

Economic Development and Transport Policy and Scrutiny Committee

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Executive Member for Transport and Planning – planning briefing paper

1. The Local Plan remains one of the key priorities for the team. In response to the Council resolution in October 2014 which halted the Publication Draft Local Plan and the changed political context officers initiated a work programme of reviewing the previous draft Plan in terms of evidence base updates and site analysis which has cumulated in the Local Plan – Preferred Sites 2016 and the other supporting documents which are due to be considered by the Local Plan Working Group (LPWG) on 27th June and Executive on 30th June.
2. The documents if approved by the Executive will then be subject to a City Wide consultation from Mid July for 8 weeks which will include a series of public exhibitions and a city wide leaflet to every household.
3. The documents to be discussed at the LPWG and Executive include the Main Preferred Sites Report covering an analysis of the previous aborted Publication Draft Local Plan allocations along with supporting documents which include a Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) detailing analysis by consultants GL Hearn of the housing requirement for York over the plan period taking account of the recent Government projections, an Employment Land Review including projections of demand and an analysis of potential sites, a Windfalls technical paper and an Interim Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment.
4. The report also asks Members of the LPWG and Executive to consider and for Executive to approve a Local Development Scheme (LDS) which sets out a project plan for the progression of the Local Plan over the next two years in addition to other related documents including the Joint Waste and Minerals Plan, Neighbourhood Plans and CIL.
5. It highlights the intention to consult on a Publication Draft plan early in 2017 with submission to Government following in May 2017. The LDS has an important role in informing the public and other interested parties about the next steps and key milestones for York's Local Plan.
6. In addition it provides a clear position statement for Government which is particularly important given Ministerial statements indicating failure

to progress Local Plans could lead to direct interventions by Government.

7. In addition to the Local Plan the Forward Planning Team is continuing to progress the Joint Waste and Minerals Plan with North Yorkshire County Council and North York Moors National Park Authority.
8. A timetable for its delivery is set out in the LDS to be considered at the forthcoming LPWG and Executive which includes key milestones which include Publication consultation later in 2016 followed by Submission in Spring 2017.
9. The Forward Planning Team also has a statutory duty to provide technical advice and support for the Neighbourhood Planning process. There are currently 12 Neighbourhood Plans across the City which are at various stages of their production with the most advanced being Poppleton and Copmanthorpe. The team continues to provide support and guidance to the Neighbourhood Plan bodies and Parish Council's producing Plans for their areas.
10. The team continue to provide planning policy advice to Development Management in their consideration of planning applications including the recent Stadium application.

Abbreviations

CIL – Community Infrastructure Levy

LDS – Local Development Scheme

LPCG – Local Plan Working Group

SHMA – Strategic Housing Market Assessment