

SOUTH BUCKS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Decisions

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Cabinet Member - Local Development Framework

Having considered a report contained in the agenda of a meeting of the Policy Advisory Group (PAG) held on 17 December 2007 and the views expressed by the PAG, the Cabinet Member has made the following decisions:

1. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK - RESIDENTIAL DESIGN GUIDE SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

The Cabinet Member has considered a report of the Director of Services presenting a draft of the Residential Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document. The Design Guide had been prepared in accordance with the Local Development Scheme, taking account of responses received to the scoping report which had been published in summer 2007. Accompanying documents produced comprised a Sustainability Appraisal, to help inform options for the Design Guide and for the public participation, and a Consultation Statement showing the bodies consulted and summarising responses.

Having identified some minor improvements that could be considered for the final version of the Guide following public participation, the Cabinet Member has approved the issue of the Residential Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document and other associated documentation for public participation commencing on Friday 21 December 2007. It was considered that the Design Guide is in general conformity with the Regional Spatial Strategy. It will also be submitted to SEERA for confirmation of this.

2. TENDERS FOR A JOINT SOUTH BUCKS AND CHILTERN TRANSPORT ASSESSMENT

The Cabinet Member has considered a report of the Director of Services on the tenders received for the Joint South Bucks and Chiltern Transport Assessment of the Council's Core Strategies.

Six bids were received from the ten consultants invited to submit tenders, which were then subsequently revised after they were supplied with updated information on the work required and the split between the two authorities. The lowest three tenderers also attended for interview. The Cabinet Member has decided that, subject to receipt of satisfactory references, the tender bid in the sum of £19,375 (exc. VAT) from consultants Atkins be accepted, as it represents the best option in terms of methodology and value for money. (The South Bucks share of the costs is £12,174). In the unlikely event that the references are unsatisfactory, the Cabinet Member has authorised acceptance of the bid from consultants PFA, subject to satisfactory references, in the sum of £27,250 (South Bucks share of £15,250).

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