

MINUTES OF THE CABINET POLICY DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP HELD ON

5 August 2021

7.30 - 8.13 pm

PRESENT

Overview Working Group Members

Councillor Shona Johnson (Chair)

Councillor Jodi Dunne

Councillor Michael Garnett

Councillor Clive Souter

Councillor Nancy Watson

Officers

Hannah Criddle, Governance Support Officer

Andrew Bramidge, Head of Environment and Planning

Also Present

Councillor Tony Edwards

Councillor Alastair Gunn

Councillor Michael Hardware

Councillor John Strachan

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2020 be agreed as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

None.

5. TOWN PLAN

The Working Group received the draft Town Plan which would be going to Cabinet for approval in September 2021.

Councillor Mike Garnett suggested that the “vision” be moved to the start of the document and that the wording “tip” be changed to waste and recycling centre.

Councillor John Strachan suggested that the Town Plan also refer to the potential for extending London Overground services to Harlow.

6. **CARBON MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The Working Group received the Carbon Management Plan. Andrew Bramidge, Head of Environment and Planning, advised that a further report on the Climate Change Strategy would come to the Working Group later in the year.

Andrew Bramidge asked the Working Group to agree a target date for achieving net zero carbon emissions. He explained that the previous two Carbon Management plans had both seen a 25 per cent reduction in carbon emissions. Future plans would include changes such as the switch from gas boilers by 2030 as required by the Government and the move to electric vehicles (including HTS and Veolia).

The Working Group agreed a target of achieving net zero carbon emissions in advance of the Government deadline of 2050 whilst doing further work on the impact of measures introduced to be able to set a target that was based on evidence. The Working Group also requested a yearly report on the Council's carbon footprint.

7. **WORK PLAN**

RESOLVED that the Work Plan was noted.

8. **MATTERS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

CHAIR OF THE OVERVIEW
WORKING GROUP