

## **Record of Cabinet member decision**

Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Decision made by	Councillor Mike Murray
Key decision?	Yes
Date of decision (same as date form signed)	27.11.14
Name and job title of officer requesting the decision	Katherine Pearce – Senior Planning Officer (Neighbourhood)
Officer contact details	Tel: 01235 540511 Email: <u>Katherine.pearce@southandvale.gov.uk</u>
Decision	To: Agree that following the recommended modifications as set out in the Decision Statement that the Great Coxwell Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to referendum.
Reasons for decision	The Council has committed to supporting neighbourhood planning in its Strategic Objective on Support for Communities, and more specifically through the commitment in the Corporate Plan 2012-2016 to 'encourage communities to consider developing neighbourhood plans as a means of shaping their local environment'.
	The Great Coxwell Neighbourhood Plan has been found to meet the basic conditions, as set out in the Localism Act 2011, by Chris Collison, an independent examiner appointment to examine the Plan. The Examiner's Report concludes that:
	"I recommend to Vale of White Horse District Council that the Great Coxwell Neighbourhood Development Plan 2014-2031 should, subject to the modifications I have put forward, be submitted to referendumI recommend that the Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to a referendum based on the neighbourhood area defined by Vale of White Horse District Council on 2 August 2013."
	The Examiner has recommended modifications to the Plan to ensure the plan meets the basic conditions and to correct errors. Officers recommend acceptance of all the Examiner's recommendations, for the reasons expressed by the Examiner.
Alternative options	To reject some or all of the independent Examiner's

rejected	recommendations -This option is not necessary as officers accept all the recommendations made by the Examiner, and to reject any changes would trigger a further period of public consultation.			
	If the District Council is satisfied that the Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions and complies with other relevant legislation and provisions, they must proceed to referendum as required by Schedule 10, paragraph 12 of the Localism Act 2011.			
Legal implications	The decision to proceed to referendum made by the Council could be subject to legal challenge for 6 weeks from the date of the decision.			
Financial implications	Now that the District Council has received the Examiner's Report, it will be able to claim £20,000 from Central Government. This fund is intended to give financial support to authorities in fulfilling their duty to advise and assist groups producing neighbourhood plans, which includes organising and holding the referendum.			
Other implications				
Background papers considered	Vale of White Horse Decision Statement on the Great Coxwell Neighbourhood Plan     Great Coxwell Neighbourhood Plan Examination Version     Examiner's Report on the Great Coxwell Neighbourhood Plan			
Declarations/conflict of interest? Declaration of other councillor/officer consulted by the Cabinet member?	None			
List consultees		Name	Outcome	Date
	Ward councillors	Roger Cox	Agreed	25 November 2014
:	Legal	Ian Price	Agreed	26 November 2014
	Finance	Paul Sheppard	Agreed	25 November 2014
	Human resources	N/A		
	Sustainability	N/A	W- W. V.	
	Diversity and equality	N/A	-	
	Communications	Andy Roberts	Press release will be drafted	25 November 2014

		this week and published once the ICMD has been made.
	Strategic Management Board	
Confidential decision? If so, under which exempt category?		
Call-in waived by Scrutiny Committee chairman?		
Cabinet member's signature To confirm the decision as set out in this notice.	Signature	2014

## ONCE SIGNED, THIS FORM MUST BE HANDED TO DEMOCRATIC SERVICES IMMEDIATELY.

Form received	Date: 28 posender Til	me: S. oopm
Date published to Scrutiny Committee	Date: 28 Mouranter 2014	
Call-in deadline	Date: 5 December 2014 Til	me: 5.00pm

