

## Stockport Local Plan Strategic Objectives

### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the comments of the DPWP on the way in which the Local Plan will assist in the delivery of the One Stockport Borough Plan. The formation of Strategic objectives in Local Plan key element of framing the plan, which also allows for the impact of the Local Plan can be measured.
- 1.2 Strategic objectives are central to the achievement of the overall vision for the plan. The policies and proposals of the Stockport Local Plan should be designed to support the achievement of these objectives. This will help us to implement the plan's policies and make sure they are achieving their desired outcomes as well as informing any future reviews of the plan.
- 1.3 In addition, at Council on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021, members endorsed a series of high-level principles to guide the development of the draft Plan, which are also reflected in the strategic objectives of the plan. These principles were:
- We will **build our plan around our neighbourhoods**, celebrating and reflecting what makes our communities unique
  - We will take a **Brownfield first approach** to development, protecting our greenspaces as much as possible
  - We will be **design-led**, aiming to achieve the highest quality of design for Stockport
  - We will put **local infrastructure and communities at the heart** of our approach, recognising the needs of our neighbourhoods and areas
  - We will ensure everything we do **contributes to Stockport's response and resilience to the Climate Emergency**
  - We will contribute to the good **health and wellbeing** of our communities
- 1.4 Following the endorsement at Council of the approach to stakeholder engagement, this was undertaken via a variety of methods and across a wide range of groups. Through the engagement sessions a number of key themes were raised, including:
- Accessibility and the need to ensure that housing is built to last and well connected to surrounding areas
  - The need for affordable housing
  - Request for further information on the impacts of new developments on infrastructure, particularly relating to transport
  - Interest in being kept informed and taking part in the consultation
- 1.5 The draft objectives (from the Local Plan as currently drafted) are provided below and set the One Stockport Borough Plan priorities in a planning context. As well as clearly setting out the overall goals, this provides a starting point for the monitoring framework that will sit alongside the Stockport Local Plan.

### 2. OBJECTIVES

**Objective 1:** To ensure a resilient and healthy Borough which delivers net zero carbon by 2038 at the latest whilst adapting to climate change and increasing biodiversity through sustainable development.

Achieving this objective will support or contribute to the following priorities and ambitions of the One Stockport Borough Plan:

1. A caring and growing Stockport
2. A healthy and happy Stockport
3. A strong and supportive Stockport
4. A fair and inclusive Stockport
5. A flourishing and creative Stockport
6. A climate friendly Stockport
7. An enterprising and thriving Stockport
8. A skilled and confident Stockport
9. A radically digital Stockport

**Objective 2:** To provide everyone in Stockport with the opportunity to live, learn and play in their local area with access to appropriate educational buildings and facilities.

Achieving this objective will support or contribute to the following priorities and ambitions of the One Stockport Borough Plan:

1. A caring and growing Stockport
2. A healthy and happy Stockport
4. A fair and inclusive Stockport
8. A skilled and confident Stockport

**Objective 3:** To provide the social infrastructure required to meet the needs of our existing, new and expanding communities.

Achieving this objective will support or contribute to the following priorities and ambitions of the One Stockport Borough Plan:

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**Objective 4:** To develop strong and cohesive communities; ensuring access for all to community and cultural facilities.

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**Objective 5:** To ensure high quality and locally distinctive design which responds to local character to create inclusive, well-connected and safe neighbourhoods.

Achieving this objective will support or contribute to the following priorities and ambitions of the One Stockport Borough Plan:

2. A healthy and happy Stockport
4. A fair and inclusive Stockport

## 6. A climate friendly Stockport

**Objective 6:** To proactively manage the borough's historic and built environment, including our industrial heritage, and to protect and enhance quality and distinctiveness whilst accommodating change.

Achieving this objective will support or contribute to the following priorities and ambitions of the One Stockport Borough Plan:

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5. A flourishing and creative Stockport
7. An enterprising and thriving Stockport

**Objective 7:** To conserve and enhance our landscapes and natural environment, and improve the quality of and access to our open spaces.

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**Objective 8:** To provide a range of different types of quality new homes that meet aspirations and needs, reflecting an ageing population and a growth in the number of households.

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**Objective 9:** To make Stockport a place of improving inclusive wealth, taking advantage of our town centre's economic and locational opportunities.

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4. A fair and inclusive Stockport
5. A flourishing and creative Stockport
7. An enterprising and thriving Stockport
8. A skilled and confident Stockport

**Objective 10:** To ensure our centres perform their key role at the heart of our local communities and neighbourhoods.

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**Objective 11:** To reduce the need to travel and improve connectivity, ensuring that sustainable modes become a realistic default option for journeys.

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**Objective 12:** To reduce the likelihood and manage the impacts of flooding in Stockport, and to minimise potential flooding to areas downstream.

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**Objective 13:** To provide the infrastructure required to address existing issues and support the delivery of new development.

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### **3. CONCLUSION**

- 3.1 The Working Party is asked to note and endorse the strategic objectives, as set out in Section 2 of this report.

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

There are none.

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