

North Tyneside Council Report to Cabinet Date: 14th October 2013

ITEM 6(b)
Title: North Tyneside Local
Plan: Consultation Draft

Portfolio(s): Housing and Environment

Cabinet Member(s): Cllr John Harrison

Report from Directorate: Business and Economic Development

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Wards affected: All

PART 1

1.1 Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to:

- Respond to the resolution of Full Council on 26th September 2013 and issued raised through discussion.
- Set out the steps in the production of the North Tyneside Local Plan;
- Summarise the key matters addressed within the North Tyneside Local Plan: Consultation Draft;
- Outline the consultation process to be undertaken and seek Cabinet's approval to proceed with publication of the North Tyneside Local Plan: Consultation Draft document.

1.2 Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that Cabinet:

- 1) Consider the content of the North Tyneside Local Plan: Consultation Draft, and
- 2) Note the consultation process to be undertaken as an informal stage in overall production of the North Tyneside Local Plan, and
- 3) Approve the North Tyneside Local Plan Consultation Draft and authorise the Head of Environment and Leisure, in consultation with the Cabinet member for Housing and Environment, to make any final minor amendments to the document prior to publication and consultation with the public

1.3 Forward Plan

28 days notice of this report has been given and it first appeared on the Forward Plan that was published on 7th August 2013.

1.4 Council plan and policy framework

1.4.1 The Council Plan

The Authority has a statutory requirement to produce and update its development plan (now commonly termed the “Local Plan”) which is established by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and Localism Act 2011.

The emerging Local Plan will set out the future development of the Borough over a fifteen year period by setting both a strategic and site specific framework for a wide range of issues.

The Authority’s Council Plan “Our North Tyneside Plan 2014-18” was adopted by Council at its meeting on the 26th September 2013.

The Authority and North Tyneside Strategic Partnership have agreed, that the Our North Tyneside Plan will replace the Sustainable Community Strategy in the future. The Our North Tyneside Plan will not be delivered just by the Authority working on its own. It will need to be a partnership with local people, communities, businesses and other local public sector and voluntary organisations.

The North Tyneside Local Plan will be one the key mechanisms to deliver many of the aspects of the Our North Tyneside Plan 2014-18 in particular the following priorities:

1. Our people will
 - A. Be listened to by services that respond better and faster to their needs.
 - B. Be supported to achieve their full potential, especially our children and young people.
 - C. Be supported to live healthier and longer lives.
 - D. Be cared for and kept safe if they become vulnerable
2. Our places
 - A. Be places that people like living in and will attract others to either visit or live.
 - B. Have more quality affordable homes.
 - C. Work with residents, communities and businesses to regenerate the borough.
3. Our economy
 - A. Grow by building on our strengths, including existing world class companies in marine technology and engineering.
 - B. Have the right conditions to support investment and create new jobs, especially apprenticeships.
 - C. Have local people that have the skills that businesses need.
4. Our partners
 - A. The Police, Fire and Rescue Service and NHS.
 - B. School and colleges, where our children and young people will receive the skills they need for the future.
 - C. Businesses and manufacturers who will be assisted to develop and expand.
 - D. The voluntary sector, which provides support and opportunities for thousands across the borough.

1.4.2 The Authority's Policy Framework

The recommendations in this report would affect the production of the Local Plan that will constitute the Borough's statutory Development Plan. The Development Plan is part of the Authority's Policy Framework and as such is subject to the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules and will include consultation and consideration of the proposals at various stages by Cabinet and Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and would require approval by a meeting of full Council, prior to consideration by an independent Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State.

1.5 **Information:**

1.5.1 Development Plans

The Authority is required by law to produce document(s) which set out its policies relating to the development and use of land in its area. Previously known as "Local Development Frameworks," these long term plans comprised a series of separately prepared development planning documents. The Localism Act 2011, Local Planning Regulations (2012) and National Planning Policy Framework (2012) have introduced a new planning system that places particular importance on Local Authorities maintaining an up to date development plan to guide the sustainable development of their area. In particular, these now advocate the need to prepare a single "Local Plan" setting out:

- Broad strategic policies in terms of broadly how much development is required and broadly where it should be located in the Borough;
- Site allocations for setting out which specific parcels of land should be developed for particular purposes and those parcels of land that should be protected; and
- More general criteria based policies.

