

## Local Plan Document Structure and Content – for information

### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 With meetings of the Development Plan Working Party scheduled to consider different topic areas covered within the emerging draft Stockport Local Plan over the coming months it is thought more than likely that questions may arise where the answer is "this will be covered elsewhere in the plan."
- 1.2 This report provides, for information, an outline of the overall draft Local Plan document structure and of the content of each chapter. This will hopefully help members to see each policy area being discussed in the context of the wider plan.

### 2. DRAFT LOCAL PLAN DOCUMENT STRUCTURE AND CONTENT

- 2.1 **Introductory sections of the plan** – explaining the linkages with the One Stockport Borough Plan and setting out a 'spatial portrait' of the borough's places and neighbourhoods. This will largely flow directly from the high-level version of the plan which members endorsed in the summer, with amendments made to the 'spatial portrait' following member feedback.
- 2.2 **Strategic Objectives** (considered at November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021 meeting of the Development Plan Working Party) and **Strategic Policies** (to be considered at 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 meeting alongside revised objectives). Strategic policies are proposed to cover the overall spatial strategy (essentially the headline policy hooks from which the detailed topic-based policies will hang), sustainable development in a Stockport-specific context and ensuring that planning contributes to the Council's wider duties around equality, impact and opportunity.
- 2.3 **Providing for Our Communities** (to be considered at 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 meeting). Proposed policies covering:
  - public health principles, reducing health inequalities and creating an environment which supports healthy and active communities for all, across all ages;
  - provision of social infrastructure, educational, sporting and health care facilities;
  - protection of open space and recreational facilities; and
  - provision of cemeteries and crematoria.
- 2.4 **Our Environment** (to be considered at rescheduled meeting to be confirmed). Because of the breadth of matters it seeks to cover it is proposed that this chapter is split into three parts:
  - **Natural Environment** (including policies covering protection/enhancement of natural assets, biodiversity net gain, protected sites and species, trees/woodland/hedgerows, landscape, Green Belt and agricultural land)
  - **Environmental Protection** (including policies covering avoiding and managing polluting development, amenity, clean air, protection of groundwater, land stability, contamination, hazardous substance storage as well as airport safety, noise and operational integrity)
  - **Built Environment** (including policies covering high quality design, tall buildings, shop frontages, alterations/extensions to buildings and heritage)

**2.5 Our Zero Carbon Stockport** (to be considered at 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 meeting).

Policies proposed to cover:

- sustainable design and construction;
- heat networks, zero carbon technologies and targets for development;
- renewable energy development; and
- retrofitting of existing housing.

**2.6 Our Homes** (to be considered at April 2022 meeting). Proposed policies covering:

- provision of recreation facilities and Green Infrastructure in new residential development;
- the number of new homes to be delivered and, broadly, where they will be located;
- allocation of and detailed requirements for major residential development sites (depending on decisions to be taken this could include allocation of land currently in the Green Belt, but in any circumstances is likely to include larger sites within the urban area);
- affordable housing and mix of housing requirements;
- meeting specific housing needs; and
- measures designed to protect against loss of suitable potential housing development sites to other forms of development.

**2.7 Our Town Centre** (to be considered at February 2022 meeting). Proposed policies to cover:

- the principles of what we are seeking to achieve in the Town Centre;
- the Town Centre's different character areas and considerations for development in each of them;
- expectations of residential development in the Town Centre;
- provision of neighbourhood facilities, social and community infrastructure in the Town Centre;
- public realm and design considerations specific to the Town Centre; and
- transport, access and movement considerations specific to the Town Centre.

**2.8 Supporting Our Businesses and Centres** (to be considered at February 2022 meeting). Proposed policies to cover:

- the principles of what the Council is seeking to achieve in relation to the economy and employment;
- key locations for employment development;
- considerations for when the loss of employment uses is proposed;
- expectations with regards to the provision of local employment and training opportunities;
- the principles and considerations for development across the hierarchy of different centres; and
- considerations for 'Main Town Centre Uses', evening economy uses and out-of-centre retail proposals.

**2.9 Our Infrastructure** (to be considered at March 2022 meeting). Proposed policies covering:

- infrastructure provision and developer contributions;
- digital/telecoms infrastructure
- flood risk, surface water, sustainable drainage and flood management infrastructure;

- freshwater / wastewater infrastructure
- transport infrastructure provision, the overall approach to transport, enabling sustainable transport modes, freight and logistics and the transport expectations placed on development.

### BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are none.

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