

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE HELD ON 29 MAY 2008

Decision Ref No:

EX.120/08

Subject Matter:

CUMBRIA WIND ENERGY SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (Key Decision)

Pursuant to EX.61/08, the Director of Development Services reported (DS 61/08) regarding the draft Cumbria Wind Energy Supplementary Planning Document. She informed Members that the report had been considered by the Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 10 April 2008 and a copy of an excerpt from the Minutes of that meeting were circulated.

The Minutes detailed the Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committees serious concern regarding the lack of opportunity for the Committee to carry out proper scrutiny of the document and considered that it should have been submitted to the Committee at a much earlier stage. The Committee had also expressed concerns that the Officer responsible for the input into the final document was not available to address the Infrastructure meeting which further restricted the Committee's ability to make any input into the process.

The Director addressed the concerns which had been raised by the Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee and commented that, whilst the majority of Councils in Cumbria had now adopted these Supplementary Planning Documents, if it was felt that it was not appropriate for Carlisle, changes could still be considered and the document amended. She also outlined the circumstances which had required the Lead Officer to attend a different meeting at short notice and, whilst it was unfortunate that he was not available, many of the Committee's questions had been answered.

The Director also added that the process for considering Supplementary Planning Documents had now changed, and Overview and Scrutiny Committee now had an opportunity to comment on the documents before the consultations versions were published.

Members in considering the report noted that there had been considerable discussion with regard to the Supplementary Planning Document but highlighted potential impact for energy sources other than wind, such as water and nuclear which, it was considered, also need to be addressed.

Decision:

1. That the Executive note the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's concerns with regard to opportunities to scrutinise the Supplementary Planning Document and note the changes which had now been put in place in respect of the process for considering Supplementary Planning Documents to address those concerns.

2. That the Cumbria Wind Energy Supplementary Planning Document be referred to Council for consideration and adoption as part of the Local Development Framework.

**Key or Non-Key
Decision:**

Key

Key Decision Ref:

KD.020/08

Portfolio:

Environment and Infrastructure

Who made decision:

Executive

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Date:

Reports and Background Papers considered:

Reasons for Decision:

Summary of Options rejected:

Interests declared

Date published

Urgent decision not subject to call in

Consent of Chairman/ Deputy Chairman of Council to Urgency:

Deadline for call-in:

Implementation date if not called-in:

Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

Call-in notified to and date notified:

Approved for implementation on:
