

## CABINET

23 JUNE 2023

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

#### **A.4 CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER APPRAISALS AND MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR GREAT CLACTON, LAWFORD, BRADFIELD AND RAMSEY**

(Report prepared by Ian Ford, Committee Services Manager)

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

To enable the Cabinet to consider the recommendations made to it by the Planning Policy & Local Plan Committee in relation to the Great Clacton, Lawford, Bradfield and Ramsey Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plans prepared for the Council by Essex Place Services.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Planning Policy & Local Plan Committee (“the Committee”), at its meeting held on 18 April 2023 (Minute 39 refers), considered a comprehensive report (and appendices) of the Director (Planning) which had reported to it the Great Clacton, Lawford, Bradfield and Ramsey Conservation Area Appraisals 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 18 April 2023 was as follows:-

**“RESOLVED** that the Planning Policy and Local Plan Committee:

- a) endorses the new Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plans for Great Clacton (Appendix 1 to item A.1 of the Report of the Director (Planning)), Lawford (Appendix 2 thereto), Bradfield (Appendix 3 thereto) and Ramsey (Appendix 4 thereto) Conservation Areas;
- b) recommends to Cabinet that the above documents forming Appendices 1, 2, 3 and 4 be published for consultation with the public and other interested parties; and
- c) notes that Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plans for the District’s three remaining Conservation Areas will be brought before the Committee in due course.”

#### **Planning Portfolio Holder’s Comments**

“I thank the Planning Policy and Local Plan Committee for its consideration of these latest Conservation Area Character Appraisals and Management Plans and I sincerely welcome, once again, its recommendation to Cabinet that these be published for public 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, with now only three Conservation Areas remaining to be considered. 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 any Article 4 Directions are needed to provide an extra level of protection and control.”

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**That, subject to Cabinet’s consideration of the recommendations of the Planning Policy & Local Plan Committee arising from its meeting held on 18 April 2023, Cabinet resolves that the new Great Clacton, Lawford, Bradfield and Ramsey Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plans (Appendices 1 to 4 to this report) be approved for consultation with the public and other interested parties.**

## **CURRENT POSITION**

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

The Director (Planning)’s Report and accompanying Appendices which were considered by the Planning Policy & Local Plan Committee at its meeting held on 18 April 2023 are attached as Appendices to this report.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Published Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Policy & Local Plan Committee held on 18 April 2023.

## **APPENDICES**

AM Appendix 1 – Great Clacton Conservation Area Appraisal

AM Appendix 2 – Lawford Conservation Area Appraisal

AM Appendix 3 – Bradfield Conservation Area Appraisal

AM Appendix 4 – Ramsey Conservation Area Appraisal

AM Appendix 5 – Report of the Director (Planning) (item A.1) to the meeting of the Planning Policy & Local Plan Committee held on 18 April 2023.