

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO COUNCIL

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**REPORT OF SENIOR
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

Stockton-on-Tees Borough Local Plan

SUMMARY

This report updates Members on 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. It seeks agreement to undertake and delegation of certain aspects of the processes required to enable the next stage of progress towards adoption.

Furthermore, the report gives an explanation of the updated Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (2017) which forms an evidence base to the Publication draft Stockton-on-Tees Local Plan (STLP) and meets the requirements of the NPPF, and the Council's updated position on five year housing supply.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Council:-

1. Note comments from Planning Committee on the draft Publication version of the STLP, Policies Map, Supporting Documents and Evidence Base (and subsequent minor amendments to the STLP set out in Table 1)
2. Note Cabinet endorsement of documents for Regulation 19 consultation and approve the use of the draft Publication version of the STLP , Policies Map, Supporting Documents and Evidence Base for Regulation 19 consultation.
3. Approve delegation of 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) to the Director of Economic Growth and Development in consultation with Chair of Planning Committee and Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing.
4. Approve delegation of 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 are delegated to the Director of Economic Growth and Development in consultation with Chair of Planning Committee and Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing.
5. Note the position of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment 2017, housing projections and five year supply as set out at paragraphs 28, 29 and 30 of this report.

DETAIL

Background

48. At its meeting on 27th June 2016, Cabinet gave approval to begin the production of a new Local Plan to replace existing policy documents and supersede the previous approach of the production of the Regeneration and Environment Local Plan.
49. Since then, work has been underway to produce a Draft Local Plan, associated documents and evidence base review to enable consultation on the Draft Local Plan, Policies Map, Habitats Regulation Assessment and Sustainability Appraisal to be undertaken.
50. The draft Local Plan sets out a vision and policy framework for the future development of the area, identifying and responding to needs and opportunities in relation to all forms of housing, including student accommodation, the economy, community facilities and infrastructure. It also seeks to safeguard the environment, respond to climate change and secure good design.

Approval to Consult

51. In order to gain proper approval to consult on the Publication Draft Stockton on Tees Local Plan and associated documents, comments from Planning Committee, endorsement by Cabinet and approval from Council is required. As such, The draft Local Plan, Policies Map, Supporting Documents and Evidence Base were presented to Planning Committee on 6th September 2017 with the following recommendations:
 1. Members should note the content of the Publication Draft version of the Stockton on Tees Local Plan, Policies Map and supporting Evidence Base including Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulation Assessment and provide comments for consideration by Cabinet and Council
 2. Members should note that any 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) are recommended for delegation to the Director of Economic Growth and Development in consultation with Chair of Planning Committee and Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing. .
 3. Members should note that it is recommended that 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 are delegated to the Director of Economic Growth and Development in consultation with Chair of Planning Committee and Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing.
 4. Members should note 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 this report.

52. A summary of comments from planning committee and responses given at the meeting on 6th September is set out below (if needed)

Table 1: Summary of Planning Committee Comments

Comment	Action
Members noted the need to get a Local Plan in place as soon as possible.	-
A request was made that traffic surveys for site allocations in the Local Plan, specifically Yarm Back Lane, Harrowgate Lane and Junction Road be carried out prior to the plan being finalised.	-
A comment was made that the scale of Yarm Back Lane and the scale and nature of Junction Road should be reconsidered.	-
Clarification was sought regarding the number of planning permissions which have been granted at Harrowgate Lane.	Officers informed members that two sites have been permitted Summerville Farm (13/2387/OUT for 350 homes) and Tithebarn Land (14/2291/EIS for 340 homes).
Clarification was sought on the number of homes which have been built in recent years.	Officers clarified that 1,729 homes have been recorded as being built between 2014 and 2017. This is split across the following years: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2014/15 - 441, ○ 2015/16 – 364 ○ 2016/17 – 924
A request was made for details of the New Homes Bonus allocation which the Council has received.	Information to be provided.
A request was made to see a strategy for dealing with the development at Harrowgate Lane	The West Stockton Masterplan was agreed by Cabinet in 2016. It can be accessed at the following link. https://www.stockton.gov.uk/media/7696/yarm-back-lane-and-harrowgate-lane-masterplan.pdf

53. The next stage of the approval process required consideration of the following recommendations at Cabinet on 14 September 2017.

