



Report to: Cabinet Meeting – 4 October 2022

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Report Summary	
Type of Report	Open, Non-Key Decision
Report Title	Newark & Sherwood Plan Review - Amended Allocations & Development Management Development Plan Document Update
Purpose of Report	To update Cabinet on recent national planning guidance and its impact on the publication of the Amended Allocations & Development Management Development Plan Document (DPD) for a period of public representation.
Recommendation	That Cabinet note the contents of the report.
Alternative Options Considered	As set out in paragraph 2.2, it was not judged appropriate to progress without this work being undertaken.
Reason for Recommendations	To allow Cabinet to note progress towards publication of the DPD.

1.0 **Background**

- 1.1 The Council has been conducting a review of its Development Plan, the first element was completed by the adoption of an Amended Core Strategy in March 2019. The second element of the Development Plan, the Allocations & Development Management DPD, has been progressed since that time. It had been intended that a finalised version be presented to this meeting to seek approval for publication ready for a period of public representation.
- 1.2 On Thursday, 25 August 2022 the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities published updated Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) on Flood Risk and Coastal Change in the Planning Process. The PPG supports the implementation of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and provides detailed guidance on implementation. This update does not fundamentally alter existing flood risk policy as set out in the NPPF, but it does significantly increase the amount of guidance for the purposes of Plan Making.

2.0 Impact of the updated PPG on the work undertaken so far

- 2.1 As part of the Plan Review process work on documents related to flood risk have been updated and a study into flood defence work was commissioned in relation to Tolney Lane and an Exceptions Test report has been prepared to support the proposed allocation of Gypsy Roma, Traveller (GRT) sites in the District. Officers have reviewed the updated PPG and concluded that:
- 1) In order to publish a sound DPD an understanding of the results of a Level 2 Flood Risk assessment will be necessary, followed by deposit of the full assessment during the Publication Period. This would include a review of sites considered as part of the DPD production process and sense check of work already undertaken; and
 - 2) The flood risk work needs to be directly integrated into the sustainability appraisal in a way that has not currently been done.
- 2.2 In essence much of this work has already been undertaken given the importance of flood risk in the District. However, this has not been presented and assessed in the way now required by the PPG. Without this work being undertaken it is considered that the Council would not be able to demonstrate that a sound DPD had been produced in line with National Policy and Guidance and therefore there is no alternative to the course of action proposed.
- 2.3 Following discussion with the Council's flood risk consultants a programme of additional works has been agreed to meet the new requirements and this work commenced in September. The programme of additional work has been developed to ensure findings are available in such time as to provide recommendations to November Cabinet on publication of the Amended Allocations & Development Management DPD.

3.0 Implications

In writing this report and in putting forward recommendations, Officers have considered the following implications; Data Protection, Digital and Cyber Security, Equality and Diversity, Financial, Human Resources, Human Rights, Legal, Safeguarding, Sustainability, and Crime and Disorder and where appropriate they have made reference to these implications and added suitable expert comment where appropriate.

3.1 Financial Implications (FIN22-23/1412)

Appropriate budget is set aside to support the Plan Review and officers will use this to pay for the additional flood risk work required.

Background Papers and Published Documents

PPG on Flood Risk

(<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-and-coastal-change>)