

Report of the Assistant Director, Governance and ICT

Called-in Item: City of York Local Plan Further Sites Consultation

Summary

1. This report sets out the reasons for the call-in of the decision made by Cabinet at their meeting on 23 April 2014 relating to ongoing work with potential Local Plan allocations and the decision to undertake public consultation on potential new sites and boundary changes on some of the sites originally identified. This cover report sets out the powers and role of the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Committee in relation to dealing with the call-in.

Background

2. An extract from the Decision Sheet issued after the Cabinet meeting is attached as Appendix 1 to this report. This sets out the decisions taken by Cabinet on the called-in item. The original report to the Cabinet meeting on the called-in item is attached as Appendix 2 to this report.
3. The Cabinet decision has been called in by Councillors Ayre, Reid and Runciman for review by the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Committee (CSMC) (Calling-In), in accordance with the constitutional requirements for call-in. The following are the reasons given for the call-in:
 - The proposed public consultation documents exclude projected housing numbers for the new residential sites or revised housing numbers for either the amended allocated sites or the amended strategic sites.
 - This exclusion is contrary to the Local Plan Preferred Options paper (June 2013) which included housing numbers; however, no proper explanation is offered as to why this approach has been abandoned.

- Housing numbers are not provided for potentially large sites such as Stockton Lane, Boroughbridge Road, North of Escrick or in New Earswick.
- It is not fully explained how the changes to strategic sites such as Metcalfe Lane, North of Haxby or Whinthorpe will affect proposed housing numbers on these sites.
- The papers fail to provide sufficient information on the infrastructure plans for the new sites or how the new sites will impact upon existing residents and on other proposed sites identified last year.
- Failure to include housing numbers and other key information is symptomatic of an approach where there is no opportunity for group leaders to agree the contents and structure of public consultations.
- The Further Sites consultation papers should include projected housing numbers and other key details so residents have all the information they need to respond.
- Until all key information is published and included in the papers it is inappropriate for consultation to begin.

Consultation

4. In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, the calling-in Members have been invited to attend and/or speak at the Call-In meeting, as appropriate.

Options

5. The following options are available to CSMC (Calling-In) Members in relation to dealing with this call-in, in accordance with the constitutional and legal requirements under the Local Government Act 2000:
 - a. To decide that there are no grounds to make specific recommendations to Cabinet in respect of the report. If this option is chosen, the original decision taken on the item by Cabinet at their meeting on 23 April 2014 will be confirmed and

will take effect from the date of the CSMC (Calling-In) meeting;
or

- b. To make specific recommendations to Cabinet on the report, in light of the reasons given for the call-in. If this option is chosen, the matter will be reconsidered by Cabinet at a meeting of Cabinet (Calling-In) to be held on 27 May 2014.

Analysis

6. Members need to consider the reasons for call-in and the report to Cabinet and form a view on whether there is a basis to make specific recommendations to Cabinet in respect of the report.

Council Plan

7. There are no direct implications for this call-in in relation to the delivery of the Council Plan and its priorities for 2011-15.

Implications

8. There are no known Financial, HR, Legal, Property, Equalities, or Crime and Disorder implications in relation to the following in terms of dealing with the specific matter before Members; namely, to determine and handle the call-in.

Risk Management

9. There are no risk management implications associated with the call in of this matter.

Recommendations:

10. Members are asked to consider all the reasons for calling in this decision and decide whether they wish to confirm the decisions made by Cabinet or refer the matter back for reconsideration and make specific recommendations on the report to Cabinet.

Reason: To enable the called-in matter to be dealt with efficiently and in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Constitution.

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**Report
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Specialist Implications Officer(s) None

Wards Affected:

All



For further information please contact the author of the report

Annexes

Appendix 1 – Extract from the Decision Sheet produced following the Cabinet meeting on the called-in item.

Appendix 2 – City of York Local Plan Further Sites Consultation, Report of the Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning and Sustainability to Cabinet, 23 April 2014.

Appendix 3 – Minutes of the Local Plan Working Group meeting, 17 April 2014

Background Papers

None