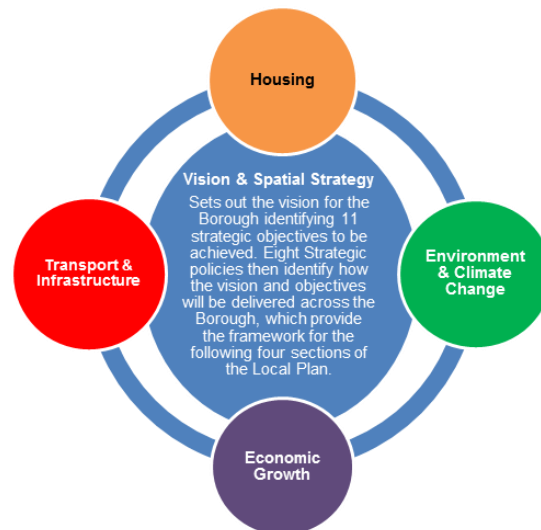
1. Agree the content of the Publication Draft version of the Stockton on Tees Local Plan, Policies Map, Supporting Documents and Evidence Base including Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulation Assessment
2. Agree to delegate minor changes to the Publication Draft of the Stockton on Tees Local Plan and Policies Map and associated documents prior to public consultation (as the Publication Draft version of the Plan) to the Director of Economic Growth and Development in consultation with Chair of Planning Committee and Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing.

3. Agree to delegate 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 are delegated to the Director of Economic Growth and Development in consultation with Chair of Planning Committee and Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing.
 4. Note the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment 2017 and the position regarding housing projections and five year supply as set out at paragraphs 26, 27 and 28 of this report.
54. All recommendations were approved at Cabinet and have subsequently been reflected in the recommendations set out within this report.

A New Local Plan for Stockton-on-Tees Borough

55. The Publication version of the Stockton on Tees Local Plan is largely unchanged from that previously considered. The introduction sets out the purpose of the Local Plan and its relationship to other plans and strategies. It sets out the structure of document under the themes shown in **Figure 1** below and under the chapter headings of Vision and Strategic Priorities, Strategic Development Strategy, Housing, Economic Growth, Transport and Infrastructure, and Environment and Climate Change (including Historic Environment).

Figure 1 – Local Plan Themes



Local Plan Chapters

Introduction

56. The Introduction to the document explains the purpose of the draft STLP, the legislative and policy background, and our obligations in terms of Duty to Cooperate. Importantly, it shows how the Local Plan will deliver the spatial element of the Council Plan, and its links with other plans and strategies.

Strategic Objectives

57. The Plan sets out eleven strategic objectives through which it is intended to achieve the Council's vision for the Borough in 2032:

Business

- To encourage economic growth, job creation and a more entrepreneurial culture within the Borough, as a means of diversifying the economic base and strengthening existing economic strengths, clusters and sectors.
- To identify sufficient employment sites and premises to ensure the needs of inward investors, as well as, existing and new businesses are met.

People

- To support education and training opportunities to enhance the skills of the existing and future workforce, whilst retaining and attracting highly skilled people.
- To ensure sufficient land is identified for the new homes required to deliver the identified housing requirement of the population.
- To provide high quality services and facilities for the Borough's growing and ageing population, with an emphasis on health care, education and training, together with sport, leisure, recreation and cultural pursuits.
- To promote equality and diversity whilst ensuring all of Stockton-on-Tees Borough's residents live in strong, prosperous, cohesive and sustainable communities in a safe, healthy and attractive environment.

Place

- To ensure better use of resources, particularly the re-use of vacant premises and previously developed or under-used land in the conurbation.
- To deliver healthy and vibrant town centres, enhancing the role of Stockton as the main centre, and improving the environments of the Borough's district and local centres.
- To enhance local identity and sense of place through the protection and enhancement of the Borough's natural and built environment, green infrastructure, biodiversity, cultural and heritage assets.
- To achieve a healthy, vibrant and successful low carbon community, resilient to the challenges of climate change and resource pressures.

Infrastructure

- To ensure accessibility for all, to adequate transport networks, jobs, facilities, goods, services and communications within the Borough, and links to other areas of the Tees Valley and beyond.

