

## Agenda item

### Whitby Business Park Area Action Plan - Proposed Submission Document

- Meeting of Cabinet, Tuesday, 15th October, 2013 10.00 am (Item 10.)
- View the declarations of interest for item 10.

To consider a report by the Director of Service Delivery (reference 13/348) attached.

#### Minutes:

The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Service Delivery (Reference 13/348) seeking Members' approval to publish the Submission Version (prior to submission to the Secretary of State) of the Whitby Business Park Area Action Plan. Members were reminded that in 2009 the Council had committed to produce an Area Action Plan jointly with the National Park Authority for Whitby Business Park. This comprehensive strategy and policy framework would considerably increase the realisation of potential investment in the area. Consultation had already been undertaken with statutory consultees, local businesses and residents. A joint Members Working Group comprising members from both the Borough Council and the National Park Authority had endorsed the Plan for publication. Similar support had been received from the Planning and Development Committee. Since preparation of the report, a number of further amendments had been suggested following a meeting of the Joint Members Working Group, to correct an omission and to ensure the Plan was compliant with National Planning Policy, namely:

- (i) Paragraph 1.9 now becomes a policy to reflect model wording provided by Government in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework and advice that all Plans should contain this policy. All subsequent policy numbers are changed.
- (ii) Insert sentence (highlighted in bold) in paragraph 8.18 to reflect comments made at Joint Members Working Group. See below-

8.18 Parking within the Business Park is, at times, problematic. Some of the more established operations do not offer sufficient on-site parking, meaning that some staff and visitors park on the road side, which further restricts movement throughout the Business Park. **Discussions will take place with businesses to identify solutions to existing parking problems; those solutions could include the more efficient use of existing land and the provision of new off-street parking.** All new development on the extended Business Park will be required to provide parking in accordance with local authority standards so as not to exacerbate the existing situation.

- (iii) Add public right of way to Policies Map as referred to in paragraph 8.16 (3).

Furthermore, in recommendation (ii) of the report, the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning and Regeneration also proposed that the Chairman of the Planning and Development Committee be consulted on any changes to the Plan as a result of this next phase of consultation prior to submission to the Secretary of State.

**RESOLVED** that, subject to the amendments to the Plan detailed above, the Cabinet recommend:

- (i) that the Proposed Submission Whitby Business Park Area Action Plan (Appendix 1) be published to allow representations under Regulations 19 and 20 of the Town and Country Planning Act prior to submission to the Secretary of State; and

(ii) that officers in consultation with the Chairman of the Planning and Development Committee are given delegated powers to make minor amendments to the Plan prior to submission to the Secretary of State and subsequently at Examination if suggested by the Inspector.

**Reasons**

The need to address current operational limitations of the Business Park and the needs of existing businesses, allied to the potential development of a Potash Mine to the south of Whitby and the potential local opportunities presented by the offshore wind industry provide an opportunity to bolster the local economy. The delivery of a joint Area Action Plan with the North York Moors National Park Authority covering Whitby Business Park would place the area in a better position to benefit from such investment.

*(In accordance with his declaration under Minute 1, Councillor Chance left the meeting during the debate and determination of the above item.)*