

Committee: Cabinet

Agenda Item

Date: 14 July 2016

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Title: Local Plan Development Strategy

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Susan Barker

Key decision: Yes

Summary

1. This is a covering report for the enclosed paper and appendix that will be considered at the Planning Policy Working Group on 14 July.

Recommendations

2. That Cabinet recommend to Council a preferred distribution strategy for the Local Plan.

Financial Implications

3. The preparation of the Plan will be met from the existing planning budget. There are risks of intervention and costs if the plan is not completed on time and the potential implications of loss of New Homes Bonus if the Council does not produce a plan in timely fashion. There are also the costs of defending appeals against hostile planning applications that may be submitted there is no Plan and secure 5 year land supply in place.

Background Papers

4. The following papers were referred to by the author in the preparation of this report and are available for inspection from the author of the report.

Report to Planning Policy Working Group 12 July

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	There was extensive consultation on the Local Plan Issues and Options. Town and parish councils were consulted on the findings of the Strategic Land Availability Assessment.
Community Safety	This is an underlying theme of the Local Plan e.g. planning out crime by design.

Equalities	The Plan will be subject of an equalities impact assessment.
Health and Safety	N/A
Human Rights/Legal Implications	The Local Plan will need to comply with planning legislation.
Sustainability	This is an underlying theme of the Local Plan e.g. ensuring homes and jobs are provided near to each other and minimising reliance on the private car.
Ward-specific impacts	Some wards may be affected by site specific proposals but the overall distribution strategy for the Plan is a matter for all wards.
Workforce/Workplace	It is a Council Plan, to be contributed and owned by all staff, not just the planning policy team. The progress and approval of the plan is key to the delivery of the Council's objectives and work of all staff and because of the potential financial implications could impact on the size and shape of the workforce.

Situation

6. The enclosed report and Appendix will be considered by the Planning Policy Working Group (PPWG) on 12 July. The report is self-explanatory.
7. Cabinet will receive a verbal update on the recommendations of PPWG at this meeting.

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
The Council fails to adopt a "sound" Plan	2 – Unlikely.	3 – Will result in the Local Plan being found unsound. Significant impact on	The Council has an adopted SHMA, undertaken a review of the evidence base, appraised the development scenarios and will

		planning policy and planning applications.	undertake a sustainability appraisal of allocations Duty to Co-operate discussions are nearing conclusion. The Council continues to monitor the outcome of other examinations, legal challenges and receives advice from critical friends.
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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.