

COUNCIL

THURSDAY 14TH JULY 2016

MINUTE FOR CONFIRMATION

CABINET

WEDNESDAY, 13 JULY 2016

**23. Adoption of the Wroughton Neighbourhood Plan
(Minute for Confirmation)**

Councillor Toby Elliott, the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, submitted a report informing Cabinet of the process followed with regard to the successful examination of the Wroughton Neighbourhood Plan, resulting in a vast majority of participants in a referendum voting in favour of the Plan. The report also requested that, in compliance with the requirement of the Localism Act 2011 that local planning authorities 'make' (or adopt), a neighbourhood development plan as soon as was reasonably practicable following a successful referendum, Cabinet recommend to Council that the plan be adopted.

Councillor Elliott referred to the high turnout for the referendum (40% compared with the national average of 32%) and thanked officers, the Parish Council, and residents for their work in support of the Plan, which would become a material consideration in determining planning applications and aid the Borough and the Parish in managing new housing growth.

In response to a question put by Councillor Jim Grant, the Leader of the Opposition, regarding the application of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) in areas without a parish council, or where a plan was adopted that covered just part of a parish, Councillor Elliott advised that, in the first instance, the CIL would be allocated to the parish, otherwise it would be retained by the Borough to allocate on projects within the Plan area following consultation with the ward councillors.

Resolved – (1) That Council be recommended that the Wroughton Neighbourhood Plan is adopted formally as part of the statutory Development Plan for the Borough.

(2) That the Head of Planning, Regulatory Services and Heritage be authorised to undertake a Neighbourhood Planning review exercise in order that the Council might assist other communities in progressing their Neighbourhood Plans.

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