Strategic Development Requirements

58. **Strategic Development Strategy SD2** sets out the Borough's housing requirement, based on the Objectively Assessed Need (OAN) for housing and requirements for economic growth, including town centre uses, over the plan period. Those needs are set out in Table 1 below:

Table 1 – Strategic Development Requirements

Housing		
Housing Requirement		10,150 Homes
Calculation of the Housing Requirement		Homes
a	Objectively Assessed Need Backlog (2014 – 17)	2,061
b	Delivery (2014-17)	1,729
c	Residual Backlog (a-b)	332
d	Objectively Assessed Need (2017-32)	9,000
e	Older People's Need	793
f	Housing Requirement (c+d+e)	10,125
g	Housing Requirement Rounded	10,150
<p>Economic Growth</p> <p><u>General Employment Land</u></p> <p><u>Specialist Uses</u> (including chemical and process, energy generation, waste processes, port related uses and other uses)</p> <p><u>Airport Related Uses</u></p> <p><u>Town Centre Uses (over the Borough)</u></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 115ha • 120 ha • 70 ha including 20 ha for general employment uses • By 2032: Up to 2,950sqm of convenience retail • Up to 2021: Up to 4,500 sq.m. of comparison retail. • (Beyond 2021 to be determined by retail capacity assessment)

Housing

59. This chapter sets out the Borough's housing requirement for new homes. The calculation is shown in Table 1 above (found in Figure 2 Housing Requirement Components Page 19 of the STLP), and takes account of the Objectively Assessed Need for new homes, the under delivery against that figure in previous years, and Older People's Needs.
60. Policy H1 Housing Commitments and Allocations (on page 39 of the Plan) identifies sites for new homes, the majority of which are re-affirmed commitments (sites with planning permission identified within Policy H1 at point 2) with the remainder of new homes being delivered through allocations at:
- Various sites within the conurbation/urban area
 - West Stockton Strategic Urban Extension
 - Wynyard Sustainable Settlement
61. This chapter also covers the requirement to maintain a rolling five-year supply of deliverable housing land in sustainable locations as well as the need for a range and mix of homes to suit needs of current and future residents.
62. The quantum of sites allocated for housing are capable of delivering homes beyond the identified housing requirement. This is considered appropriate as there is a necessity to ensure that there is flexibility to ensure that housing requirements are met and a rolling five year supply of deliverable housing land is maintained

Economic Growth

63. This chapter sets out the policies and sites to achieve sustainable economic growth in appropriate locations. Policy also seeks to maintain and enhance the vitality and viability of town centres, the appropriate protection, management and growth of town centres, introduces the Town Centre Hierarchy and the general considerations that apply to town centre use development proposals. It sets out the Council's approach to the development of local shops and services, farm diversification and homes proposed for agricultural, forestry and other rural based enterprise retail uses
64. Furthermore, it addresses the issues around development of specialist uses at Seal Sands, North Tees and Billingham (and Riverside) and Durham Tees Valley Airport.

Transport and Infrastructure

65. This chapter of the Plan seeks to deliver sustainable communities and promote community cohesion. It details the Council's approach to, and details supported schemes which will deliver transport, community and communications infrastructure. It seeks to secure community access to facilities to fulfil education, cultural, social, leisure/recreation and health needs. In respect of transport, where appropriate the Council will seek to work with partners to provide a sustainable transport network – including the bus, rail, and footpath and cycleway network, infrastructure that enables rail and water freight movements, and local and strategic roads that are safe and give reliable journey times.
66. In terms of new development, policy seeks to ensure that new development protects sustainable and public transport infrastructure. It seeks to protect, maintain and improve existing and address deficiencies in education, cultural, social and leisure/recreation and

health facilities, including playing fields and pitches. Support is given to the expansion and enhancement of necessary communications infrastructure, including telecommunications and high speed broadband.

