

CABINET

13 NOVEMBER 2020

REFERENCE REPORT FROM PLANNING POLICY & LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE

A.1 ESSEX COAST RECREATIONAL DISTURBANCE AVOIDANCE AND MITIGATION STRATEGY (RAMS) CONSULTATION EXERCISE, FINAL SPD AND PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To enable Cabinet to consider the recommendations submitted by the Planning Policy & Local Plan Committee in respect of the Essex Coastal Recreational disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy (RAMS) and the associated Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and Partnership Agreement and to thereafter agree to the Council's formal adoption of these documents.

BACKGROUND

On 14th October 2020, the Planning Policy & Local Plan Committee gave consideration to the comprehensive report (and appendices) of the Corporate Director: Place and Economy which contained details of the Essex Coastal Recreational disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy (RAMS) and the associated Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and Partnership Agreement.

Having considered and discussed the contents of the Corporate Director's comprehensive report and appendices, the Committee decided to agree that the Essex Coastal Recreational disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy (RAMS) and the associated Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and Partnership Agreement be forwarded to Cabinet for formal approval.

In addition to the published recommendations, the Committee recommended it being suggested to Cabinet that:

- 1) the Warden service being proposed as part of the RAMS strategy should be used to augment the Council's existing wardens services - utilising funding from this Council's contributions into the RAMS central funding pot; and
- 2) The bodies responsible for the provision and maintenance of signage for the Essex Coastal Path being permitted to apply for funding for such works from the RAMS central funding pot.

With Cabinet's agreement, these matters would be explored through the RAMS Steering Group which is attended by Officers from Tendring District Council and other Essex Authorities.

Furthermore, the Council is now in receipt of an updated version of the 'Partnership Agreement' which supersedes, without materially altering, the version that had been attached as Appendix 4 to the Committee report. Cabinet is asked to consider and approve the updated version.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet –

- (a) approves the Essex Coastal Recreational disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy; the associated Supplementary Planning Document and the revised Partnership Agreement, as submitted; and**
- (b) agrees that the two recommendations submitted by the Planning Policy and Local Plan Committee in relation to the Warden service and Essex Coastal Path signage (as repeated below) be explored further by Officers through the RAMS Steering Group:**
 - 1) *the Warden service being proposed as part of the RAMS strategy should be used to augment the Council's existing wardens services - utilising funding from this Council's contributions into the RAMS central funding pot; and***
 - 2) *The bodies responsible for the provision and maintenance of signage for the Essex Coastal Path being permitted to apply for funding for such works from the RAMS central funding pot.***

APPENDICES

Appendix A: Report of the Corporate Director: Place and Economy considered by the Planning Policy & Local Plan Committee on 14th October 2020.

Appendices to that report namely:-

Appendix 1 - Essex Coast RAMS Strategy Document **[Not included within this report. See Appendix 5 below];**

Appendix 2 - Essex Coast RAMS revised Supplementary Planning Document (SPD);

Appendix 3 – You Said, We Did report; and

Appendix 4 – Draft RAMS Partnership Agreement [**Not included within this report. See Appendix 5 below**].

In addition, Appendix 5 – Final version of the RAMS Partnership Agreement ready for Signatures and Sealing including the Final Essex Coast RAMS Strategy Document.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.