Collectively, these policies would be the starting point for the determination of planning applications.

North Tyneside's current development plan comprises the saved policies within the Unitary Development Plan 2002 (UDP). Previously, the North East Regional Spatial Strategy also formed part of the development plan for the Borough but this was revoked in April 2013 and no longer has a statutory role in the determination of planning applications.

A number of the saved policies within the UDP 2002 do not fully reflect the changes that have occurred in the planning system in 2004 and only looked forward in terms of its policies for matters such as housing supply to 2006. Such policies may therefore be considered out of date and leave the Authority open to appeal and challenge with the determination of planning applications potentially considered on the basis of the National Planning Policy Framework.

There is consequently an urgent need for the Authority to advance production of its revised Local Plan, to set a new framework for development in the Borough.

1.5.2 The Local Plan Process

The production of Local Plans is undertaken in accordance with the work programme and timetable set out in the Local Development Scheme. The Authority's revised Local Development Scheme (September 2013) was prepared following the Cabinet resolution of the 10th June 2013 that sought to merge production the North Tyneside Core Strategy and Area Action Plans for North Shields, the Coast and Wallsend.

The main stages required for the preparation and adoption of Local Plans are:

- A statutory Issues and Options stage (which includes public consultation)
- A non-statutory 'Consultation Draft' stage (including public consultation) setting out the preferred range of policies and proposals to be taken forward
- A statutory Publication stage (inviting formal representations from the public, businesses and other stakeholders)
- Submission of the Draft Plan to the Secretary Of State (with no consultation, it effectively constitutes the Authority's "last word" on the plan)
- Public Examination by an independent Inspector, who will indicate whether the Plan can be adopted with or without modifications (in extreme instances, Inspectors have the power to declare plans as 'unsound' requiring the process to effectively recommence)
- Adoption.

To be declared "sound" at the Examination process, the Inspector must be satisfied that a series of tests have been complied with which include whether the Plan is:

- Positively prepared – in terms of seeking to meet its objectively assessed development and infrastructure requirements
- Justified having discounted all reasonable alternatives
- Is founded on robust and up to date evidence (such as information on housing demands and land supply) and where communities, businesses and other stakeholders have had sufficient opportunities to comment on the emerging Plan;
- Effective in terms of the policies and proposals being deliverable;
- Consistent with national policies; and
- Prepared with the ongoing co-operation with adjoining authorities on cross border issues which can include the potential for one adjacent authority to meet the unmet needs of its neighbouring authority.

1.5.3 The North Tyneside Local Plan Consultation Draft Production

Production of the North Tyneside Local Plan: Consultation Draft has been based on the work previously undertaken on the North Tyneside Core Strategy and Area Action Plans for North Shields, Wallsend, and the Coast. As such the preparation of the plan to date has been subject to extensive public consultation and engagement. This includes a series of consultation documents and engagement from 2006 to 2012.

Through 2013, preparation of the Consultation Draft Local Plan has been undertaken with the direct involvement of the Overview and Sub Committee Local Plan Sub-Group. The report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the 2nd September 2013 outlines the origins and role of the Local Plan Sub-Group and its role in the preparation of the North Tyneside Local Plan consultation draft. This Overview and Scrutiny Report is included at Appendix 1 of this report.

This report and the content of the North Tyneside Local Plan Consultation draft responds to the specific recommendations made by Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to specific proposals or strategies for that plan.

On the 26th September 2013, the content of the Local Plan Consultation Draft was considered by full Council. At that meeting, Council noted the content of the Local Plan Consultation Draft and referred the document for the approval of Cabinet to consult with the public.

At the meeting some discussion took place, in particular relating to:

- a) The approach taken in identifying a wide range of sites for consultation, with specific queries regarding some of the sites included in the Consultation Draft;
- b) The requirement for an update to a Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment; and,
- c) The overall length of the consultation period.

