

## CABINET

17 JUNE 2022

### REFERENCE FROM THE PLANNING POLICY & LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE

#### A.2 CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER APPRAISAL AND MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR HARWICH OLD TOWN; MANNINGTREE & MISTLEY; FRINTON & WALTON; BRIGHTLINGSEA; AND GREAT BENTLEY

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#### **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To enable the Cabinet to give consideration to recommendations made to it by the Planning Policy & Local Plan Committee in relation to the second tranche of five in a series of 'Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plans' that had been prepared for the Council by Essex Place Services.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Planning Policy & Local Plan Committee ("the Committee"), at its meeting held on 11 May 2022 (Minute 7 refers), gave consideration to a comprehensive report (and appendices) of the Acting Director (Planning) which had reported to it the second tranche of five in a series of 'Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plans' that had been prepared for the Council by Essex Place Services. The report had also sought the Committee's recommendation to Cabinet that they be approved for public consultation purposes.

The Committee's decision at its meeting held on 11 May 2022 was as follows:-

**"RESOLVED** *unanimously that the Planning Policy and Local Plan Committee –*

- (a) *notes and welcomes the new Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plans for Harwich Old Town (Appendix 1); Manningtree and Mistley (Appendix 2); Frinton and Walton (Appendix 3); Brightlingsea (Appendix 4); and Great Bentley (Appendix 5);*
- (b) *recommends to Cabinet that the above documents (forming Appendices 1-5) be approved for consultation with the public and other interested parties; and*
- (c) *notes that Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plans for the District's other remaining Conservation Areas will be brought before the Committee in due course over the next 9 months."*

#### Planning Portfolio Holder's Comments

"I thank the Planning Policy and Local Plan Committee for its consideration of the next five Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Plans and I welcome the recommendation to Cabinet that these be published for consultation. Reviewing all of the District's Conservation Areas is one of the key actions in the Council's Heritage Strategy and the progress so far has been very good. Ensuring we have an up-to-date appraisal for each and every Conservation Area will enable residents, developers, planners and our Planning Committee to understand the key characteristics that make each area special and which need to be preserved and enhanced when making planning applications and

determining them. They will also enable us to reconsider the boundaries of each area and determine whether or not any Article 4 Directions are needed to provide an extra level of protection and control.

I furthermore welcome and agree with the Committee's comments around the importance of engaging local residents and heritage societies who hold an irreplaceable wealth of local knowledge that will improve and strengthen the content of the appraisals; and I also welcome the opportunity for local people to put forward suggestions for buildings and structures to go onto a local list of non-designated heritage assets."

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**That, subject to Cabinet's consideration of the recommendation of the Planning Policy & Local Plan Committee arising from its meeting held on 11 May 20212, Cabinet resolves that the new Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plans for: Harwich Old Town (Appendix 1); Manningtree and Mistley (Appendix 2); Frinton and Walton (Appendix 3); Brightlingsea (Appendix 4); and Great Bentley (Appendix 5) be approved for consultation with the public and other interested parties.**

## **CURRENT POSITION**

Cabinet is now requested to consider the recommendation submitted to it by the Planning Policy & Local Plan Committee.

The Acting Director's (Planning) Report and accompanying Appendices which were considered by the Planning Policy & Local Plan Committee at its meeting held on 11 May 2022 are attached as Appendices to this report.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Published Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Policy & Local Plan Committee held on 11 May 2022.

## **APPENDICES**

Appendix A – Report of the Acting Director (Planning) (item A.1) to the meeting of the Planning Policy & Local Plan Committee held on 11 May 2022.

Appendix 1 – Harwich Old Town Conservation Area Appraisal

Appendix 2 – Manningtree and Mistley Conservation Area Appraisal

Appendix 3 – Frinton and Walton Conservation Area Appraisal

Appendix 4 – Brightlingsea Conservation Area Appraisal

Appendix 5 – Great Bentley Conservation Area Appraisal