

**STOCKPORT LOCAL PLAN****Report of the Director of Public Health****1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 The One Stockport Borough Plan was developed during a unique and pivotal period in history, as we enter the 'decisive decade' for climate change, continue to face a global pandemic and are experiencing fundamental shifts in how digital technologies affect how people socialise, work and live – much of which has been supercharged over the past year.
- 1.2 The coming together of everyone in Stockport to identify the common vision and outcomes as set out in the One Stockport Borough Plan, has helped set out a new way ahead which recognises the clear message from our communities that we need to be radical, brave and ambitious.
- 1.3 Stockport's withdrawal from the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework and the coming together of all our partners and communities to respond to the covid-19 crisis and to agree a set of shared priorities through the One Stockport Borough Plan, has provided a once in a generation opportunity for Stockport to take a refreshed approach to how we plan for the future of Stockport. We have a new opportunity to develop our own Local Plan which is the right plan for Stockport, by Stockport.
- 1.4 Fully aligning to the vision articulated in the One Stockport Borough Plan, the new Local Plan will act as the land use plan needed to deliver this vision for Stockport. It will play a vital role in ensuring that we have the right homes, the right infrastructure, and the right facilities to enable the whole of Stockport to thrive, whilst enshrining the mechanisms needed to protect the environment and places which make Stockport unique, and ensure Stockport plays its part in responding to the climate emergency.
- 1.5 Following feedback from the Borough Plan process, a series of high-level principles have been drafted to help inform the development of the new Local Plan. These principles will act as the golden threads which underpin the plan.
- 1.6 Appendix A provides a summary of the high-level principles.

**2. A ONE STOCKPORT PLAN**

- 2.1 Whilst any Local Plan has to conform to wider planning legislation and requirements, and align to regional and national strategy and policy, there is a clear opportunity for the One Stockport Local Plan to more closely reflect the community aspirations and vision of everyone in Stockport.
- 2.2 Fully supporting the vision set out in the Borough Plan of One Heart, One Home, One Future the new Local Plan will take a refreshed approach which recognises what is truly important to the communities of Stockport. It will celebrate our connectivity, our vast and varied heritage, our people and our unique places. It will identify opportunities for achieving sustainable growth across the Borough, and investment in infrastructure and community facilities for all residents, current and future.
- 2.3 The plan will, by setting out a clear strategy and robust policies, enable the successful delivery of thriving places, bring about energy efficient affordable housing, enable a dynamic economy, celebrate our heritage, protect and enhance the environment and support social and community infrastructure – thereby maintaining Stockport as a place where people wish to live,

work, stay and visit. It will be an all-age plan, with the health and well-being of our residents at its core.

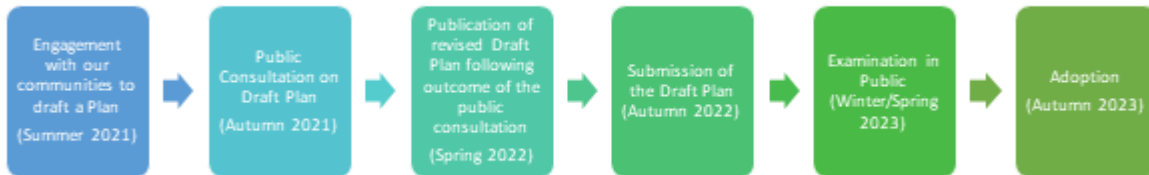
- 2.4 Informed by a comprehensive, proportionate and up-to-date evidence base, the Plan will respond to the key challenges facing the Borough over the next 15 years. It will address the key issues and identify those places and sites where change and development can best be accommodated, whilst recognising that the Borough must also be protected from inappropriate types of development in the wrong areas.
- 2.5 Once finalised, the plan (comprising of a written statement and a policies map) will set out the approach and detailed policies for the whole Borough for the period up to 2038. As a strategic plan for Stockport, it will be complemented by neighbourhood plans where these have been developed by communities across the Borough and which reflect the local character and needs of those areas. The Plan will sit alongside the adopted Greater Manchester Joint Minerals and Joint Waste development plan documents.
- 2.6 The new Local Plan will be consistent with, and will need to be read alongside, the most recent national planning policy set out in the Government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and accompanying online Planning Practice Guidance.



- 2.7 Taking the One Stockport Borough Plan as its starting point, the attached summary document (Appendix A) sets out the emerging principles and the proposed direction of travel for the Local Plan, including the work and issues that collectively need to be considered in the coming months. The summary document sets out the emerging principles based on the top down strategic framework within which the Local Plan will sit. This will be tested with our communities over the coming weeks and months to ensure that everyone in Stockport is able to shape and input to those principles and how they translate into planning policies.

### 3. **TIMESCALES AND NEXT STEPS**

- 3.1 As set out in the Local Development Scheme (<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/stockport-local-development-scheme>), the Council will seek to have an adopted plan in place by Autumn 2023. In order to achieve this, the following steps will be undertaken:



3.2 A draft Plan will be considered by Full Council and Cabinet in the Autumn, and approval sought to commence a public consultation on the draft Plan in the new year.

#### 4. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.1 The Board are recommended to review and comment on the high-level principles articulated in Appendices A and B.

#### BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are none

Anyone wishing to inspect the above background papers or requiring further information should contact Emma Curle on telephone number Tel: 0161-474-3542 or alternatively email [emma.curle@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:emma.curle@stockport.gov.uk)