Cabinet
17 November 2026
5.30pm – 7.20pm

Present: Councillors Thornburrow (Chair), Moore (Vice-Chair), Gawthrope Wood and Smart

Councillors in attendance:
Councillors Davison, Porrer and Tong

Councillors in attendance virtually:
Councillor Young

Officers Present:
Joint Director for Planning and Economic Development: Stephen Kelly
Head of Legal Practice: Tom Lewis
Planning Policy Manager: Jonathan Dixon
Team Leader: Stuart Morris
Team Leader: Max Laverock
Team Leader: Lizzie Wood
Team Leader: Terry De Sousa
Head of Governance & Democracy (Deputy Monitoring Officer): Dan Kalley
Deputy Democratic Services Manager: Claire Tunnicliffe

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

Local Plan Submission

Recommendations of the Cabinet, which met on 17 November 2026, are outlined below:

Cabinet **resolved unanimously** to approve the following recommendations on to Full Council.

Accordingly, Council is recommended to:

i. Note the main issues raised by representations made to the Proposed Submission Greater Cambridge Local Plan (Regulation 19) consultation, and agree with this report's assessment that these support a conclusion that the Proposed Submission Greater Cambridge Local Plan (Regulation 19) satisfies the tests of a sound and legally compliant plan;

ii. Agrees to 'submit' the Proposed Submission Greater Cambridge Local Plan (Regulation 19) (Appendix A), and Proposed Submission Policies Map (Appendix B) for examination in accordance with Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended), together with:

   a. the Sustainability Appraisal (Appendix C), Habitats Regulations Assessment (Appendix D), Equalities Impact Assessment (Appendix E); and

   b. the Greater Cambridge Local Plan Regulation 22 Statement of Consultation (Appendix F).

iii. Delegate any subsequent minor amendments and editing changes to the submission documents that do not materially affect the content to the Director of Planning in consultation with the Lead Members for Planning, and any subsequent material amendments to the Lead Cabinet Member for Planning and Transport in Cambridge City Council (in consultation with the Chair of the Performance and Assets Scrutiny Committee and Opposition Spokes) and Lead Cabinet Member for Planning at South Cambridgeshire District Council;

iv. Delegate approval and submission of all other supporting documents and evidence documents that are relevant to the preparation of the Local Plan to the Director of Planning in consultation with the Lead Members for Planning;

v. Ask the person appointed to carry out the independent examination of the Plan to recommend such "main" modifications to it that would make the plan sound and/or legally compliant, in accordance with Section 20(7C) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended);

vi. Authorise the Director of Planning to:

   a. Prepare and submit evidence, reports, proofs of evidence, technical papers, written statements, statements of common ground and other such documents required in the presentation

of the local plan through the examination process, and to make oral representations at the Hearing sessions, reflecting the Council's agreed position on these matters, and to take such other steps as are conducive or incidental to the submission and examination of the local plan; and

b. Agree such main and "additional" modifications to the Local Plan during the examination in public process as may be necessary to make the Local Plan sound and legally compliant, in accordance with section 20(7C) of the 2004 Act (as amended); (except where changes would, in the view of the Director of Planning, be of such significance as to substantially alter the meaning of a policy or allocation).