

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
SPECIAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 30 JULY 2020 FROM 8.30 PM TO 8.50 PM**

**Committee Members Present**

Councillors: Malcolm Richards (Chairman), Lindsay Ferris, John Halsall, Clive Jones and Wayne Smith (substituting for John Kaiser)

**1. APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was submitted from Councillor John Kaiser.

**2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Special Council Executive Committee held on 22 April 2020 were confirmed as a correct record and would be signed by the Mayor at a later date.

**3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

**4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions received.

**5. MEMBER QUESTION TIME**

There were no Member questions received.

**6. CENTRAL AND EASTERN BERKSHIRE JOINT MINERALS AND WASTE PLAN:  
PROPOSED SUBMISSION PLAN**

The Committee considered a report setting out the recommendations from the Executive in relation to the Central and Eastern Berkshire Joint Minerals and Waste Plan,

The Executive Member for Planning and Enforcement, on behalf of the Executive, introduced the report and highlighted the widespread consultation that had been carried out over a number of years and the fact that a number of proposed waste and mineral sites had been considered but were found unsuitable and therefore removed from the Plan. Councillor Smith highlighted the intention to carry out community engagement on the Plan and supporting documents for six weeks from 3 September 2020.

Councillor Jones was pleased with the contents of the Plan and highlighted a number of items within the Plan including the fact that it stated amongst other things that the proposals would manage waste where created, improve and protect biodiversity and protect ancient woodland and veteran trees and hedgerows. He was particularly pleased that the sites that had been considered previously, and which had been unpopular with residents, had not been included. Councillor Jones queried whether new sites could be included in the Plan once it had been approved. Councillor Smith drew Members' attention to the Statements of Common Ground, which had been approved at Executive earlier that evening, and stated that he could not envisage a situation, other than if something major occurred, where a site could be added once the Plan had been approved.

Councillor Ferris asked for clarification on what constituted "minor amendments" as specified in recommendation 4). Councillor Smith confirmed that this related to non-material amendments such as rewording and correction of typing errors. If a site was put

forward through the consultation process then the Plan would have to go back through the whole process again.

Councillor Smith confirmed that although the Plan would last for 10 years it was likely that it would be reviewed after 5 years.

**RESOLVED** that:

- 1) the Central and Eastern Berkshire Joint Minerals and Waste Plan Proposed Submission Plan and supporting documentation be approved for publication and public consultation under Regulation 19;
- 2) community engagement on the Central and Eastern Berkshire Joint Minerals and Waste Plan: Proposed Submission Plan and associated supporting documents be authorised to take place for 6 weeks from Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020;
- 3) the submission of the Central and Eastern Berkshire Joint Minerals and Waste Plan: Proposed Submission Plan, and supporting documents to the Secretary of State for independent examination in public, under Regulation 22 be authorised;
- 4) the Director of Place and Growth, in consultation with the Executive Member for Planning and Enforcement, be authorised to agree minor amendments necessary to the Central and Eastern Berkshire Joint Minerals and Waste Plan: Proposed Submission Plan and other supporting documents prior to consultation. Any minor modifications would consist of non-material amendments such as rewording and correction of typing errors;
- 5) the appointed Inspector be requested to recommend modifications to the submitted Joint Plan, in the event that the Inspector considers that such modifications would make the plan sound.