

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....14th September 2017

1. Title of Item/Report

Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012  
Local Plan Regulation 19 Consultation

Publication Draft Stockton-on-Tees Local Plan, Policies Map, Supporting  
Documents and Evidence Base

Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (2017) and Five Year  
Deliverable Supply Assessment

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on the work undertaken since the last report to Cabinet in November 2016: the preparation of the Publication draft version of the Plan - supporting documents and new evidence base. The report sought agreement to undertake and delegation of certain aspects of the processes required to enable the next stage of progress towards adoption.

Furthermore, the report gave an explanation of the updated Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (2017) which formed an evidence base to the Publication draft STLP and met the requirements of the NPPF, and the Council's updated position on five year housing supply.

In June 2016, Cabinet agreed to the production of a new Stockton on Tees Local Plan (STLP) and supporting documents to replace the existing policy documents and supersede the previous approach of the production of the Regeneration and Environment Local Plan.

Consideration was given to the Regulation 18 Consultation version of the draft STLP and supporting documents in November 2016. Following Council approval of the same, the documents were published for public consultation for the period 21 November 2016 to 20 January 2017.

Taking into consideration the representations received at Regulation 18 and new evidence, particularly around housing, the natural environment, infrastructure and landscape, the Publication draft version of the new Local Plan, Sustainability Appraisal and Policies Map had been prepared

for consultation. Alongside this, and as previously referred to in the report of November 2016, a Consultation Statement and Infrastructure Strategy and Schedule (including Transport Assessment) had also been produced. The Publication draft version of the STLP was available on agenda and the Members Common Room.

The report also contained a short explanation of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (2017) and Five Year Deliverable Supply Assessment. The full version of those documents was available on agenda and in the Member's Library in the Common Room. A short Glossary of Terms used in this report was attached to the report.

The next step was approval of Full Council to the content and progress of the Local Plan to Regulation 19 consultation and submission for Examination. Thereafter, all documents would be made available for a period of public scrutiny (Regulation 19) scheduled to commence on Monday, 25 September and closing on Monday, 6 November 2017.

Following the Regulation 19 consultation, the Submission version of the Local Plan, Policies Map together with all supporting documents and any representations that had been received, would be submitted to the Secretary of State for Examination by an independent Inspector. It was expected that this process would begin in Winter 2017/18.

To enable the proper functioning of the independent Examination, a Programme Officer would be appointed to organise the Examination under the direction and guidance of the independent Inspector.

The public element of the Examination would probably take place in Spring / Summer 2018, the timetable of which would be determined by the Planning Inspectorate. The usual format for examination was a series of public hearing sessions, which allowed interested parties to participate in proceedings.

Once the examination process was complete, the Inspector would present the findings to the Council in the form of a report. Assuming that the STLP was found sound, it would then be adopted by Full Council. It was envisaged that adoption would take place by the end of 2018.

**RECOMMENDED to Council that:-**

1. The comments from Planning Committee (attached at Appendix 1 of the report) on the Publication Draft version of the Local Plan, Policies Map and Sustainability Appraisal be noted.
2. The content of and consultation on the Publication Draft Local

Plan, Policies Map, Sustainability Appraisal and Habitat Regulation Assessment be endorsed and recommended to Council for approval.

3. Minor changes to the Publication Draft of the Stockton on Tees Local Plan and Policies Map and associated documents prior to public consultation (as the Publication Draft version of the Plan) be delegated to the Director of Economic Growth and Development in consultation with Chair of Planning Committee and Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing.

4. Any minor changes to the Publication Draft version of the Local Plan following publicity under Regulation 19 to produce the Submission draft version of the STLP, and for Submission to begin the formal Examination in Public process be delegated to the Director of Economic Growth and Development in consultation with Chair of Planning Committee and Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing.

5. A letter be sent, from the Leader of the Council to the relevant Minister requesting that an Examination date be expedited following submission of the Local Plan.

6. The position of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment 2017, housing projections and five year supply as set out at paragraphs 26, 27 and 28 of the report be noted.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To ensure that the Council produces a statutory Local Plan as quickly as possible and which meets the Government's deadline and legislative requirements for the production of a local plan.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None.

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Steve Nelson declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in respect of agenda item 14 – Stockton-on-Tees Local Plan as he was a Director Thirteen Group. Councillor Steve Nelson withdrew from the meeting and left the room during consideration of the item.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

N/A

Proper Officer  
18 September 2017