

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities held at
2.00 pm on Friday, 13 October 2023

Present:

Members: Councillor D Welsh (Chair)
 Councillor R Bailey (Shadow Cabinet Member)
 Councillor S Agboola (Deputy Cabinet Member)

Employees (by Directorate):

Law and Governance: C Sinclair

Streetscene and
Regulatory Services: R Back

Apologies: Councillor M Lapsa (Shadow Cabinet Member)

Public Business

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2023 were signed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

3. Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council (NBBC) Regulation 19 Borough Plan Consultation Response

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities considered a report of the Director of Streetscene and Regulatory Services which set out the City Council's proposed response to Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council's (NBBC) consultation at Regulation 19 stage of their draft Borough Plan. The response was appended to the report.

Whilst matters in the plan relate to the area within NBBC's authority boundary, given the neighbouring location, the City Council proposed the response to the consultation to recognise potential impacts across local authority boundaries.

Within the local plan review process the City Council currently proposed to use the jointly commissioned HEDNA which utilises 2021 Census Data to calculate housing and economic development needs, whilst challenging the government's 35% uplift. Should this approach be rejected by the planning inspectorate, the authority may then require the support of neighbouring authorities.

Having considered the content of the report and the recommendations, the Cabinet Member accepted the proposed response with an amendment that the response to Question 4(3) of the consultation: "Complies with the Duty to Co-operate?" be changed to "no", with the following explanatory text added to clarify the position:

"However, notwithstanding the ongoing work across the sub region, given the absence of a Statement of Common Ground at the point of writing we do not consider at this point that the Regulation 19 process is currently fully compliant with the requirements of the Duty to Co-operate."

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member:

- 1) **Endorse the response to the consultation included at Appendix one of the report for submission to Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council's Regulation 19 Consultation with an amendment that the response to Question 4(3) of the consultation: "Complies with the Duty to Co-operate?" be changed to "No", and that the explanatory text as set out above be included for clarification.**
- 2) **Delegate authority to the Head of Planning Policy and Environment, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities, to make any non-substantive changes to the response.**
- 3) **Support the position that should Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council proceed with the submission of its Borough Plan to the Planning Inspectorate without addressing the concern raised by the Council, a further report be brought back to a meeting of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities and/or Cabinet to consider whether it should object at Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council's Plan Examination.**

4. Outstanding Issues

There were no outstanding issues.

5. Any other item of public business which the Cabinet Member decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved

There were no other items of business.

(Meeting closed at 2.15 pm)