Environment and Climate Change

67. The Plan aims to ensure that all new development, within feasibility and viability constraints, is energy and resource efficient, provides resilience to the impacts of climate change, supports delivery of renewable and low carbon energy generation and consumption, contributes to creating a low carbon community and reduces levels of fuel poverty. It sets out the Council's approach to promoting, supporting and working with partners and developers to implement decentralised energy schemes, such as District Heat and Power Networks.
68. Furthermore, this chapter deals with flood risk, and policy seeks to protect human health, amenity or the environment, through measures to ensure that development proposals prevent or reduce ground, air or noise or light pollution.
69. The plan also seeks to plan positively for the creation, protection and enhancement and management of networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure. In particular, reference is made to the need to protect and where possible enhance internationally, nationally and locally designated sites. Policy seeks to ensure that ecological networks and green infrastructure are enhanced, extended and created and that green infrastructure to be integrated into new developments, and open space is protected.
70. This chapter is also the home to the Council's approach to positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the Historic Environment, and introduces the SPD 4 Conservation and Historic Environment Folder, the Historic Environment Record and the Council's Heritage Strategy Action Plan. Policies seek to ensure the identification, conservation and enhancement of Stockton's Heritage Assets. A separate policy seeks to ensure the continued preservation of the Stockton & Darlington Railway.

The Key Diagram

71. The Key Diagram is part of the draft STLP document and is indicative. As opposed to the details given on the Policies Map, the key diagram provides a broad geographical representation of strategic locations and land uses. This can be found on page 35 of the draft STLP.

Supporting Assessments and Documents

72. The Publication draft STLP is supported by documents which direct the timetable for progression to Adoption. The documents below can be found on the Council's website:
 - The Local Development Scheme (LDS) sets out the documents which will comprise the Local Plan for the area and a timetable for their production. It is publicly available and kept up to date.
 - The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) sets out how the Council will engage with communities when producing the Local Plan
73. Furthermore, the STLP is supported by a full range of supporting documents, and these include:
 - Sustainability Appraisal (SA): This report is an assessment of the social, economic and environmental effects of the policies in the plan as a whole. It incorporates

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) which focuses on the environmental impacts of the policies.

- Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA): This assessment is a statutory requirement if it is considered likely that a plan or project will have significant effects on European habitats or species, located in the local planning authority's area or in its vicinity. The HRA has informed policies in the draft Publication STLP and the Sustainability Appraisal.
- Infrastructure Strategy and Schedule (including Transport Assessment): The Strategy sets out baseline infrastructure and assesses what additional infrastructure will be needed to deliver the development identified in the plan. Where available, the Schedule details up to date cost estimates, timings, funding sources and mechanisms, and those responsible for delivering individual infrastructure projects.
- Consultation Statement outlines the consultation activities undertaken in the preparation of the Stockton on Tees Local Plan. This sets out the bodies and persons the local planning authority invited to make representations, the number of representations made, a summary of main issues raised, and how they have influenced the content of the final policies.
- Duty to Cooperate Statement of Compliance: A statement summarising the work that the Council has undertaken with adjoining local authorities and other prescribed bodies in the preparation of the Local Plan.

74. The wider evidence base documents which underpin the approach and policies in the STLP are listed in the Publication draft STLP Appendix 2 (Pages 115 and 116). The Publication Draft STLP, Sustainability Appraisal and Policies Map are available on agenda. The supporting documents and specific evidence base documents are available in the Library in the Member's Common Room. Furthermore, the documents will be available via the Council's website at the beginning of the consultation period.

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

75. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) identifies that local planning authorities should prepare a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) to "establish realistic assumptions about the availability, suitability and the likely economic viability of land to meet identified need for housing over the plan period" (para 159). The NPPF also states that local planning authorities should "identify and update annually a supply of specific deliverable sites sufficient to provide five years' worth of housing against their housing requirements" (para 47).

29. The Council have prepared an updated SHLAA (2017) which forms an evidence base to the publication draft STLP and meets the requirements of the NPPF. The SHLAA can be seen as providing the following purposes:

- identifying sites with potential for housing development within the Borough
- inform the identification housing sites within the emerging Local Plan to meet identified housing needs
- detailing the position regarding the ability to demonstrate a five year supply of deliverable housing land
- assisting in understanding the weight that can be given to the Council's housing supply policies in making decisions on planning applications

30. The conclusion of the SHLAA demonstrates that sufficient sites have been identified to meet housing needs over the plan period and that a five year supply of deliverable housing can now be demonstrated

Consultation Period

31. Subject to Council approval, consultation on the Publication Draft of the STLP Supporting documents and evidence base will take place between 25 September 2017 and 3 November 2017.

