

## **Extract from draft minutes of Place and Resources Overview Committee on 9 February 2023**

### **Planning for Climate Change: Interim Guidance and Position Statement, Sustainability Checklist and Listed Building Guidance**

The committee received and considered a report of the Senior Planning Officer, which set out an Interim Guidance and Position Statement that had been prepared to assist in decision making for planning applications. The position statement provided commentary on the weight that could be given to climate change in decision making. In addition, a sustainability checklist had been prepared for completion by applicants to ensure that all relevant matters were considered. The report also presented a document, 'Listed Buildings – what you can do for climate change'.

The committee considered the issues arising from the reports and comments were made in the following areas:

#### **Interim Guidance and Position Statement and Sustainability Checklist**

- Councillors welcomed the guidance and checklist which would assist both applicants and planning committee members
- Training requirements were discussed, and it was noted that training would be provided for councillors and officers. Briefings would also be provided for town and parish councils and agents and there would be a public consultation
- Viability issues were considered
- The documents provided guidance ahead of the Council adopting a new Local Plan
- Links to neighbourhood plans were discussed
- Issues around sustainable travel were raised.

At this point in the meeting, it was proposed by S Jespersen seconded by A Alford and agreed by the committee, that the meeting continue beyond the 3-hour limit as set out in the Constitution.

#### **Listed Buildings Guidance**

- The checklist and guidance were welcomed, and it was felt that the information was presented in a positive way
- It was suggested that a welcome document could be produced for people buying or considering the purchase of a listed building
- Reference was made to the use of thatch, and it was noted that further consideration was required.

#### **Recommendation to Cabinet (28 March 2023)**

1. That the Interim Guidance and Position Statement, Sustainability Checklist and Listed Buildings – what you can do for climate change documents be agreed for the purpose of a six-week consultation.

## Appendix 5

2. That the Portfolio Holder for Planning be given delegated authority, after considering the results of this consultation, to approve use of the documents (Appendix 1, Appendix 2 and Appendix 3 to the report) to aid decision making on planning applications.