

Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Tuesday, 18 October 2022

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Part A – Items considered in public

A8	Local Plan Regulation 18 consultation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the draft Regulation 18 Local Plan consultation document be approved as attached to report CAB3357 at Appendix 1 (subject to any changes required and authorised under recommendation 3), its publication and a 6-week public consultation under Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 for a period of 6 weeks commencing on 2nd November until 14th December 2022. 2. That the Integrated 	<p>The new Local Plan is an opportunity to set out a new vision and framework for future development of the district (which lies outside the South Downs National Park) up to 2039.</p> <p>It will address local housing need, the economy, environmental considerations including the climate emergency, which sits at the heart of the draft plan, community infrastructure, as well as strategic infrastructure needs, and it has a key role in supporting the council's wider objective of a carbon neutral district by 2030.</p>	<p>The government is very clear that in order to be effective plans need to be kept up-to-date. The National Planning Policy Framework states policies in Local Plans and Spatial Development Strategies, should be reviewed to assess whether they need updating at least once every 5 years, and should then be <u>updated as necessary</u>. Current guidance is that Local Plans should cover a minimum of 15 years from the date of adoption. The plan period that our Local Plan covers therefore needs to align itself with the above requirements or any changes arising from new local plan requirements</p>
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		<p>Impact Assessment at Appendix 2 of the report be approved for publication and consultation for the same period.</p> <p>3. That authority be delegated to the Strategic Planning Manager, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Place and the Local Plan, to undertake any updating, drafting of amendments and the graphic design of the draft Regulation 18 Local Plan prior to publication and consultation on the document.</p>	<p>The Plan comprises a new vision (the character of the area and what the district should look like in 2039), seven key topics which include Strategic Policies and Development Management policies, along with site specific allocations, which are needed in order to accommodate the levels of growth identified for our district over the next 17 years.</p> <p>The publication of the draft Regulation 18 Local Plan for public consultation is the next important stage on the council’s journey towards developing a new plan that will ultimately replace the current adopted plan.</p> <p>The purpose of report CAB3357 is to recommend</p>	<p>(2019 to 2039).</p> <p>The government continues to make it clear that it wants all councils to have an up-to-date Local Plan by 31st December 2023. It is acknowledged that there were delays at the start of the Local Plan process, which was due to the government consulting on significant changes to the planning system, and revisions to the Standardised Method for the number of homes that the council needs to plan for (the latter subsequently reverted back to the original formula). However, it is intended that the Plan will be adopted by late summer 2024 and it is not envisaged that this timeframe should pose significant risks in terms of</p>

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			<p>that the council continues to take forward a new local plan for the district and therefore agrees to consult on its draft Regulation 18 Plan for a period of 6 weeks commencing 2nd November 2022 along with the Integrated Impact Assessment.</p>	<p>planning decision making.</p> <p>Under the current Local Plan timetable, the date of the adoption of the new Plan is August 2024. Failure to make progress with the Local Plan is not considered an option as the council may not be able to demonstrate a 5 year Housing Land Supply for example, and policies in the existing Local Plan will be given less weight in the determination of planning applications and at appeals, the older they become particularly if they are not consistent with national policy. In these circumstances, decisions on development proposals would have to be made in the context of the National Planning Policy Framework. There is also a risk of</p>

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				<p>government intervention if it is considered that the council is not making significant progress with developing a new Local Plan. Hence the council needs to adhere to the agreed timetable and have a new Local Plan in place by 2024.</p>