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| Report to     | - | Council                          |
| Date          | - | 9 July 2018                      |
| Report of the | - | Cabinet                          |
| Subject       | - | References from Cabinet Meetings |

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The Council is asked to consider recommendations arising from the Cabinet meeting held on 2 July (there were no recommendations to Council made at its meeting held on 4 June) as set out below.

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**CABINET – 2 July 2018**

**CB18/06. SALEHURST AND ROBERTSBRIDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2016-2028**

Following an affirmative local Referendum result in relation to the use of the Salehurst and Robertsbridge Neighbourhood Plan (SRNP) to help the determination of planning applications in the Parish Neighbourhood Area, Cabinet was requested to recommend to Council that the SRNP be formally adopted and become part of the statutory Development Plan for the area.

In April 2018, under delegated authority, the Executive Director resolved that the SRNP (as amended in line with the Examiner's proposed modifications) should proceed to local Referendum. This decision, together with a changed version of the Plan, was published on the Council's website. Following the due legal process, and in accordance with the Neighbourhood Plan legislation, a local referendum was subsequently held on 31 May 2018 in the Salehurst and Robertsbridge referendum area of Salehurst and Robertsbridge Parish. Following a turnout of 40.74%, 90.26% were in favour of Rother District Council (RDC) using the SRNP for Salehurst and Robertsbridge to help it decide planning applications; 9.61% were against.

Following this result, it was incumbent on RDC under paragraph 38A(4)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 to 'make' a Neighbourhood Plan within eight weeks of the referendum result. Members were advised that this took account of a further screening of the Plan in accordance with the Habitats Regulations, which had shown that it would have no material effect on any European site. The principal effect of making the Neighbourhood Plan was that it would become part of the statutory 'development plan' for the area. Hence, planning applications within Salehurst and Robertsbridge Parish would be determined against the SRNP, alongside relevant Local Plan policies, also having regard to the National Planning Policy Framework. It was noted that the development boundary for Salehurst and Robertsbridge, as well as the site allocations at Robertsbridge, as

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contained in the SRNP superseded the development boundary and related site allocations in the 2006 Rother District Local Plan.

The decision to make the SRNP would need to be publicised together with a statement setting out how the environmental considerations had been integrated into the Plan. Cabinet was pleased to recommend to Council that SRNP be “made” with immediate effect which would bring it into legal force and paid tribute to the tremendous efforts of the local community and officers of Rother District Council for bringing forward this second Neighbourhood Plan for the District.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the Salehurst and Robertsbridge Neighbourhood Development Plan 2016-2028 incorporating the Examiner’s modifications, as presented to local Referendum, be “made” with immediate effect and form part of the Council’s Development Plan.

(Cabinet Agenda Item 7.4)

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