

Committee: Planning Policy Working Group

Agenda Item

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Title: Towards a Fresh Vision of the District in 2033

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Summary

1. In formulating a new Local Plan, a clear vision is a central requirement. The vision needs to be shaped in the context of positive planning for development, as well as safeguarding the environment, adapting to climate change, and securing good design. This means that Local Plan vision statements need to be an integral part of the development strategy for the area they cover.
2. The attached report sets out some examples of vision statements produced by other Local Plans found sound in recent months, together with some guidance on the process of drafting a fresh vision and what content should be included.

Recommendations

- A: That the guidance set out in the report relating to production of the Vision for the District, be noted.
- B: That initial ideas and concepts for consideration as part of the process of formulating the vision, be discussed.

Financial Implications

3. None

Background Papers

4. None

Impact

Communication/Consultation	Formal consultation as the Local Plan develops will be carried out in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement.
Community Safety	None
Equalities	The Local Plan impacts on all sectors of the community.
Health and Safety	None

Human Rights/Legal Implications	None
Sustainability	Appraisal of alternatives to the emerging plan will be undertaken.
Ward-specific impacts	All.
Workforce/Workplace	Planning Policy Team and other officers as appropriate.

Situation

5. Following receipt of the report of the Planning Inspector on the previous submission Local Plan in December 2014, and subsequent withdrawal of the plan in January 2015, Uttlesford District Council has restarted the Local Plan formulation process, including reconsideration of the options for development. This includes reworking the vision contained in the withdrawn Local Plan, as set out in Appendix A of the report.

Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
Without an agreed Vision the opportunity to manage future development of the district will be diminished.	1. Can be addressed and managed through the Working Group discussion forum.	3. Disagreement over the Vision could delay the Plan indefinitely.	Discussion at the Working Group to ensure that there is wide input into shaping the vision and that the scope of the visioning work is understood.

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.