

OFFICER DECISION

Decision: Response to the Government’s consultation titled “Plan-making reforms: consultation on implementation” on behalf of City of York Council

Decision Date: 18 October 2023

Type of Decision: Director	Key			Non-Key
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Portfolio Area that decision relates to:

Leader (inc Corporate Services, Policy, Strategy & Partnerships)		Environment and Climate Emergency	
Economy & Transport		Finance, Performance, Major Projects & Equalities	
Children, Young People and Education		Children, Young People & Education	
Health, Wellbeing and Adults Social Care		Housing, Planning & Safer Communities	X

Background / Decision Summary:

On 22 December the government published a consultation titled “Plan-making reforms: consultation on implementation”. The consultation sets out some further detail to the proposals contained within the December 2022 consultation ‘Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill: reforms to national planning policy’ (*Corporate Director decision March 2023*). It provides further detail around the proposed 30-month plan-making process, which includes some key steps:

New proposals for a 4-month period prior to commencement (setting out timetable, Project Initiation Document preparation, notifying statutory bodies)

2 set periods of consultation and engagement

3-staged ‘gateway’ assessment process for local plans with a shorter examination process at the end

The consultation also includes some new proposals for use of set templates for local plans and consultation responses, and enhanced emphasis on monitoring requirements and metrics.

Options Considered:

To provide no response to the consultation

Options Rejected:

To provide no response to the consultation

Consultation Process:

Officers have been liaising with technical colleagues throughout this process. Decision has been made in consultation with the Executive Member for Housing, Planning & Safer Communities.

Implications

Crime & Disorder		Equalities		Highways	
Human Resources		Legal		ICT	
Financial		Affordability		Property	
Climate Change		Health		Other	
Environment		Human Rights			

Implications Contact:

Level of Risk: Low

Wards Affected:

All Wards		Fishergate		Holgate		Rural West York	
Acomb		Fulford & Heslington		Hull Road		Strensall	
Bishopthorpe		Guildhall		Huntington & New Earswick		Westfield	
Clifton		Haxby & Wigginton		Micklegate		Wheldrake	
Copmanthorpe		Heworth		Osbalwick & Derwent			
Dringhouses & Woodthorpe		Heworth Without		Rawcliffe & Clifton			

Comments/Observations:

In consultation with the Executive member for Housing, Planning & Safer Communities, the Corporate Director of Place has had prepared a response to the Governments consultation and having reviewed this response with the Executive Member will now submit the Council's response to the consultation.

Many of the proposals outlined in the consultation require the government to publish additional detail, which is expected to emerge as the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill progresses to royal assent.

Decision:

Decision Made by: Neil Ferris, Corporate Director of Place in consultation with the Executive Member for Housing, Planning & Safer Communities

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To be implemented by: Laura Bartle, Strategic Planning Policy Manager

On Completion – Signed off by:

Date:

18.10.23



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