

November District Councillor's Report for the Wilbrahams Ward
13th November 2016

Ermine Street Housing

Interviews were conducted for non-executive directors on 10th November. Three candidates were interviewed for the two positions. Two candidates were selected that were identified as providing skills and perspectives that would enhance those of the existing Board. The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday 24th November where the company and audit report will be given and the two non-executive directors will be formally appointed.

Local Plan

The Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire local plan examination Hearings Programme continues.

Further South Cambridgeshire specific hearings will be held:

- Tuesday 29 – Wednesday 30 November 2016 Delivering High Quality Homes (**Village Housing Allocations**)
- Thursday 1 December 2016 Delivering High Quality Homes (**Housing Policies**)
- 17 January and 2 March 2017 Delivering High Quality Places, Protecting and Enhancing the Natural and Historic Environment, Building a Strong and Competitive Economy.

A programme is still awaited with dates for the remaining South Cambridgeshire specific hearing sessions, including strategic sites and the rural settlement hierarchy and village omission sites (sites put forward by objectors to the plan for housing development).

Remaining joint hearing sessions, including Gypsy & Traveller policies and Green Belt omission sites on the edge of Cambridge, to take place later in 2017.

For details and progress with the examination on the Council's website:

www.scambs.gov.uk/local-plan-examination

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Devolution

A Full Council meeting will be held on Thursday 17th November.

Members will be asked to

- Approve that the Council becomes a constituent member of the

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority

- Appoint the Leader of Council to act as Council's appointee to the Shadow Combined Authority and once established, to the Combined Authority

If all Councils and LEP agree to be members of the Combined Authority, there is a schedule of events is triggered culminating in the election for a Mayor in May 2017

Financial Implications

- **£770m new money to invest in the area**
- Costs of set-up, elections and running combined authority (including mayors' office) can be funded from the grant or by a levy supplementary business rate (2p in the £) (subject to approval from the business community)

Governance

- Combined Authority - 7 authorities and LEP with one representative each, plus Mayor
- Elected Mayor will chair Combined Authority, and has defined delegated powers
- Mayor will create Cabinet and responsibilities will be allocated to Council Leaders and any other members of the Combined Authority
- Mayoral Combined Authority will be open and transparent
- E.g. Public meetings; meeting papers published; key strategies / documents on the web site

Timetable for implementation

- November 2016 - Full Council and GCGP LEP board meeting to approve devolution deal and draft order
- November 2016 - Draft parliamentary order laid
- November 2016 - Shadow Combined Authority established
- December 2016/January 2017 - Parliamentary Bill passed
- February 2017 - Combined Authority established
- May 2017 - Election of Mayor