Next Steps

32. The next step is to seek approval of Full Council to progress the Local Plan to Regulation 19 consultation and submission for Examination. Thereafter, all documents will be made available for a period of public scrutiny (Regulation 19) scheduled to commence on Monday 25th September and closing on Friday 3rd November 2017.
33. Following the Regulation 19 consultation, the Submission version of the Local Plan, Policies Map together with all supporting documents and any representations that have been received, will be submitted to the Secretary of State for Examination by an independent Inspector. It is expected that this process will begin in Winter 2017/18.
34. To enable the proper functioning of the independent Examination, a Programme Officer will be appointed to organise the Examination under the direction and guidance of the independent Inspector.
35. The public element of the Examination is likely to take place in Spring/Summer 2018, the timetable of which is determined by the Planning Inspectorate. The usual format for examination is a series of public hearing sessions, which allow interested parties to participate in proceedings.
36. Once the examination process is complete, the Inspector will present the findings to the Council in the form of a report. Assuming that the STLP is found sound, it is then adopted by Full Council. It is envisaged that adoption will take place by the end of 2018.

COMMUNITY IMPACT IMPLICATIONS

37. The Local Plan is the most important document within the development plan and sets out strategic priorities, proposals and policies for development in the Borough. The Local Plan also guides planning decisions through the planning application process. Therefore, the Local Plan covers a wide range of topics, which includes, amongst others, housing, employment, retail, transport, environment and climate change.
38. The National Planning Policy Framework sets out the Governments planning policies and the requirements for the planning system. This sets out a framework for Councils to produce plans which are distinctive for the local needs and priorities of the local area. All policies must reflect the presumption in favour of development and plan positively for improvements in the built, natural and historic environment.
39. The Council has prepared a Statement of Community Involvement published in November 2016. This sets out how the Council will involve all interested parties, including the local community, in the preparation of Local Development Documents as well the determination of planning applications. The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 set out most of the requirements for involving interested parties in the preparation of Local Plans and Supplementary Planning Documents.

40. The Local Plan also has a number of other accompanying documents, which supports the plan. This includes a Sustainability Appraisal, Consultation Statement, Habitat Regulations Assessment and Infrastructure Strategy. The Sustainability Appraisal document is another document which examines the vision, objectives, policies, housing and employment sites to determine the extent to which they embody the principles of sustainable development, and whether they will result in any significant positive and negative effects on the environment, local economy and society, housing and health and well-being
41. The Local Plan has 11 strategic objectives in order to achieve the vision for Stockton on Tees Borough. The document is then made up of five chapters which are Strategic Development Strategy, Housing, Economic Growth, Transport and Infrastructure, Environment and Climate Change. Within these sections, it is ensured that the policies eliminate discrimination any particular group or individuals and promote equality of opportunity and good customer relations, building on community cohesion.
42. Throughout the process, the Council has engaged and demonstrated 'due regards' across all protected characteristic with local residents, businesses, land owners and developers. Firstly, a consultation on the draft Statement of Community Involvement and Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report was undertaken in Summer 2016 for an 8 week period alongside targeted consultation on the Local Plan. A further consultation on the draft Local Plan was then held in Autumn 2016 for a 9 week period.
43. The documents were made available at all libraries across the Borough along with promotional posters and flyers. Consultation letters and emails were sent to all those on the Local Plan consultation database. For the Statement of Community Involvement and Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report a total of 736 interested parties, including organisations and individuals were sent letters or emails. For the Draft Local Plan, a total of 746 interested parties, including organisations and individuals were consulted. In addition, six events were held throughout the consultation at libraries across the borough targeting different communities from all different backgrounds and ages.
44. To further engage and promote the consultation, an article publicising the Draft Local Plan was placed within the Catalyst e-bulletin and Stockton Residents and Community Groups Association (SRCGA) sent out an e-mail letter to all members. Catalyst provides representation and support for Stockton on Tees' voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE); the e-bulletin goes out to 700+ email addresses representing around 430 organisations. Stockton Residents and Community Groups Association (SRCGA) offers support to residents associations and other community and voluntary groups across the Borough; 67 e-mails relating to the Draft Local Plan consultation were sent. More detailed information on the consultations is included in the Consultation Statement, which details how the consultation was carried out.
45. Furthermore, the Local Plan has an extensive evidence base in order to inform all the policies, this includes a Town Centres Study, Local and Neighbourhood Centres Study, Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, Open Space Assessment. These documents provide us with the important information, such as the local retail needs and open space requirements of the residents in the Borough.
46. The STLP is written for all members of the community and not for specific individuals or groups. As a result it is unlikely to have a disproportionate impact on any particular individual or group. There are however proposals within the STLP which could have positive impacts on some ethnic groups and older people. The STLP will have an impact on all those who live and work in the Borough regardless of age, disability or other protected characteristics. No potentially adverse impacts have been identified for any particular group. The proposed allocations and policies are unlikely to have a disproportionate impact on any particular group because they are not aimed at specific individuals or groups but only at the Borough's future development. There are however specific policies to meet the accommodation requirements of disabled and older persons, gypsies and travellers. If

