday, 8th April, 2014**

Present:-

Councillor Burrows (Chair)

Councillors	Blank Gilby King	McManus Russell Serjeant
Non Voting Members	Brown Hill	Hollingworth Huckle

*Matters dealt with under Executive Powers

190 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' AND OFFICERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No declarations were received.

191 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ludlow and Martin Stone.

192 MINUTES**RESOLVED –**

That the Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 25 March, 2014, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

193 FORWARD PLAN***RESOLVED –**

That the Forward Plan be noted.

194 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY - PROPOSAL TO SUBMIT A DRAFT CHARGING SCHEDULE FOR EXAMINATION (J010R)

The Head of Regeneration submitted a report on a proposal to submit a draft Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) charging schedule to the Planning Inspectorate for independent examination.

The report included a progress report on the preparation of the draft CIL Charging Schedule, and gave an update on recent changes in the CIL regulations.

The Cabinet had approved the introduction of a CIL at Minute No. 0109 (2011/12) and after viability evidence work had been done by consultants, a Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule was approved by Cabinet in May 2013, at Minute No 0005 (2013/14).

Consultation took place on the Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule during the summer in 2013, and the results were reported to Cabinet at Minute No. 0094, when the modified draft was approved. Further consultation took place on the Draft Charging Schedule from November 2013 to January 2014.

The consultation outcomes were summarised, and the Council's responses to comments made during the consultation were detailed in the report.

The report included details of the next stages in the CIL process, including submission of the Draft Charging Schedule to the Planning Inspectorate for independent examination

Information was provided on amendments to CIL regulations, in force since February 2014, and their likely impact on the implementation of CIL Charging Schedule in Chesterfield.

The report also provided details of the capital and revenue financial implications of introducing a CIL, of the statutory consultation process, legal, equalities and human rights issues, and of the implications of the CIL for environmental sustainability and bio-diversity.

***RESOLVED –**

1. That the response to the consultation comments received during consultation on a Draft Charging Schedule (shown at Appendix 2 to the report) be approved.
2. That submission of the Draft Charging Schedule (attached at Appendix 1 to the report) and associated documentation to the Planning Inspectorate for independent examination be approved.

REASON FOR DECISION

To ensure that the Council can continue to prepare a Community Infrastructure Levy.

195 DRAFT REVISED STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (J000)

The Head of Regeneration submitted a report seeking approval to publish the draft Revised Statement of Community Involvement for consultation.

A Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) is required from Planning Authorities by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, setting out how the public and other consultees will be consulted in connection with planning applications and planning policies in local plans.

In 2007 the Council adopted the current SCI at Minute No 0080 (2006/7). This SCI had subsequently been reviewed because of changes in planning legislation. The key change was made when the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 [S.I 2012 No.767] came into force, setting out the minimum requirements for community involvement in local plan making.

There had also been changes in the Council's consultation mechanisms, when Community Assemblies replaced Community Forums. Technological advances, including the increased use of electronic communication and social media also had an impact on consultation procedures. Proposals for updating the SCI, to take account of these changes, were outlined in the report, and a revised SCI was attached at the Appendix to the report.

***RESOLVED –**

1. That the draft statement of Community Involvement attached to the report be approved for public consultation purposes.
2. That responsibility be delegated to the Head of Regeneration in consultation with the Executive Member for Planning to make minor amendments to the document prior to the consultation period, if appropriate.

REASON FOR DECISION

To ensure that the Council meets its obligations under the Planning Acts.