

**PLANNING COMMITTEE FRIDAY 20 APRIL 2018**

**Table of Key Adoptions**

<b>No</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Summary of Key Decisions</b>
<b>1</b>	Apologies	<b>Alderman McKillop. Councillors Loftus and McCaul</b>
<b>2</b>	Declarations of Interest	<b>Nil</b>
<b>3</b>	Local Government Plan: Draft Preferred Options Paper (POP) and Associated Documents	<b>AGREED</b> – as recommended that Members agree to the contents of the draft POP and to Planning Officials preparing the document for design and print and publication in summer 2018, as per the published timetable

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF  
SPECIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HEADQUARTERS ON  
FRIDAY 20 APRIL 2018 AT 4:30 PM**

**In the Chair:** Alderman T McKeown

**Committee Members Present:** Alderman Finlay, Cole, King and Robinson  
Councillors Fielding, McCandless, Hunter, Nicholl, P  
McShane and Fitzpatrick

**Officers Present:** D Jackson, Chief Executive  
D Dickson, Head of Planning  
S Mulhern, Local Development Plan Manager  
Karen Dickson, Senior Planning Officer  
Ruairi McGrath, Senior Planning Officer  
E McCaul, Committee and Member Services Officer

**1 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were recorded for Alderman McKillop, Councillors Loftus and McCaul.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest to record.

**3 TO AGREE CONTENTS AND PUBLICATIONS OF THE COUNCIL'S LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN: PREFERRED OPTIONS PAPER (POP) AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS**

The Planning Committee received a confidential draft of the Local Development Plan: Preferred Options Paper (POP) which had been discussed at a workshop held immediately prior to the meeting.

Members were reminded that the ongoing Local Development Plan (LDP) preparation being undertaken by the Council's Development Plan Team.

The Council published its 'Statement of Community Involvement in Planning' (SCI) and LDP timetable on 29 November 2016. A revised timetable was published on 4 December 2017. The LDP Steering Group and Project Management Team are operational and the Council has written to Section 75 Groups within the Borough seeking their initial views on issues likely to impact the groups they represent.

Given the statutory link between the LDP and the Community Plan, Planning Officers have been involved in the Community Plan preparation, including public workshops, Strategic Partnership Board and Design Delivery Groups. They will continue to work on the implementation of the Action Plans.

The Council has employed consultants to undertake the following studies to inform the LDP preparation:

- Retail and Leisure Capacity Study
- Business and on-street (perception) surveys; and
- Sustainability Appraisal (Inc Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habits Regulation Assessment (HRA)).

The POP is the first of three public consultation documents in the preparation of the Council's LDP, its purpose is to provide an overview of the Borough and identify the key issues of strategic importance that need to be addressed in the Plan. It examines a range of possible options to address these issues and identified the Council's preferred options.

The POP was informed by

- Regional Planning Policy
- The Council's data/evidence base
- The Council's Strategy (Corporate Plan) and Community Plan;
- A series of workshops with Elected Members; and
- Consultation with government departments, key stakeholders and adjoining councils.

The following documents have been prepared to accompany the POP:

- Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (inc HRA)
- Sustainability Appraisal Interim Report (inc SEA)
- Equality Screening
- Rural Proofing (contained within the SA appraisal)
- Countryside Assessment (preliminary); and
- Initial Planning Policy Review.

It should be noted that all of the reports listed are strategic in nature, which is considered appropriate at the POP Stage of Plan preparation. These reports will be updated, detailed as appropriate, for both the Plan Strategy and Local Policies Plan.

The range of possible options to address the key issues were subject to a detailed (3 day) sustainability appraisal in January 2018. The outcome was a total of 44 preferred options, which are outlined in the POP under the following headings:

- Social
- Economy
- Environment and
- Infrastructure.

The POP is scheduled to be published in week commencing Monday 25 June 2018 for a 12 week consultation period. Council are seeking comment on the POP and the Sustainability Reports and Equality Screening. The Development Plan Team will undertake a series of public engagement events throughout the Borough and consult with government departments, key stakeholders and adjoining councils.

All comments received during the 12 week consultation period will be taken into account in the preparation of the next Plan document, the Plan Strategy.

**It is recommended** – that Members agree to the contents of the draft POP and to Planning Officials preparing the document for design and print and publication in summer 2018, as per the published timetable.

Councillor P McShane acknowledged the work and effort that had gone into the preparation of the POP.

Alderman Finlay questioned if Economic Development would be considered.

The Local Development Plan Manager confirmed that Economic Development would be considered as the LDP progressed.

\* Alderman Robinson joined the meeting at 4:36 pm.

Proposed by Councillor P McShane  
Seconded by Alderman Cole and

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#### **4 ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS**

There was no other relevant business.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 4:38 pm.

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Chair