these policies are not adopted by the Council, there could be adverse impacts on the living conditions of these particular groups.

47. It is intended that the implementation of the STLP will act to reduce and mitigate any envisaged adverse impacts on the community and Borough as a whole. It is not considered that the STLP will have an adverse impact on any particular group. However, the Plan, it will be subject to consultation and examination by an independent inspector, to ensure that any adverse impact that is subsequently identified can be mitigated or avoided in its entirety.
48. The STLP consultation database is extensive and includes consultees who represent those with protected characteristics. It is considered that the Local Plan will not unlawfully discriminate against any group or individual, or provide the grounds for such discrimination

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

49. The work arising from the approach recommended in this report will be undertaken within existing budgetary provisions.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

50. The Stockton on Tees Local Plan have been prepared under the relevant provisions the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended by the Planning Act 2008 and the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 and the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 and 2009, which until April 2012, made provisions for the operation of that system. Since April 2012, documents have been prepared in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, which includes saving provisions for work undertaken in line with the previous regulations. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act or Statutory Regulations may result in all or part of the documents being challenged in the High Court under section 113 of the 2004 Act, which if successful may lead to all or part of an adopted Development Plan Document being quashed.

RISK ASSESSMENT

51. This report is categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.

COUNCIL PLAN POLICY PRINCIPLES AND PRIORITIES

52. Economic Regeneration and Transport – the Local Plan will introduce policies to support the economic regeneration of the Borough and to support the provision of transport infrastructure.
53. Environment and Housing – the Local Plan will contain policies to protect and enhance the environment of the Borough and identifies sites for housing as well as providing a target for the provision of affordable homes and housing mix.
54. Safer Communities – the Local Plan will support the creation of mixed sustainable communities which contributes to safer communities.
55. Children and Young People - the Local Plan will support the provision of community facilities, and supporting infrastructure for development such as schools, open space and recreation facilities for children and young people.

56. Health and Wellbeing – the Local Plan will support community health and contains policies which seek the provision of open space and recreational facilities to provide opportunities for play and exercise.
57. Stronger Communities – the Local Plan will support the creation of mixed sustainable communities.
58. Adults – the Local Plan will support the creation of a high quality environment for present and future generations where all members of the community have the opportunity to achieve their full potential through the provision of a vibrant economy, a safe and healthy environment and dynamic educational and cultural resources.
59. Arts Leisure and Culture - the Local Plan will support the provision of cultural facilities and encourages opportunities to create civic space for performances and events and social interaction.
60. Organisational Effectiveness – the Local Plan will provide the basis for the determination of planning applications and as such will facilitate efficient decision-making and discharge of the development management function. It facilitates and supports wider Council priorities, strategies and projects.

CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS

N/A

CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS

No specific consultation has been undertaken with ward members as its subject affects all wards of the Borough.

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Background Papers

- Publication Draft Stockton-on-Tees Local Plan and Policies Map
- Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (2017) and Five Year Deliverable Supply Assessment
- Supporting and Evidence Base Documents listed in Appendix 2 of the Publication Draft Stockton on Tees Local Plan

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors: N/A

Property N/A