Whilst the Council did not pass any motion proposing to amend the approach or process for engagement set out within the report to Council, by way of response to these queries:

- a) It is considered that publication at this stage, of a wide range of potentially developable sites for development, enables a genuine consultation process to be undertaken with developers and the public that will help inform the identification of a preferred range of sites capable of meeting North Tyneside's requirements:
- b) The current Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment that provides the necessary evidence of requirements for such accommodation in North Tyneside was undertaken jointly across Tyne and Wear and published in 2009. It does not provide an assessment of accommodation needs for the whole of the expected plan period to 2030 and would be considered out of date at a public examination. As such an update is required to ensure the Local Plan can be found sound by an independent inspector:
- c) The overall length of the consultation period is set out within this Cabinet report as a minimum of eight weeks. It is anticipated that with commencement in early November the closing date for responses will therefore be in early January 2014.

1.5.4 The North Tyneside Local Plan Consultation Draft – Outline of proposals

The Local Plan Consultation Draft sets out a proposed plan for the Borough that looks forward to 2030, enabling a plan period of 15 years from the anticipated date of adoption in 2015. The current Draft Plan is available at Appendix 2, with the approaches set out having been subject to a Sustainability Appraisal outlined at Appendix 3. The Local Plan Consultation Draft in summary proposes the following:

A Sustainable Development Strategy that proposes:

- Most new employment development to the urban area at locations that are easily accessible for residents and attractive to business and industry. In particular broad locations such as the River Tyne North Bank, the A19 corridor, Weetslade Balliol East and West, and Gosforth Business Park and Whitley Road.
- Most new residential development will be located in a dispersed pattern across the urban area.
- Wallsend, North Shields and the Coastal area – particularly Whitley Bay will provide a focus for new housing, retail, leisure, office and tourist development
- Additional priority will be given to the regeneration and development of the former Area Action Plan locations of North Shields, the Coast and Wallsend and also the North West Communities.
- Enshrines a presumption in favour of sustainable development in to decision making in North Tyneside that considers development with regard to the environmental, social and economic conditions of the area.
- Protects the current extent of the Green Belt in North Tyneside.
- Establishes that a remaining area of undeveloped land that is not otherwise in use for open space or recreation be safeguarded for the life of the plan.

- Maintains an open break at land at Killingworth village conservation area to protect that area's open character and special setting.
- Establishes the Authority's support for production of Neighbourhood Plans by community groups interested in the planning of their local area.

Proposals for new employment that:

- Enables growth and investment in advanced manufacturing and technology, off-shore oil and gas and renewable energy sectors, research and development, storage and distribution and continued expansion of businesses in the Borough's office parks.
- Provide sufficient employment land to meet projected requirements for business and industrial growth and investment (Specific figures are to be confirmed. But through a review of the future employment land requirements and land supply position currently underway, it is not anticipated that any additional employment allocations will be required.)

Proposals for housing that:

- Can meet the objectively assessed needs for all market and affordable homes in the Borough, taking into account the close relationship of the Borough's housing market with Newcastle and Northumberland.
- Seeks public views on the delivery of between 10,500 and 12,000 net new homes by 2030.
- Do not propose to allocate specific sites for housing, but instead to include the full range of some 100 sites that have been identified as being potentially suitable for housing with the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment. These sites have the theoretical capacity to accommodate some 12,900 dwellings up to 2030. When current planning permissions are taken into account this exceeds estimated requirements by 2,900 homes. Following the forthcoming public consultation, the most appropriate sites will then be taken forward that will be sufficient to meet the Borough's overall requirement.
- Establishes that a borough wide target of 25% will be established to meet the area's needs for affordable homes.
- Proposes to support the development and expansion of self-build housing, larger executive housing, a range of specialist housing and of a type, size and tenure that can best meet the needs of all residents in North Tyneside.
- Sets out criteria for the consideration of planning applications for new homes, houses of multiple occupation and Gypsy and Traveller accommodation. A new Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation study is underway to provide fresh evidence on the need for such accommodation in North Tyneside and will be complete by December 2013. Presently the emerging Local Plan must respond to evidence in the Tyne and Wear Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Study 2009 that there is a need for nine pitches in North Tyneside up to 2018.

