

Committee: Cabinet

Agenda Item

Date: 15 January 2015

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Title: Local Plan update and next steps

Portfolio holder: Cllr Rolfe and Cllr Barker

Key decision: No

Summary

1. This report updates Cabinet on the details of the outcome of the Local Plan Examination and outlines the next steps.

Recommendations

2. To note the report.
3. To agree the formation of an Uttlesford Planning Policy Working Group (paragraph 12).
4. To agree the membership of the Uttlesford Planning Policy Working Group (paragraph 13).
5. To agree the terms of reference of the Uttlesford Planning Policy Working Group (paragraph 14).
6. To disband the former Local Plan Working Group (paragraph 12).

Financial Implications

7. None

Background Papers

None

Impact

- 8.

Communication/Consultation	The new Working Group will be open to the public to attend and will be broadcast.
Community Safety	n/a
Equalities	n/a
Health and Safety	n/a

Human Rights/Legal Implications	n/a
Sustainability	n/a
Ward-specific impacts	Affects all wards
Workforce/Workplace	None

Situation

9. The Uttlesford Draft Local Plan was submitted for Examination in July 2014 and the Examination Hearings started in November 2014. In the second week of Hearings the Inspector delivered his Summarised Conclusions (Appendix 1) and halted the Hearings so the issues contained in the last two days were not heard.
10. Full Council received an update report at its meeting of 18 December 2014, following the closing of the Examination and resolved the following:
 - Council authorises the Chief Executive in consultation with all the Group Leaders to advise the Planning Inspectorate that the council will take the appropriate steps to prepare revisions to the submitted Plan to address the soundness issues as confirmed by the formal report of the Examination, once it has been received;
 - Council instructs officers to prepare a revised Local Development Scheme for the preparation of a revised Plan for consideration by a new Working Group or similar body and thence for Cabinet which will include the steps outlined in paragraph 11 (a–e) of the (Full Council) report;
 - Council notes that a report will be prepared for the Working Group and thence for Cabinet identifying those aspects of the Plan which have not been challenged by the Inspector as a basis for preparing a revised plan; and
 - That a further report be brought to Council prior to submission of the revisions to the plan.
11. The Inspector delivered his Full Conclusions on 19 December 2014 and these are attached as Appendix 2.
12. The Council now needs to move forward to prepare an updated plan taking on board the comments made by the Inspector. A report will be prepared for the Uttlesford Planning Policy Working Group, which is due to meet on 26 January 2015, setting out the next steps.
13. The Uttlesford Planning Policy Working Group will replace the Local Plan Working Group which is now formally disbanded.

14. The membership of the new Uttlesford Planning Policy Working Group will be politically balanced, have a membership of 12 Councillors and consist of:

	12 Members
Conservative	8
Liberal Democrat	2
Independent	1
Residents4Uttlesford	1

S Barker
K Eden
S Howell
E Oliver
J Salmon

P Davies
S Harris
M Lemon
H Rolfe

Lib Dem (to be notified)
Lib Dem (to be notified)
Residents4Uttlesford (to be notified)

15. The Terms of Reference for the Working Group will be:

To give advice and guidance to officers in progressing the Local Plan and other planning guidance and report recommendations to Cabinet. This Working Group will meet in public and include public speaking.

16. The next meeting of the Working Group will be on Monday 26 January 2015.
The Group is likely to receive reports on:

- Local Plan Examination update
- 5 year land supply update
- Duty to Cooperate update
- Gypsy and Traveller consultation update
- Annual Monitoring Report

17. Update reports will be prepared for Cabinet as the process continues.

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
None			

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.