

**Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Monday, 19 August 2024**

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**Part A – Items considered in public**

<p><b>A5</b></p>	<p>Winchester District Proposed Submission Local Plan (Regulation 19)</p>	<p><b>That it be recommended to Council:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Winchester District Proposed Submission Local Plan (Regulation 19) (Appendix 1) and the accompanying Integrated Impact Assessment (Appendix 2) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (Appendix 3) are approved for Publication for a period of 6 weeks anticipated to start on 29 August 2024;</li> <li>2. That following Publication, the Winchester District</li> </ol>	<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 2040. The Local Plan has been developed through the lens of the City Council's climate emergency and nature conservation emergency. It promotes sustainable well-designed places and healthy lifestyles that are centred around public engagement and high quality design that responds positively to its local context.</p> <p>Report CAB3462 sets out further detail on the Local Plan preparation process,</p>	<p>Option 1 (as per report CAB3462 ) – Agree to publish the Regulation 19 Proposed Submission Local Plan (Regulation 19) - Appendix 1 for a six week public consultation and subsequently submit the Winchester District Local Plan to the Planning Inspectorate for examination (this part of the process is called Regulation 22).</p> <p>Option 2 – Do not carry out or delay the publication and submission the Plan.</p> <p>Option 3 – Agree to Publish, but not Submit the Local Plan to the Planning Inspectorate for examination.</p>
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		<p>Proposed Submission Local Plan (Regulation 19) and supporting documents be submitted to the Secretary of State for Examination, together with the Regulation 19 representations and a summary;</p> <p>3. That authority be delegated to the Strategic Planning Manager in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan to prepare an addendum to the Plan that may be necessary to address soundness issues raised by representations received in response to the Regulation 19 public consultation and submit this addendum along with the Local Plan to the</p>	<p>summarises the proposals in the Winchester District Proposed Submission Local Plan (Regulation 19), including changes that have been made following consultation on the Regulation 18 Local Plan and updates to the Local Plan evidence base.</p> <p>This report proposes that the Winchester District Proposed Submission Local Plan (Regulation 19), the accompanying Integrated Impact Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment are also published for a period of 6 weeks consultation anticipated to start on 29 August 2024 before the Winchester District Proposed Submission Local Plan (Regulation 19) is submitted</p>	<p>The city council is required by the regulations to undertake public consultation on the Winchester District Proposed Submission Local Plan (Regulation 19) in order to meet the legal requirements for production of a Local Plan. It is, therefore, not an option to not proceed with public consultation if the city council is to continue to progress the adoption of a new Local Plan.</p> <p>As set out in the report, it is considered that the Winchester District Proposed Submission Local Plan (Regulation 19) meets the test of soundness and is therefore ready for public consultation and submission. It is considered that there is</p>

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		<p>Planning Inspectorate;</p> <p>4. That authority be delegated to the Strategic Planning Manager in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan to agree to any Main Modifications and to undertake a 6 week public consultation on any Main Modifications that arise out of the Local Plan examination process and for this information to be forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate;</p> <p>5. That authority be delegated to the Strategic Planning Manager in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan</p>	<p>to the Secretary of State for an independent examination.</p> <p>The Council's adopted Local Development Scheme (the timetable for preparing the Local Plan) will need to be slightly adjusted to align with the planned consultation and submission of the Winchester District Proposed Submission Local Plan (Regulation 19).</p> <p>Once the new Plan is adopted, it will replace the current Local Plan (Local Plan Part 1 – Joint Core Strategy, Local Plan Part 2 – Development Management and Site Allocations and the Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Development Plan Document). When it has been adopted, it will be the</p>	<p>sufficient certainty that Members can be confident that the Local Plan is deliverable and meets the test of soundness. Any outstanding matters will continue to be worked on up to the examination.</p> <p>Both Option 2 and Option 3 would result in significant costs to the city council. Most importantly any delay would put at risk the city council missing the Government's deadline for the submission of Local Plans to the Planning Inspectorate under the NPPF proposed consultation timeline. If we miss this deadline, Officers will need to start the Local Plan process all over again and prepare the new Local Plan within a 30 month timetable (or 18</p>

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		<p>to make any necessary editorial changes and minor amendments to the Winchester District Proposed Submission Local Plan (Regulation 19), Integrated Impact Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment, prior to Publication, Submission and during the Examination, to assist with consistency, explanation, graphic design and presentation and to enable any clarification necessary to outline how the proposals are consistent with government policy and the latest consultation version of the NPPF.</p>	<p>Council's statutory Development Plan that will be used to assess the planning merits of development proposals.</p>	<p>months under the proposed changes to the NPPF). This would result in significant expense in terms of updating the Local Plan Evidence base and officer time in terms of re-writing the Local Plan and it would put at risk the city council's 5 year Housing Land Supply.</p> <p>Option 3 would mean that the Local Plan would need to be brought back to Full Council for approval before it is submitted. This would result in significant delay to the Local Plan timetable and it would put the city council at risk of not meeting the Government's deadline.</p> <p>Option 1, to Publish and Submit the Local Plan to the Planning Inspectorate is, therefore, the recommended</p>

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				option to fulfil the council's statutory requirements that is set out in national legislation.
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