Proposals for the Natural Environment that:

- Protects and enhances and guides new provision of green infrastructure including all areas of green and open space, wildlife parks, cycle routes, etc.
- Protects and enhances biodiversity and geodiversity and sets criteria for the consideration of development.
- Seeks to protect trees and woodland and extend and promote tree planting as part of landscape schemes in new development.
- Addresses flooding issues by setting criteria to prevent development from increasing flood risk and encouraging approaches towards flood reduction.

- Sets out criteria for the consideration of applications for minerals exploration and extraction and defines North Tyneside as a Mineral Safeguarding Area reflecting data on shallow coal deposits within the Borough.
- Sets out criteria for the consideration of development that may cause or be affected by pollution and on unstable or contaminated land.

Proposals for the Built Environment that:

- Promotes and encourages sustainable construction and high quality of design and seeks to improve the image of the Borough, particularly at key gateways and locations within the Borough such as Wallsend, North Shields the Coast and the North West communities.
- Protects and enhances the Borough's heritage assets including many listed buildings, conservation areas the Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site and recognises the role of heritage in the regeneration of key areas such as the Fish Quay, North Shields, Wallsend and the Coast.

Proposals for Infrastructure provision that:

- Ensures appropriate infrastructure, including transport, education, health and open space is in place to meet the needs of the Borough over the plan period setting a basis for use of planning obligations and section 106 contributions.
- Identifies key schemes that might be appropriate to enhance and address existing deficiencies in infrastructure provision.
- Supports the delivery of renewable energy and low carbon technology.
- Provides criteria for the provision of telecommunications equipment, particularly for mobile technology and masts.
- Ensures sufficient water supply for development and sustainable drainage of development is in place.
- Outlines the Authority's strategy for waste management and seeks where appropriate to safeguard existing waste management facilities whilst guiding the development of new facilities to existing areas of employment land.

1.5.6 The Authority's Evidence Base

This Local Plan has been informed by a comprehensive suite of evidence that has been prepared and regularly updated. This includes:

- The Sustainability Appraisal and Appropriate Assessment which are required by law, which respectively inform and advice the emerging Plan in terms further promoting sustainable development and how it might potentially impact on 'Natura 2000' sites (which are international designations covering species and ecological habitats)
- The Infrastructure Delivery Plan which demonstrates what infrastructure is required to support planned growth and development, how much it will cost and where the funding will come from and when it is required.
- The Strategic Housing Market Assessment and Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment which respectively provide information on the demands for specific types, size and tenure of new housing and the potential supply of new housing in terms of what sites are theoretically available and when these might come forward.

Full details of the Local Plan's existing evidence can be found at www.northtyneside.gov.uk/browse.shtml?p_subjectCategory=809

1.5.7 Proposals for Public Engagement and Next Steps

Subject to the views of Council and endorsement by Cabinet, engagement on the North Tyneside Local Plan: Consultation Draft would be undertaken in accordance with the revised Statement of Community Involvement 2013¹. The engagement is expected to commence in November lasting for at least eight weeks and will include:

- A press notice in the News Guardian and other relevant local papers.
- Posters in libraries, Customer Service Centres and Children's Centres.
- An article in the Authority's newsletter 'Our North Tyneside'
- Information on the Authority's homepage, intranet homepage & Planning homepage
- Information on the Authority's twitter page.
- Briefing of local councillors
- Emails and direct communication with existing consultees.

A range of information would be prepared and provided to the public and consultees, including:

- A summary document – a short leaflet advertising the Local Plan, the consultation events and how to be involved.
- Use of an online consultation portal and form to allow electronic responses.
- Other written correspondence.
- Road shows at locations such as libraries, shopping centres and any other suitable venues where copies of the plan will be available and the public can find out about the proposals from Planning Officers.
- Structured Events – A more interactive event one weekend potentially involving in particular young people via the Youth Council and the Residents' Panel.
- Other meetings – such as with the Retail Task Group, Business Forum, and Home Builder's Federation.

