

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

19 JUNE 2019

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK PROGRESS REPORT

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 Following the Adoption of the Amended Core Strategy by Full Council on 7 March 2019, to seek approval from the Committee to recommence consultation on reviewing the Allocations & Development Management Development Plan Document (DPD).

2.0 Background Information

2.1 The Council's Development Plan (referred to as our Local Development Framework) sets the framework for the development of the District, details the level of new housing and other development, allocated sites for the development and sets out policies for determining Planning Applications. Over the past four years the Council has been reviewing the plan which is set out in two documents, a Core Strategy and an Allocations & Development Management DPD.

2.2 Several rounds of consultation have been undertaken culminating in a series of Preferred Approach consultations. One of the results of the consultation was that the proposed Gypsy & Traveller housing site in Newark was judged to be undeliverable. Therefore Full Council agreed on 11 July 2017 that the two elements of the Plan Review would be uncoupled to allow the Amended Core Strategy to be submitted for Examination in September 2017. The Amended Core Strategy was adopted by Full Council on 7 March 2019 and this now leaves the process of amending the Allocations & Development Management DPD to be completed.

2.3 A new Local Development Scheme timetable was agreed at Economic Development Committee on 27 March. It sets out the following milestones:

Amended Allocations & Development Management DPD
Issues Paper Consultation (July/Aug 2019) Review of Development Management Policies, updated allocated sites position, outline approach to Gypsy & Traveller policy and call for sites
Options Report Consultation (Oct/Nov 2019) Detailed approach on Allocations and Development Management policies Detailed approach to Gypsy & Traveller policy and allocations
Publication of Draft DPD (and final Integrated Impact Assessment) for period of Public Representation (February/March 2020)
Consideration of representations and any potential amendments
Submission of DPD to Secretary of State (April 2020)
Examination by Inspector (July 2020)
Consultation on Main Modifications (September/October 2020)
Receipt of Inspector's Report (December 2020)
Adoption and Publication (January 2021)

2.4 It is now some time (January/February 2017) since the Council carried out consultation on the Allocations & Development Management elements of the Plan Review and it is important to set out to the public the current position in terms of the review and the issues which we need to address in preparing an Amended DPD.

3.0 Allocation & Development Management DPD Issues Paper

3.1 A summary of the contents of the proposed Issues Paper is attached at Appendix A. The first part of the report deals with issues that have fallen out of compliance when checking the Amended Core Strategy against the National Planning Policy Framework published last July, including the requirement of the Inspector that an updated Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) be undertaken. The second part of the report updates the public on the current status of allocated sites which has moved on since 2017. Many sites have now been developed and at present we are not anticipating the need to allocate additional land as the existing remaining allocations more than meet future housing and employment allocations.

3.2 The Issues Paper is being prepared in detail at the moment as the latest housing and employment figures are being finalised following the end of the financial year. Therefore it is proposed that delegated authority be given to the Director for Growth & Regeneration to finalise the Issues Paper in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee, Major Opposition Spokesman and the reconstituted Local Development Framework Task Group. The Task Group has a proposed meeting on 26 June.

4.0 Equalities Implications

4.1 An Integrated Impact Assessment is being prepared alongside the Plan Review process to ensure that the impact on groups with protected characteristics of the proposals are considered as part of the policy making process.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS that:

- (a) Members note progress towards meeting the timetable of the adopted Local Development Scheme;**
- (b) delegated Authority be given to the Director – Growth & Regeneration to finalise the Issues Paper in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Major Opposition Spokesman and Local Development Framework Task Group; and**
- (c) upon agreement of the Issues Paper in accordance with (b) above that public consultation be carried out for six weeks starting in July.**

Reason for Recommendations

To allow for the review of the Allocations & Development Management DPD to recommence.

Background Papers - Local Development Scheme March 2019.

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