

Committee: Cabinet **Date:** 15 February 2018
Title: London Plan Consultation and Brentwood and Chelmsford Local Plan Consultations
Portfolio Holder: Cllr Susan Barker, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environmental Services
Report Author: Stephen Miles, Planning Policy Team Leader, 01799 510346 **Key decision:** No

Summary

1. This report draws Cabinet's attention to various consultations that are ongoing.

Recommendations

2. That Cabinet delegate authority to the Director of Public Services in consultation with the Deputy Leader to respond formally to current consultations on:
 - The Draft London Plan;
 - Brentwood Local Plan; and
 - Chelmsford Local Plan.

Financial Implications

3. None.

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.

None.

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	Brentwood Borough Council and Chelmsford City Council are undertaking consultation in accordance with their Statement of Community Involvement
Community Safety	N/A

Equalities	The plans will be subject to Equalities Impact Assessment in accordance with the relevant authority's normal practice
Health and Safety	N/A
Human Rights/Legal Implications	N/A
Sustainability	The plans are subject to a Sustainability Appraisal
Ward-specific impacts	All wards
Workforce/Workplace	N/A

Situation

6. The Mayor of London has consulted on a new draft London Plan. The consultation period runs until 5pm on Friday 2nd March, after which the Plan will be subject to an Examination in Public (EiP). The EiP will be led by an independent panel who will review all consultation responses and decide which issues should be discussed at EiP, as well as who will be invited to participate in individual hearings and sessions during the EiP.
7. Brentwood Borough Council is consulting on its draft Local Plan Preferred Site Allocations. This is a further regulation 18 consultation setting out preferred housing, specialist accommodation, and employment sites for comment. The document is accompanied by several supporting papers such as the Sustainability Appraisal and a revised Local Development Scheme. This consultation closes on 12 March 2018. Brentwood are planning on having a further regulation 19 consultation in the third quarter of 2018 and then submitting to the Secretary of State in the fourth quarter of 2018.
8. Chelmsford City Council is consulting on its pre-submission Local Plan (regulation 19). The consultation closes on 14 March 2018, and they will be submitting their plan to the Secretary of State in June 2018.
9. Given the current input into the preparation of the UDC draft Plan and the timing of these three consultations it has not been possible to prepare a detailed commentary on their Plans to this Cabinet meeting. Instead it is recommended that authority be delegated to the Director of Public Services in consultation with the Deputy Leader to make the formal responses. Members are of course welcome to submit their views to the Planning Policy Team.

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
UDC fails to respond appropriately to the Consultations.	1. Little risk	4. Potential failure under the Duty to Co-operate	Continue discussions under the Duty to Co-operate

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.