

NOTICE OF DELEGATION OF DECISION TO CABINET MEMBER BY STRONG LEADER

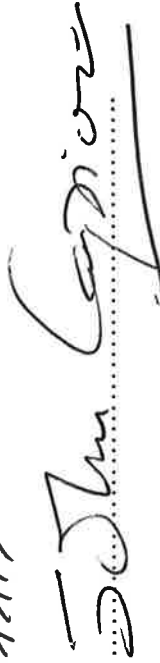
Section 15(4) of the Local Government Act 2000, the senior executive member may discharge any of the functions that are the responsibility of the Cabinet or may arrange for them to be discharged by another member of the Cabinet or Officer. On 1st December 2010, the Council adopted the Strong Leader Model for Corporate Governance 2011 as required under Part 3 of The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (The 2007 Act).

I, J-P Campion, as Strong Leader, delegate the decision of Bromsgrove District and Redditch Borough – Consultation on Housing Growth detailed in the Forward Plan to the Cabinet Member detailed below:

Cabinet Member: Councillor Anne Hingley

Dated: 15/5/13

Signed:



Leader of the Council

NOTICE OF DECISION OF CABINET MEMBER

Pursuant Section 15(4) of the Local Government Act 2000, as amended by section 63 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the senior executive member may discharge any of the functions that are the responsibility of the Cabinet or may arrange for them to be discharged by another member of the Cabinet or Officer. On 1st December 2010, the Council adopted the Strong Leader Model for Corporate Governance 2011 as required under Part 3 of The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (The 2007 Act).

In accordance with the authority delegated to me by the Leader, I have made the following decision:

Subject	Decision	Reason for decision	Date for Decision to be taken
Bromsgrove District and Redditch Borough – Consultation on Housing Growth	To approve the representations as endorsed by LDF Panel for submission by 15 th May 2013	To facilitate cross-boundary working in accordance with the Duty to Cooperate.	By 15 th May 2013

I confirm that the appropriate statutory officer consultation has taken place with regard to this decision.

Dated: 15.05.2013
 Signed: *Anne Hingley*
 Councillor: ANNE HINGLEY
 Cabinet Member

To: Cabinet Member for Place Shaping, Councillor Anne Hingley

From: Mike Parker
Director of Economic Prosperity and Place

14th May 2013

Bromsgrove District and Redditch Borough – Consultation on Housing Growth

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek the approval of the Cabinet Member for Place Shaping to submit the representations set out at Appendix 1 in response to the Bromsgrove District and Redditch Borough consultation on housing growth.

2. RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet Member for Place Shaping is asked to AGREE:

- 2.1 **That the response set out at Appendix 1 to this report be submitted to Redditch Borough and Bromsgrove District Councils as Wyre Forest District Council's representations on the Redditch Borough and Bromsgrove District consultation on housing growth.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Redditch Borough Council need to provide 6,400 new homes by 2030. Only 3,000 of these new dwellings can be accommodated within Redditch's boundary and therefore, the remaining 3,400 dwellings need to be accommodated outside of Redditch Borough Council's administrative area.
- 3.2 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) requires Local Planning Authorities to plan to meet their full growth requirement. Therefore, Redditch Borough Council can not ignore their identified need. In order to identify potential suitable sites, a Housing Growth Development Study has been prepared to consider potential locations for the additional growth around the built-up edges of Redditch. The Study is also supported by a Sustainability Appraisal. Redditch and Bromsgrove are now consulting on potential sites to accommodate the growth. The sites identified are considered to be the most suitable when weighed up against other factors and considered against other locations in and around Redditch. The Housing Growth Development Study sets out how the sites have been considered and the reasons for selecting the preferred sites.

4. KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 Two sites have been selected to accommodate a minimum of 3,400 dwellings in total. Site 1 must include 2,800 dwellings, a primary school and a local centre. Site 2 must include a minimum of 600 dwellings and must be integrated with the Redditch Local Plan site which it is an extension of an existing

Redditch Local Plan site. The full Housing Growth Development Study and Sustainability Appraisal together with executive summaries of both can be viewed at: <http://redditch.whub.org.uk/cms/environment-and-planning/planning-services/consultation-site.aspx>.

- 4.2 It is considered that these sites should be supported as they offer the opportunity to develop urban extensions which are closely linked to Redditch town centre through improved public transport and cycling links. These sites are large enough to provide their own services and facilities to meet the day-to-day needs of residents and are closely linked to the existing built-up area. Suggested representations are set out at Appendix 1 to this report.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no financial implications to the Council arising out of this report.

6. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report. The recommended policy responses are in accordance with the Council's established priorities.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 There are no risk management issues arising from this report.

8. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 8.1 Redditch Borough and Bromsgrove District Councils will be required to undertake Equality Impact Assessment on the proposals.

9. CONCLUSION

- 9.1 Redditch Borough Council needs to identify land outside of its boundary to accommodate 3,400 dwellings. Two sites have been identified in Bromsgrove District and are currently the subject of a consultation. It is considered that these sites should be supported as they both provide opportunities for sustainable urban extensions to Redditch.

10. CONSULTEES

- 10.1 None.

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Housing Growth Development Study and Sustainability Appraisal - <http://redditch.whub.org.uk/cms/environment-and-planning/planning-services/consultation-site.aspx>.

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Wyre Forest District Council is supportive of the suggested sites for accommodating growth arising from Redditch Borough within Bromsgrove District. The sites suggested are considered to be appropriate because they offer an opportunity to develop sustainable urban extensions which are well connected to Redditch town centre by improved public transport provision and new cycle links. The level of growth directed towards site 1 is considered to be sufficient to allow the provision of day-to-day facilities to meet the needs of local residents and reduce the need to travel, the requirement to provide a primary school is of particular note. Site 2 is considered to be a natural extension to the existing Local Plan allocation and the requirement for it to be integrated with that site is welcomed as this will allow residents to benefit from new services and facilities in order to reduce the need to travel.

The sites selection has clearly considered other sites and a Sustainability Appraisal has been prepared to look at the sustainability implications of all of the sites considered including those which form the preferred option and the basis for consultation.