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**Title:** Selby District Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation

**Summary:**

On 17 September 2019 Council gave approval for work to commence on the preparation of a new comprehensive Local Plan for the District. Approval is now sought for consultation to take place on the Local Plan Issues and Options Document, which will be undertaken under Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

**Recommendations:**

That Executive

- i. Approve the Issues and Options document at Appendix 1 of this report for consultation in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) regulations 2012 (as amended)
- ii. Delegate to Officers the arrangements for the consultation to take place for 6 weeks between 24<sup>th</sup> January and 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020.
- iii. Delegate to the Director of Economic Regeneration and Place, in consultation with the Lead Councillor for Place Shaping, any minor amendments required to the documentation for typographical, grammatical and factual or Plain English purposes to the documents prior to publishing for consultation.

**Reasons for recommendation**

Executive are asked to approve the Issues and Options document for public consultation in order to further progress the adoption of a Local Plan.

**1. Introduction and background**

- 1.1 The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 sets out the requirements in relation to the preparation of Local Plans.

Regulation 18 says that the Local Planning Authority must notify relevant organisation or individuals about the intention to prepare a Plan and to invite comments on what it should contain.

- 1.2 The Draft Issues and Options Consultation Document attached at Appendix 1 is the first stage in the preparation of a new Local Plan and seeks to fulfil the requirements set out under Regulation 18.

## **2.0 Issues and Options Consultation Document**

- 2.1 The aim of the Issues and Options document is to identify the issues that the Local Plan needs to address and consider options for how these could be addressed spatially. The Issues and Options Consultation seeks views on the following topics: -

- The spatial portrait of the District
- The key issues which need to be addressed
- The scale of future development
- Where new development should take place

- 2.2 The Issues and Options consultation identifies the following key themes which the Local Plan needs to address:-

- Providing a diverse local economy and thriving Town Centres
- Providing the right infrastructure to support local communities
- Creating high quality places to live
- Maintaining a high quality natural environment

- 2.3 Addressing Climate Change and Health and Well-being are considered to be topics which run throughout all four themes and will be key issues to address in the new plan.

- 2.4 The Issues and Option consultation document suggests four options for future employment growth in the District and five options for new housing development. The consultation document will seek the views of local people, stakeholders and business on these high level spatial growth options and the key issues identified. The views received will help to shape the development of the Draft Local Plan.

## **3.0 Preparation of the Issues and Options Document**

- 3.1 The National Planning Policy Framework says that Local Plans should be shaped by early, proportionate and effective engagement between plan makers and communities, local organisations, businesses, infrastructure providers and operators and statutory consultees. As part of the early stages of consultation Officers have held two member workshops and five thematic based stakeholder workshops which have helped to inform the issues and spatial growth options identified in the consultation document.

## **4.0 The Duty to Co-operate**

- 4.1 The Duty to Co-operate was introduced in 2011 by the Localism Act and places a legal duty on local planning authorities to engage constructively, proactively and on an ongoing basis with other duty to co-operate bodies to maximise the effectiveness of Local Plan preparation relating to strategic matters.
- 4.2 It will be crucial for the Council to demonstrate that it has met the requirements under the Duty to Co-operate. We have already begun this engagement by inviting Duty to Co-operate partners to the Local Plan stakeholder workshops and will continue to engage continuously throughout the preparation of the plan. In addition the programme for the Local Plan will include presentations to the Leeds City Region and York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Spatial Planning Boards.

## **5.0 Evidence**

- 5.1 The preparation of the Local Plan will be informed by a number of key pieces of evidence. We have already appointed AECOM to undertake the Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment of the Local Plan. Knight Kavannagh and Page have also been appointed to undertake an Indoor and Outdoor Sports Facilities Survey which will identify where there are deficits in sports provision across the District.
- 5.2 The following evidence documents will also be commissioned early in the New Year:-
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment
  - Conservation Area Appraisal
  - Retail and Leisure Survey
  - Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment
- 5.3 In addition we are also working closely with NYCC Highways to commission a highways model for the District, which will help to inform the preparation of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.
- 5.4 A “Call for Sites” exercise has also commenced which requests landowners/developers to put forward sites, which they wish to be considered for allocation in the new plan. In order for sites to be considered in the Draft Local Plan sites will need to have been submitted by the end of August 2020.

## **6.0 Next Steps**

- 6.1 If approved by Executive consultation on the Issues and Options Document will take place between 24<sup>th</sup> January and 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020. The consultation will include a number of public drop-in events as set out below:-
- Selby Library - 27<sup>th</sup> January
  - Tadcaster Library - 3<sup>rd</sup> February

- Barlby Library - 5<sup>th</sup> February
- Tesco's, Selby - 13<sup>th</sup> February
- Sherburn Library - TBC

6.2 Unfortunately the public CEF meetings do not coincide with the consultation exercise and therefore Parish Councils and the public will be invited to attend presentations on the Issues and Options as set out below:-

- Old Girls School, Sherburn - 30<sup>th</sup> January
- Regen Centre, Riccall - 6<sup>th</sup> February
- Civic Centre Selby District Council - 11<sup>th</sup> February
- The Barn, Tadcaster - 13<sup>th</sup> February
- Thorpe Willoughby - 18<sup>th</sup> February

6.3 In addition a focussed engagement session with landowners/developers will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> January at the Civic Centre.

6.4 The next step in the programme will be the preparation of a Draft Local Plan. The Draft version of the local plan will set out the draft planning policies and identify sites for future development up to 2040. In accordance with the current Local Development Scheme consultation on the draft plan is due to take place in January/February 2021, with submission to the Secretary of State for examination anticipated in June 2022.

## **7. Alternative Options Considered**

7.1 The consultation is required to fulfil Regulation 18 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 which state that the Local Planning Authority must notify relevant organisation or individuals about the intention to prepare a Plan and to invite comments on what it should contain.

## **8. Implications**

### **8.1 Legal Implications**

Consultation on this first stage of the Local Plan fulfils the statutory requirements as set out in Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

### **8.2 Financial Implications**

The consultation is covered by the Local Plan budget.

### **8.3 Policy and Risk Implications**

Not consulting at this stage in plan will result in failure to comply with the statutory regulations for plan making.

## **8.4 Corporate Plan Implications**

The preparation of a new Local Plan will help the Council to deliver its Corporate Plan objectives to make Selby a great place to do business and to enjoy life. More specifically it will contribute to the objective to have a local plan in place which will deliver more houses in the District, business opportunities, promote health and well-being and protect and enhance the local environment. Working through 'Better Together' on the preparation of a new plan will enable us to plan over a longer time period and provide and invest in local infrastructure.

## **8.5 Resource Implications**

The consultation is covered by the Local Plan budget.

## **8.6 Other Implications**

None

## **8.7 Equalities Impact Assessment**

An impact screening assessment has been undertaken and this concludes that proposals are in place to ensure that as many people as possible are made aware of and are engaged with the consultation.

## **9. Conclusion**

- 9.1** Consultation on the Issues and Options Document attached at Appendix 1 is the first formal stage in the preparation of the plan and will ensure that the Council complies with Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. Regulation 18 says that the Local Planning Authority must notify relevant organisation or individuals about the intention to prepare a Plan and to invite comments on what it should contain.

## **10. Background Documents**

None

## **11. Appendices**

Appendix 1 - Issues and Options Consultation Document

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