

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE**  
**THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019**  
**MINUTE FOR CONFIRMATION**  
**CABINET**  
**WEDNESDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2019**

**52. Swindon Borough Local Plan Review - Regulation 19 Consultation  
(submission draft) (Minute for Confirmation)**

Councillor Gary Sumner, the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and the Head of Planning, Regulatory Services, and Heritage submitted a joint report seeking Cabinet's recommendation to Council to approve undertaking public consultation on the submission draft Swindon Borough Local Plan Review for a period of 6 weeks in accordance with Regulation 19 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended). Councillor Sumner added that the consultation would be for a six week period and that the draft text would be checked prior to publication.

Councillor Brian Ford, Cabinet Member for Adults and Health, spoke on behalf of Councillor Cathy Martyn, Cabinet Member for Housing and Public Safety in their roles as Wroughton and Wichelstowe Ward councillors. Councillors Ford and Martyn advised that they both supported the recommendation that the Local Plan continued to the next round of consultation. They requested that it be recorded in the minutes that this did not mean they agreed with the proposed site allocations for Wroughton. Councillor Ford added that they would be encouraging residents to respond to the draft. Councillor Ford requested that Councillor Sumner and relevant officers arrange a meeting in Wroughton to inform and consult residents.

Councillor Bob Wright and Councillor Dale Heenan, Cabinet Member for the Town Centre asked questions about:

- How the Local Plan would identify sufficient land for additional tree planting,
- How it would assist the Council in preserving the Borough's existing trees, and
- Whether it would consult on the contraction of the town centre shopping area in line with changing retail trends.

Councillor Sumner and Councillor Keith Williams, Cabinet Member for Customer Services and Operational Excellence responded at the meeting.

**Resolved:-**

- 1. That Special Committee be recommended that the Head of Planning, Regulatory Services, and Heritage be authorised to undertake public consultation on the Draft Swindon Borough Local Plan Review as attached at Appendix 1 in accordance with the arrangements set out in paragraph 3.24 of the joint report.**
- 2. That Special Committee be recommended that the Head of Planning, Regulatory Services, and Heritage, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, and the Chief Legal Officer, be authorised to make minor non-material changes to the content of the documents if required, prior to publication.**

The reasons for the decision and alternative options are as set out in the report to

the meeting.