

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

11 SEPTEMBER 2019

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK PROGRESS UPDATE

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To update Members on progress towards delivery of the Plan Review in relation to the Allocations and Development Management Policies.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 Consultation on the Allocations & Development Management Issues Paper concluded on 19 August 2019. In total 59 organisations and individuals responded, including a number suggesting potential development sites.

2.2 The current Local Development Scheme timetable envisages that next stage of the Plan Review process, the Allocations & Development Management Options Report will be published for public consultation in October 2019.

3.0 Proposals

3.1 Given the cycle of committee meetings it is not always possible to present final consultation documents to committee for approval. In these circumstances there are three potential options:

- delay to the consultation;
- provide an outline of the proposed consultation and give the Director delegated authority to consider the final consultation document following consultation with the relevant Members and the LDF Task Group; or
- arrange an additional meeting.

3.2 Most aspects of the review of Allocations & Development Management policies are small scale and relate to changes in site circumstances and amendments to policies to reflect changes in national policy. The policies and potential allocations relating to housing provision for the Gypsy & Traveller community do, however, likely represent significant policy development which requires consideration, understanding and approval from the Committee. The Local Development Framework Task Group and the Council's commissioned consultants are currently considering the results of the consultation process and the various considerations for meeting additional housing needs for this particular community. A finalised approach is not yet available for Committee. Given the importance of this matter to the wider strategic approach of the Councils plan-led approach Officers would recommended that the best approach is to arrange an additional meeting of the Committee to consider the finalised options report in early October.

3.3 Officers have provisionally identified Thursday 10th October 2019 for the proposed additional meeting.

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 Financial Implications - FIN19-20/5286

5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

6.0 Community Plan – Alignment to Objectives

6.1 The Community Plan Objective “Accelerate the supply of new homes including associated facilities” includes a requirement to complete the Plan Review and identify sites for Gypsy and Traveller provision.

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS that:

- a) **the content of the report is noted;**
- b) **an additional meeting of the Committee be arranged on Thursday 10th October to fully discuss the final Options Report for consultation.**

Reason for Recommendations

To allow Members to fully consider the proposed Options Report.

Background Papers

Local Development Scheme March 2019.

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