

South Bucks District Council

Portfolio Holder Decision

Notice is given that the following decisions have been taken by the Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Development on Thursday, 7 September 2017

6 **Revised Building Control Charges**

(a) DECISION:

The PAG received a report which set out proposals to revise Building Control Charges by simplifying the scheme and increasing some of the charges.

Having considered the advice of the PAG, the Portfolio Holder **APPROVED** the revised Building Control Charges Scheme attached at Appendix 1.

(b) REASON FOR DECISION:

- To reduce the number of invoices being generated and the number of cheques received.
- To simplify the schedule of charges for the Council's customers and to make it clear when they need to request individually determined charges.

(c) ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The following options were considered:

- a) To implement amendments to the charge scheme to enable recovery of the full cost of the chargeable account;
- b) To keep the existing charge scheme and run the risk of a deficit in the budget 2017/18; or
- c) To re-visit the scheme which would delay the changes proposed and potentially to reduce the income budget.

(d) CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATIONS:

None.

7 **Brownfield Land Register**

(a) DECISION:

The PAG received a report that advised members on new statutory requirements for the Council to prepare and publish a Brownfield Land Register for South Bucks District and which sought agreement from the Portfolio Holder to carry out consultation on a draft Register.

Having considered the advice of the PAG, the Portfolio Holder **APPROVED** the proposed consultation on a draft Brownfield Land Register for South Bucks District.

And further

RECOMMENDED to Cabinet that

- 1) Cabinet delegates publication of the Register and any future updates to the Head of Sustainable Development in consultation with the Portfolio Holder;
- 2) Cabinet recommends to Full Council that the decision to enter land in Part 2 of the Register is delegated to the Planning Committee and dealt with under the Scheme of Officer Delegations in the same way as planning applications; and
- 3) the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to amend the Council's Constitution to reflect the new Brownfield Land Register functions and associated delegations.

(b) REASON FOR DECISION:

To enable the Council to discharge its new statutory functions in respect of Brownfield Land Registers and ensure that a Register could be prepared and consulted on in a timescale that would allow the government's stipulated publication date of 31 December 2017 to be achieved.

(c) ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

There were no other options available as the production of a Brownfield Land Register is a statutory requirement and the timetable for final publication of the document is similarly imposed on local authorities. Regulations and guidance relating to production of the Registers set out in some detail the process for including any individual site on the Register.

(d) CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATIONS:

None.

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