

South Bucks District Council

Portfolio Holder Decision

Notice is given that the following decisions have been taken by the Portfolio Holder on Thursday, 22 February 2018

7 **Designation of an Air Quality Management Area in Iver**

(a) DECISION:

The PAG received a report on the declaration of an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) in Iver.

Having considered the advice of the PAG, the Portfolio Holder **RESOLVED:**

- 1) That the completion of additional monitoring and the production of the updated air quality assessment for Iver be noted, and to proceed to the formal declaration of a new Air Quality Management Area in accordance with Part IV of the Environment Act 1995.
- 2) To proceed with a consultation on the basis of the Parish boundary (shown in Appendix 1 of the report).
- 3) That the Head of Healthy Communities be authorised to undertake consultation with the statutory and other consultees referred to in paragraph 4 of the report between 1 March and 31 March 2018.
- 4) That associated reports and maps be placed on South Bucks District Council's website and its publication be advertised to relevant stakeholders
- 5) That responses to the consultation be reported to Cabinet for consideration and formal designation of an Air Quality Management Area under section 83 (1) of the Environment Act 1995

(b) REASON FOR DECISION:

Under Section 83 (1) of the Environment Act 1995, where it is identified that an objective will not be met, and members of the public are exposed to the elevated levels of pollutants, the local authority is required to declare an AQMA for the specific pollutants that are exceeding the objective. Using the Parish boundary would more effectively take account of the cumulative impacts in the vicinity, provide greater flexibility for stakeholders to respond to pollution issues and allow for the development of an effective action plan.

(c) ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

That the consultation should proceed on the basis of a smaller boundary within Iver.

(d) CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATIONS:

None

8 Chiltern and South Bucks Open Space Strategy

(a) DECISION:

The PAG received a report on the draft Open Space Strategy for Chiltern and South Bucks.

The Portfolio Holder **APPROVED** the draft Chiltern and South Bucks Open Space Strategy for public consultation.

(b) REASON FOR DECISION:

1. A finalised Open Space Strategy will help inform the Local Plan.
2. An up to date audit of South Bucks existing open space will enable Town and Parish Councils and local community groups to identify the priorities for improvement and enable organisations to plan and attract inward investment.

(c) ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

That the draft Chiltern and South Bucks Open Spaces Strategy does not proceed to public consultation at this time.

(d) CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATIONS:

None

14 Incentive to Purchase - Request to waive the repayment condition

(a) DECISION:

The PAG considered a report which asked the Portfolio Holder to consider whether to waive an Incentive to Purchase repayment of £40,000 on the sale of a property.

Having considered the advice of the PAG, the Portfolio Holder **RESOLVED** that the £40,000 incentive payment be repaid to the Council upon the sale of the property.

(b) REASONS FOR DECISION:

1. To ensure that the costs of the Incentive to Purchase scheme are recovered and put back into S106 funds to be used for other projects.
2. It was considered that the applicant was not suffering from a significant level of financial hardship to warrant waiving the repayment condition in the Incentive to Purchase Scheme.

(c) ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

1. To waive the repayment.
2. To allow the payment to be carried forward onto another property, which would incur administrative and legal costs to the Council.

(d) CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATIONS:

None

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