

MINUTE EXTRACT

Cabinet Meeting – 12 September 2019

1. Title of Item/Report

Supplementary Planning Documents - Update

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that updated Members of the preparation of new Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) and associated documents required to support the general implementation of newly adopted Stockton-on-Tees Local Plan (STLP) policies. It set out the statutory procedures and the programme and indicative timescales.

The National Planning Policy Framework defined a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) as:

‘Documents which add further detail to the policies in the local Plan. They can be used to provide further guidance for development on specific sites, or on particular issues, such as design. Supplementary planning documents are capable of being a material consideration in planning decisions but are not part of the development plan’.

The Council had eight SPDs and three Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) documents. These were out of date and in need of streamlining to reflect the approach and objectives of the newly adopted STLP. New documents would set out clear and effective methods of implementing planning policies to aid colleagues, developers, the community and any other interested party.

Following a high level internal review, it was proposed to reduce the number of SPD/SPGS to four, as set out below:

- Housing SPD
- Householder Extensions and Alterations SPD
- Sustainable Design SPD
- Planning Obligations SPD

Details of existing SPDs and SPGs with their replacements, the key areas covered within them and those recommended for deletion as they are no longer relevant were attached to the report.

The production of SPD’s could be a resource intensive exercise. Involved in the process was detailed internal consultation with colleagues and each SPD also required at least one round of public consultation, engagement and the production of the following documents:

- Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report (subject to five week external consultation)
- Equality Impact Assessment
- Consultation Statement

A period of consultation for each SPD was required. Briefing sessions would be held to ensure that all Members had the opportunity to see the SPDs and provide their feedback before they were presented to Council for adoption.

Comments received as part of the consultation would be considered and where necessary amendments would be made. Final drafts of the SPDs would then be considered by Cabinet for recommendation to Council for formal adoption.

The key milestones and indicative timescales for the production and adoption of SPD's was detailed within the report. The programme would take into account the requirements outlined above as well as advice from Development Management colleagues to identify which SPD's should be prioritised to ensure local residents and stakeholders had access to the most up to date guidance in accordance with the adopted Local Plan.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The contents of the report, in particular the key milestones and indicative timescales for completion of the programme of SPDs be noted.

RECOMMENDED to Council that:-

2. Delegated authority be given to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing and Director of Economic Growth and Development to authorise the development and statutory consultation of the draft SPDs and to make any necessary amendments as a result of consultation comments received, prior to formal adoption of the final documents by Council.