

MEETING OF HARLOW COUNCIL

7.30 pm on Thursday 16 September 2021

In the Council Chamber, Civic Centre

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillors' declarations of interest (if any) in relation to any items on the agenda.

3. Minutes (Pages 5 - 20)

To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2021.

4. Communications from the Chair

5. Petitions from the Public

6. Questions from the Public

7. Questions from Councillors

8. Motions from Councillors

a) Proposed Developments Around Harlow

Proposed by Councillor Russell Perrin (seconded by Councillor Michael Hardware):

“This Council recognises the huge concerns many residents have about the proposed developments around Harlow, including Summers West, Katherines West, Latton Priory and to the east of Harlow. There are worries that these developments will overwhelm the existing town transport infrastructure, services and amenities.

In particular, these concerns surround transport links in west and south Harlow, the lack of capacity on Southern Way, Water Lane, Broadley Road and the B181 Epping Road, and the potential impact on local medical and education services.

The proposed strategic housing site to the east of Harlow, and those developments already taking place on Gilden Way and the new M11 junction, will add additional impact upon the residents of Old Harlow who understandably continue to raise objections about

the proposals for further new housing.

In support of the above, this Council resolves that it:

- i) Remains against growth to the southern and western boundaries of the town, preferring any growth to be to the north (Gilston Villages) and east of Harlow.
- ii) Will make any representations necessary to communicate that it does not support any development of Sumners West or any other developments to the south or west of Harlow.
- iii) Will not sell or lease any land or rights of way which it possesses that may assist in the development of Sumners West or any other developments to the south or west of Harlow.
- iv) Puts in place a plan to do everything possible to mitigate the impacts of the strategic housing site to the east of Harlow. To better recognise the potential impact on existing residents, particularly in Churchgate Street and the neighbouring parts of Old Harlow that will also be affected, by:
 - Conducting an additional strategic assessment of the proposed housing site to gain further clarity about its feasibility and publish a specific mitigation action plan to limit the severity of the impact of such potential housing growth;
 - Developing a separate agreement between this Council and Old Harlow residents to safeguard the community from future over-development, recognising the importance of preserving the Conservation Area; and
 - Committing to additional consultation in line with the new community engagement strategy that will be developed by this Council, so that Old Harlow residents' concerns can be used to inform future plans to mitigate the prospect of an east strategic housing site.
- v) The Chief Executive in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Growth submits a formal objection to Epping Forest District Council Local Development Plan to the extent that it impacts upon points i – iv and sub clauses raised in this motion.”

9. References from Cabinet and Committees

- a) DfT Standards - New Requirements for Private Hire Vehicle Proprietors / Operators and Staff (Pages 21 - 67)

Licensing Committee recommended to Full Council that:

- i) A new mandate is introduced to require all vehicle proprietors to provide a basic disclosure certificate from the DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) and that a new check is undertaken annually.
- ii) A new mandate is introduced to require all Private Hire Vehicle Operator licence holders, to hold a basic disclosure certificate from the DBS and that a new check is undertaken annually.
- iii) A new mandate is introduced to require operator staff who take bookings, dispatch vehicles or any other staff who have access to booking information or have contact with members of the public to hold a Basic disclosure certificate from the DBS and that a new check is undertaken annually.
- iv) Subject to i, ii and iii, the requirements be introduced as set out in the Proposals section of this report.

10. Reports from Officers

- a) Independent Member of the Audit and Standards Committee Appointment (Pages 68 - 70)

11. Minutes of Cabinet and Committee Meetings

To note the following Cabinet and Committee minutes:

- a) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 6 July 2021 of Licensing Committee (Pages 71 - 73)
- b) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 7 July 2021 of Development Management Committee (Pages 74 - 76)
- c) Minutes of meeting Monday, 12 July 2021 of Cabinet (Pages 77 - 85)
- d) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 13 July 2021 of Scrutiny Committee (Pages 86 - 88)

12. Matters of Urgent Business

Such other business which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be received as a matter of urgency by reason of special circumstances to be specified in the minutes.