

NOTICE OF AN URGENT NON-KEY DECISION

Under Standing Order 12.15 of the Council's Constitution, a non-key decision can be taken as an Urgent decision, and therefore not subject to the call-in procedures under the Constitution, provided reasons are provided by the Chair or decision maker.

The purpose of this notice is to provide advance notice of the Urgent non-key decision to be taken under Standing Order 12.15 and provide the reasons for the urgency. This Notice will be provided to the Chair of the Corporate Performance Panel and published with the report relating to the decision to be taken.

The following notice is hereby provided:

Matter about which the decision is to be made

Cabinet is being asked to make the following decision at its meeting on 7 March 2023:

Recommendations

That the:

- Cabinet notes the contents of this report and recommends to Council that the draft Local Plan previously approved by full council be amended as follows:

- 1) That reference to the term 'A10/Main Rail Line Strategic Growth Corridor' is deleted from the plan.
- 2) That the Settlement Hierarchy reverts to that of the Core Strategy (as amended by the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies 'SADAMP'), subject to a check that it still remains up to date.
- 3) That a criterion-based policy is introduced into the Plan for the assessment of proposals for development in rural settlements.
- 4) That a housing requirement is calculated for designated neighbourhood areas using the methodology set out at section 2.13 and Appendix 3.

Reason for Decision

To address concerns raised by the Local Plan Inspectors at examination in order that they may report the Plan is 'sound' and enable the Council to proceed to adoption at the earliest opportunity.

Reasons for urgency

The draft Local Plan has been submitted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate. At examination, the Inspector has raised questions on specific parts of the draft Plan and highlighted areas where a further evidence base is required. The Inspector has provided a date of 28 April 2023 to provide responses and further evidence.

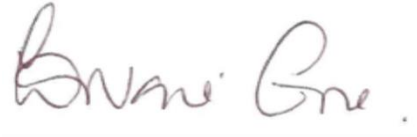
To address the concerns raised, there are some notable changes to the draft Local Plan in relation to which Full Council's ratification is sought. There is not another Full Council meeting after the scheduled meeting on 30 March 2023 until July 2023, in view of elections on 4 May 2023. Accordingly, it is urgent that Full Council consider this decision on 30 March 2023, which means Cabinet must consider the decision at its meeting on 7 March 2023. There would not be time between the expiry of a call-in period and the date the Full Council agenda would need to be published on 22 March 2023 to call a special CPP meeting to consider a valid call-in and then potentially a special Cabinet to consider CPP's recommendations.

This renders this executive decision urgent and therefore not subject to call-in. As a non-key decision, this notice and reasons must be given to justify the urgency.

This notice will be published with the agenda papers 5 clear days before the identified non-key decision may be taken by Cabinet on 7 March 2023.

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Date: 24 February 2023



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