

Cabinet 27/7/17 - Comments from O&S Panels

Part I

Planning and Housing

Hurley and Walthams Neighbourhood Plan – Decision Statement

The Planning & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Panel unanimously agreed to recommend that Cabinet:

- i) Confirms that the plan meets the Basic Conditions tests and does not require a SA/SEA; and
- ii) Accepts the proposed changes to the Neighbourhood Plan set out in Appendix B, and
 - a. Gives delegated authority to the Head of Planning to issue a decision statement; and
 - b. agrees to put the modified Neighbourhood Plan to referendum. The date of the referendum to be set in accordance with the legal requirements; and
- iii) Delegates authority to the Executive Director, in consultation with the Principal Member for Neighbourhood Planning, to make minor, non material, amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan prior to the referendum being announced; and
- iv) Provides advance funding, if required, for the referendum which will then be claimed back from Government.

It was agreed that the Head of Planning would provide the Panel with a written response as to what happens to the consultation database details once they had been used for the specific purpose intended.

Councillor Hilton, on behalf of the Panel, stated that the policy on car parking was beneficial observing that other Neighbourhood Plans did not contain this level of detail; for other areas the Council's Parking Standards needed revision. Councillor Beer stated that there was only a maximum not a minimum that could be specified for parking standard requirements which caused parking to be a problem in the Royal Borough. The Chairman stated that with regard to employment side of things he felt not enough went into employment opportunities. Councillor M Airey questioned how simpler communication would be provided to inform the voter about what could be achieved – Councillor Hunt explained that a number of articles went into various parish / church magazines, on various parish websites and in the Maidenhead Advertiser.

The Panel hoped the Planning Team was happy with the outcome and wished the referendum every success.

The Panel congratulated Councillor Hunt on her hard work and dedication regarding the work she and the Steering Group had put into the document.

Children's Services

Capital Programme Update – Schools

The Children's Services O&S Panel considered the Cabinet report and fully endorsed the recommendations. The Panel requested that the national average per pupil costs of building work be added to the report and also felt that more should be done to inform our residents about the Council's investment into school expansion.

Financial Update

The Children's Services O&S Panel considered the Cabinet report and fully endorsed the recommendations in relation to items under their remit.

Corporate Services

Financial Update

The Corporate Services O&S Panel considered the Cabinet report and fully endorsed the recommendations. Concern was raised that Ward Members had not been consulted on the additional funding towards saving bus routes, with regards to route 305B alternative funding arrangements were offered and available and the current bus route 305 was not fit for purpose and did not meet residents needs. Also other bus routes were now under pressure due to reduction of subsidy from Heathrow Airport.