

Report from the Leader of the Council on the work of the Cabinet

Meeting held on 22 November 2017

This is my report as the Leader of the Council on the work of the Cabinet. It is an overview of the main items of business considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 22 November 2017.

1. Recommendations from the Local Plan Working Party

1.1 We considered the recommendations of the Local Plan Working Party from its meeting held on 30 October 2017.

1.2 We agreed that:

1. the Local Development Scheme; the Authority Monitoring Report 2017; the Spelthorne Functional Economic Area report; and the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report, be approved for publication;
2. Cllr Colin Barnard as the Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development sign the Memorandum of Understanding between Spelthorne Borough Council and Slough Borough Council on behalf of the Council; and
3. the Green Belt Assessment be approved for public consultation and for officers to consider next steps and report back to the Local Plan Working Party following consultation.

2. Recommendation from Overview and Scrutiny Committee

2.1 We considered the recommendation from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on measures to deal with anti-social behaviour in Staines Town Centre and a report from the Group Head of Neighbourhood Services which outlined the background to the formation of the Joint Enforcement Team (JET) and explained its role.

2.2 We agreed:

1. to ask the Chief Executive to write to the Chief Constable, copying the Police and Crime Commissioner, about the Council's concerns and request the necessary level of visible police presence in Staines-upon-Thames town centre on a Sunday afternoon to deter incidents of anti-social behaviour; and
2. not to accept the recommendation of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the following reasons:
 - it was not the role of JET to deal with criminal offences;
 - the recent change in the policing model and police officers moving out of Knowle Green did not have a detrimental effect on the ability of the JET to integrate with the Police; and

- the expansion of the JET would create additional and on-going staffing and operational costs for the Council at a time when it needs to find savings across services.

3. Recommendation of the Audit Committee on Corporate Risk Management

- 3.1 We considered the recommendation from the Audit Committee on the Corporate Risk Register and approved it as submitted.

Councillor Ian Harvey

Leader of the Council

14 December 2017