

Ashford Borough Council - Decisions taken by the Cabinet on 11th April 2019

Minute No	Topic	Decision
418	Overview and Scrutiny Recommendations to Cabinet – Planning and Air Quality	<p>During its scrutiny of the Council’s draft budget, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee expressed a desire to understand more about the Council’s Section 106 process and current position, as well as plans for addressing staff shortages within the Planning and Development Service and the ongoing development of an Air Quality Strategy for the Council. In its review, the Committee had made six recommendations which were now presented to the Cabinet.</p> <p>The Leader thanked the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for their report and advised that the Cabinet were minded to accept three of the six recommendations (iii, iv, and vi). It was considered that the other three recommendations (i, ii, and v) should not be accepted as they were premature at this stage.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>That</p> <p>(i) planning applications must not be permitted to go to the Planning Committee for determination before the time for public consultation has elapsed.</p> <p>(ii) per the Constitution, planning applications must not be approved under delegated powers where the Ward Member has called the application in to the Planning Committee.</p> <p>(iii) the Council should engage with UK Power Networks to ensure that there is sufficient grid supply to meet demand for electric vehicle charging in new developments.</p> <p>(iv) the remaining three recommendations be not adopted.</p>