



Urgent Decision taken by Corporate Director Environment and Place

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Decision: 'Making' (Adoption) of the Weston-on-the-Green Neighbourhood Plan

Decision taker: Corporate Director Environment and Place

Decision Date: 19 May 2021

Is decision subject to Call-in? No. Call-in has been waived by the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to enable Council to consider the report at its meeting of 19 May 2021.

Deadline for Call-in: N/A

Is decision Exempt? No

Is decision urgent? Yes. The Council is required to 'make' (adopt) a Neighbourhood Plan within 8 weeks of the referendum. To ensure this deadline is met, an urgent officer decision is being taken by the Corporate Director Environment and Place in lieu of a decision by Executive. The urgent decision will be reported to the 7 June Executive meeting as required by the Constitution.

Summary

To seek the urgent decision of the Corporate Director – Environment & Place to recommend to Council that it 'makes' the Weston-on-the-Green Neighbourhood Plan following the successful referendum on 6 May 2021.

Decision

Resolved

- (1) That the referendum result of 6 May 2021 where 91.7% of those who voted were in favour of the Weston-on-the-Green Neighbourhood Plan, which is above the required 50% be noted
- (2) That Full Council be recommended to :
 - a) formally 'make' the Weston-on-the-Green Neighbourhood Plan as presented at Appendix 1 to the report so that it continues to have effect as part of the statutory Development Plan for the District; and
 - b) agree that the Assistant Director – Planning and Development, in consultation with the Lead Member, be authorised to issue and publicise a Decision Statement following the Council's confirmation.

Reasons for Decision

A referendum was held on the Weston-on-the-Green Neighbourhood Plan on 6 May 2021. Of those eligible to vote, 199 voted in favour of the Plan with 18 against. The vote of 91.7% in favour meets the requisite majority and the Plan is now part of the statutory Development Plan. The Council is still required to formally 'make' the Plan and there is no known breach or incompatibility with EU or human rights obligations which prevents this. The Corporate Director is therefore requested to recommend to Council that the Plan be made within the prescribed eight-week period.

Alternative Options Considered

There is no known breach or incompatibility with, any EU or human rights obligations. The Council has no options or alternatives to making the Plan.

Conflicts of Interest Declared and Dispensations Granted by Head of Paid Service

None

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