


## Record of individual Cabinet member decision

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

<b>Decision made by</b>	Councillor Roger Cox
<b>Key decision?</b>	No
<b>Date of decision</b> (same as date form signed)	5 December 2016
<b>Name and job title of officer requesting the decision</b>	William Sparling – Senior Planning Policy Officer
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<b>Decision</b>	To recommend that Vale of White Horse District Council makes the Blewbury Neighbourhood Plan part of the development plan for the district.
<b>Reasons for decision</b>	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan has followed the correct statutory process and this is the final step in its development.</p> <p>Blewbury Neighbourhood Plan was agreed through a local referendum held on 24 November 2016. A total number of 562 residents voted in the referendum. Of these, 531 residents voted in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan being made by the district council, 94 per cent of the turnout.</p> <p>The next step in the process is to consider making the Plan a part of the Development Plan for the Vale of White Horse and to recommend to Full Council that the Blewbury Neighbourhood Plan be adopted as a part of the Development Plan.</p> <p>Once adopted, the Blewbury Neighbourhood Plan will form part of the statutory development plan for the district. Its policies will be relevant for the determination of planning applications in Blewbury parish.</p>
<b>Alternative options rejected</b>	More than half of people who voted, voted yes. The neighbourhood plan, including its preparation, does not breach, and would not otherwise be incompatible with, any EU obligation or any of the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998). There are therefore no options open to the Council other than to make the plan part of the Development Plan.

<b>Legal implications</b>	<p>Paragraph 38A (4)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that the district council must make the neighbourhood plan if more than half of those voting have voted in favour of the plan being used to help decide planning applications in the plan area. The district council are not subject to this duty if (and only if) the making of the plan would breach, or would otherwise be incompatible with, any EU obligation or any of the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).</p> <p>It is not considered that the neighbourhood plan would breach, or would otherwise be incompatible with, any such obligation or rights. The council should now proceed to make the plan.</p>			
<b>Financial implications</b>	No new implications other than those considered in the report.			
<b>Other implications</b>	There are no further implications other than those mentioned in the report.			
<b>Background papers considered</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blewbury Neighbourhood Plan.</li> <li>• Cabinet Member Briefing Paper dated 5 December 2016.</li> <li>• Referendum Results Notice.</li> </ul>			
<b>Declarations/conflict of interest? Declaration of other councillor/officer consulted by the Cabinet member?</b>	None			
<b>List consultees</b>		<b>Name</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Date</b>
	Ward councillor(s)	Cllr Janet Shelley	Agreed	29/11/2016
		Cllr Reg Waite	Agreed	29/11/2016
	Legal	Ian Price	Comments noted.	1/12/2016
	Finance	Paul Sheppard	Agreed	30/11/2016
	Human resources	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Sustainability	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Diversity and equality	Cheryl Reeves	Agreed	1/12/2016
	Communications	Andy Roberts	Agreed	29/11/2016
	Head of Service	Adrian Duffield	Agreed	5/12/2016
<b>Confidential decision?</b> If so, under which exempt category?	No			
<b>Call-in waived by Scrutiny Committee chairman?</b>	N/A			
<b>Cabinet member's signature</b> To confirm the decision as set out in this notice.	<p>Signature </p> <p>Date <u>5<sup>th</sup> December 2016</u></p>			

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