

GREATER CAMBRIDGE LOCAL PLAN INCEPTION AND JOINT LOCAL PLANNING ADVISORY GROUP

To: **Economy and Environment**

Meeting Date: **19th September 2019**

From: **Steve Cox, Executive Director, Place and Economy**

Electoral division(s): **All**

Forward Plan ref: **Not Applicable** *Key decision:* **No**

Purpose: **To inform Members of the inception of a Joint Greater Cambridge Local Plan by Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council, the terms of reference for the joint Local Planning Advisory Group, and an invitation for the County Council to nominate a member to sit on that Group**

Recommendation: **Members are asked to:**

a) Note the report

b) Nominate a County Council Member and substitute to sit on the Local Plan Advisory Group

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1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Policies in the adopted Local Plans for Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire set out that development of the new Greater Cambridge Local Plan will commence before the end of 2019, with submission to the Secretary of State for examination anticipated by the end of Summer 2022.
- 1.2 Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council previously agreed via their respective democratic processes that the joint Local Plan would be prepared 'under section 28 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act with separate democratic processes to agree both plans, informed by a joint member advisory group'. Agreement of the appended terms of reference for this group by the two Councils has enabled the establishment of this joint member advisory group.
- 1.3 The Local Development Scheme 2018 (see Background Papers) states that the first formal consultation on issues and options for the plan will start before the end of 2019.

2 MAIN ISSUES

- 2.1 The draft terms of reference for the Local Planning Advisory Group was considered by South Cambridgeshire District Council Cabinet on 1st July, and by Cambridge City Council Planning & Transport Scrutiny Committee on 16th July. Taking into account changes to the draft arising from both meetings, the terms of reference have now formally been approved by the two Councils.
- 2.2 As set out in the Outcomes section of the terms of reference, the group's focus is intended to facilitate a shared policy position on the development of the new Greater Cambridge Local Plan, coordinated / integrated with transport policy, but that it will also provide a forum for discussion of other key planning policy documents within the Greater Cambridge area.
- 2.3 The terms of reference state that the group will consist of three Members from each of Cambridge City Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council, and one from Cambridgeshire County Council. The membership of the group will be determined by each authority.
- 2.4 The intention in including three Members from the two authorities preparing the plan is to enable wide debate on a joint basis ahead of formal discussion and agreement of issues within each Council's committee processes.
- 2.5 As a key local stakeholder responsible for a range of public services and infrastructure provision, but not being directly responsible for the plan, it has been agreed by Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council that the County Council should be invited to nominate a single representative on the Joint Local Planning Advisory Group.

3 ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

A good quality of life for everyone

- 3.1 Local Plans have a key role to play in the achievement of this objective across Cambridgeshire.

Thriving places for people to live

- 3.2 The development of Local Development Plans and ensuring that relevant County Council services are planned for in them is critical to the achievement of this priority.

The best start for Cambridgeshire's children

- 3.3 Future education provision at all levels needs to be robustly addressed by Local Plans.

4 SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

Resource Implications

- 4.1 A number of County council functions will need to feed into the Local Plan development process, both to inform the development of the plan and as a statutory consultee.

Procurement / Contractual / Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

- 4.2 There are no significant implications within this category.

Statutory, Risk and Legal Implications

- 4.3 There are no significant implications within this category.

Equality and Diversity Implications

- 4.4 There are no significant implications within this category.

Engagement and Consultation Implications

- 4.5 There are no significant implications within this category.

Localism and Local Member Involvement

- 4.6 The County Council is a statutory consultee in the Local Plan development process.

Public Health Implications

- 4.7 Health provision in new development, and more broadly Local Plan policies aimed at achieving development that fosters healthy lifestyles can improve public health.

Source Documents
<p>Terms of reference of the Joint Local Planning Advisory Group https://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/documents/s47208/JointLocalPlanningAdvisoryGroupToRFINAL.doc.pdf https://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=11133</p> <p>Adopted South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2018 https://www.scambs.gov.uk/planning/local-plan-and-neighbourhood-planning/the-adopted-development-plan/south-cambridgeshire-local-plan-2018/</p> <p>Adopted Cambridge Local Plan 2018 https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/local-plan-2018</p> <p>Committee webpages for the Local Planning Advisory Group https://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=492&Year=0</p>

Implications	Officer Clearance
Have the resource implications been cleared by Finance?	Yes Sarah Heywood
Have the procurement/contractual/ Council Contract Procedure Rules implications been cleared by the LGSS Head of Procurement?	Yes Gus de Silva
Has the impact on statutory, legal and risk implications been cleared by LGSS Law?	Yes Fiona McMillan
Have the equality and diversity implications been cleared by your Service Contact?	Yes Elsa Evans
Have any engagement and communication implications been cleared by Communications?	Yes Sarah Silk
Have any localism and Local Member involvement issues been cleared by your Service Contact?	Yes Andy Preston
Have any Public Health implications been cleared by Public Health	Yes Tess Campbell