

SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES 15TH JUNE 2022

MINUTES of the Special Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Castle Point held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Kiln Road, Thundersley, on Wednesday, 15th June 2022.

PRESENT: Councillors, M.A Tucker (The Worshipful the Mayor), Ms L. McCarthyCalvert,(Deputy Mayor), A. Acott, Ms S.A Ainsley, J. Anderson, Ms H.L BartonBrown, D. Blackwell, Mrs. J.A Blissett, K. Bowker, B. Campagna, S. Cole, J.M. Cutler, M. Dixon, A.E Edwards, M. J Fuller, T.Gibson, W. Gibson, P.C. Greig, S. Hart, N. Harvey, G.I. Isaacs, C.A. MacLean, P. May, S Mountford, C. Mumford, Mrs. S. Mumford, B.A. Palmer, J.A. Payne, Mrs. C.J Sach, R. Savage, A. Taylor, D.J. Thomas, A. Thornton, Mrs. J Thornton, Walter and G.St.J. Withers Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. B. Egan, E. Egan, Mrs. J Payne, C.R Riley, T.F. Skipp.

14. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Councillors Mrs. J Thornton and A. Thornton each made a declaration of a disclosable pecuniary interest and public perception under the Councillor Code of conduct in respect of the Castle Point Local Plan. In making the declaration each Councillor gave a personal explanation. Both Councillors left the Chamber and took no part in the debate or consideration of the following matter Notice of Motion: Castle Point Local Plan.

15. NOTICE OF MOTION: CASTLE POINT LOCAL PLAN

At the meeting of Ordinary Council on 23rd March 2022, the Motion set out below was deferred without debate to the next Ordinary Council for a report to Cabinet as the Motion had budget implications Council Procedure Rule 13 applied.

Cabinet having considered a report at the meeting held earlier this evening, referred the report to inform debate on the Motion which had been brought before the Council at the earliest opportunity for debate, time being of the essence.

'The Local Plan examination has now been completed and in the event of the Local Plan not being adopted we call on the Council to start work immediately on Special Council 15.6.2022 a new Local Plan that reflects the central government stated aim to protect and preserve the precious green belt in our local area. A priority of this new Local Plan would be to produce a target housing number that genuinely reflects local need. As this housing target will be lower than previous proposals this must be supported by robust evidence. All housing developments should prioritize brownfield development.

We hope that in the interests of our borough this motion is supported on a cross party basis'.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Warren Gibson and was seconded by Councillor Mountford.

With the agreement of Council, Council Procedure Rule 15.7 applied the Motion was altered by the Proposer as follows:

The Local Plan examination has now been completed and the Local Plan has not been adopted. We call on the Council to withdraw the local plan immediately and start work on a new Local Plan that reflects the central government stated aim to protect and preserve the precious green belt in our local area. A priority of this new Local Plan would be to produce a target housing number that genuinely reflects local need. As this housing target will be lower than previous proposals this must be supported by robust evidence. All housing developments should prioritize brownfield development.

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Debate took place. Five Members having requested that voting on the Motion be recorded, Members present voted as follows:

For: Councillors: Acott, Ainsley, Anderson, Barton-Brown, Blackwell, Blissett, Bowker, Campagna, Cole, Cutler, Dixon, Edwards, Fuller, T. Gibson, W. Gibson, Greig, Hart, Harvey, Isaacs, McCarthy-Calvert, MacLean, May, Mountford, C. Mumford, S. Mumford, Palmer, Payne, Sach, Savage, Taylor, Thomas, Tucker, Walter, Withers.
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Against: Councillors: none

Abstained Councillors: none The Motion was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY and RESOLVED accordingly.

Mayor