



BRECKLAND COUNCIL

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Portfolio/Cabinet	Cabinet
Report Title (& Reference No.)	Attleborough and Snetterton Heath Area Action Plan and wider Local Plan Review
Summary Background	Members' views were sought on the implications of a revised timetable for the Attleborough and Snetterton Heath Area Action Plan, and consequential effects on the Government's requirements for the transition to a Local Plan.
Author/Contact Officer	Phil Mileham (Senior Planning Policy Officer)
Ward(s) Affected	All Wards but in particular Burgh & Haverscroft; East Guiltcross and Queens
Urgent?	No
Key Decision?	Yes
In Forward Plan?	Yes
Date Decision Taken	Tuesday, 8 January 2013
Date Published	Thursday, 10 January 2013
Call-In Expiry	N/A
Exempt Information?	No
Decision (Action Agreed)	<p><u>RESOLVED</u> that a Working Group be established to scrutinise and review the new 'Local Plan' document going forward.</p> <p><u>RECOMMEND</u> to Council that Option 2 of the report be</p>

	<p>endorsed – to continue the preparation of a further more detailed consultation on growth in Attleborough, but that it be delayed to form part of a more detailed section of a consultation on the preparation of a new District-wide ‘Local Plan’ in late 2013/early 2014 (e.g. an ‘Issues and Options’ paper that could include housing numbers for the rest of the District and more detailed proposals for Attleborough in a separate chapter). A revised Local Development Scheme would be prepared which would set out the remaining timetable for the ‘Local Plan’ with subsequent milestones to be agreed.</p>
<p>Reasons(s)</p>	<p>It was recommended that the Council endorsed Option 2 of the report. Option 2 was considered to represent the most sound and deliverable approach in moving towards a new strategic planning framework for the district post National Planning Policy Framework, whilst continuing to make progress on providing certainty of the direction of committed growth in Attleborough. Taking such an approach would allow for the remaining evidence base to be fully completed and understood. It would also allow the Council, the public and other professional stakeholders to have a clearer understanding of the options for strategic growth and change across Breckland.</p> <p>Should Members endorse either option 2 or 3 of the report and commit to either a migration towards a single ‘Local Plan’, or a further amended timetable for a ‘Local Plan’, then this should be prepared utilising a new Member decision-making process, such as a Working Group of Cabinet.</p>
<p>Options</p>	<p>In light of the issues raised in the report, there were a range of potential options available to the Council in taking local planning policy forward for both Attleborough and Snetterton Heath and the wider district. These were as follows:</p> <p><u>Option1</u></p> <p>Continue preparing an ASHLP for consultation in Spring 2013, and carry out a separate consultation on ‘Issues for a Local Plan review’ in late 2013 that contained options on housing growth scenarios, but acknowledging risks in relation to the justification of housing numbers and traveller pitch provision. A key risk to proceeding with a separate ASHLP in advance of undertaking the wider Local Plan review was that sections of the document would become out of date once the revised Local Plan had been prepared and, for example, if new housing figures were identified for the district.</p> <p><u>Option 2</u></p> <p>Continue the preparation of a further more detailed consultation on growth in Attleborough, but that this be</p>

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<p>Further Information</p>	<p>ASHLP Timetable and Local Plan Options FINAL V2 08 01 13</p>