Officers will also work directly with the Community Engagement Team and VODA to better contact hard to reach groups and will provide information in a range of languages and in Braille on request.

Following the close of the consultation period, all responses will be analysed and the Local Plan will be amended as necessary as a result of the consultation and other more up to date evidence. It will then be reported back through the committee cycle in accordance with the Policy Framework procedure rules. The next statutory stages of the Local Plan will be delivered in accord with the revised Local Development Scheme which is summarised below.

November 2013	Publication and public engagement on Consultation Draft
Spring to Autumn 2014	Cabinet and Council consideration of Publication Draft. For approval through Authority's Policy Framework Procedure Rules.
November 2014	Publication, and formal public engagement
February 2015	Submission to Secretary of State
May 2015	Examination in Public
November 2015	Adoption

¹ Adopted by Cabinet on 9 September 2013.

Please note that the Local Plan Consultation Draft does not specify the Authorities preferred level of growth, or sites for development, identifying instead a wider range of sites and growth for engagement with the public.

It will be necessary to consider and publish the Authorities preferred development sites and level of growth prior to seeking the views of the public on the Local Plan Publication Draft, currently programmed for November 2014. Officers will endeavour to undertake this within the current scope of the overall timetable. However, it should be noted that this requirement may mean that formal public engagement on the Local Plan Publication Draft will be later than November 2014. If a delay to this Publication Date is unavoidable the overall programme for adoption of the Local Plan by November 2015, will similarly require revision.

1.5.8 Status of the Emerging North Tyneside Local Plan: Consultation Draft.

The planning system is plan-led and planning applications must be determined in accordance with the adopted development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

Legally, the saved policies within the UDP (2002) is the Borough's adopted development plan and will remain so until it is replaced in full by the North Tyneside Local Plan (November 2015). Until adoption, the emerging Local Plan will remain as a material consideration to determine planning applications. The weight that can be given to the Local Plan will be limited in the short term, but will increase as it advances through the statutory stages given that it is being prepared in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework. The degree of weight will also be influenced by the extent to which there are unresolved objections to the relevant policies (the less significant these objections are, the greater the weight that may be given).

1.6 **Decision options:**

The following decision options are available for consideration by Council:

Option 1

Agree with the recommendations as set out at paragraph 1.2 of this report and approve the North Tyneside Local Plan: Consultation Draft for consultation with the public.

Option 2

Agree with the recommendations set out at paragraph 1.2 but request Officers make additional amendments to the draft plan or consultation process, authorising the Head of Service in consultation with the Elected Mayor and Chief Executive to agree any final changes ahead of the publication of the document.

Option 3

Reject the recommendations set out at paragraph 1.2.

Option 1 is the recommended option.

1.7 **Reasons for recommended option:**

Option 1 is recommended for the following reasons:

- The Consultation Draft plan as set out is based on relevant and up to date evidence and has been prepared in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework.
- The plan addresses the strategic priorities for planning in North Tyneside in accordance with national planning guidance.
- The option responds to the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Full Council.
- It would enable the onward progress of the North Tyneside Local Plan without additional delay.

1.8 **Appendices:**

Appendix 1: Overview and Scrutiny Report: Review of the Local Plan August 2013

Appendix 2: Local Plan: Consultation Draft (this is a very large document available on the Council's website and within the members' group rooms.)

Appendix 3: Report into Sustainability Appraisal of the Local Plan: Consultation Draft (this is a very large document available on the Council's website and within the members' group rooms.)

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1.10 **Background information:**

Report of Overview and Scrutiny 2nd September 2013.

The following background papers have been used in the compilation of this report and are available for inspection at the report of the author:

1. Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
2. Planning Act 2008
3. Town & Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012
National Planning Policy Framework 2012
4. Regional Spatial Strategy for the North East [n.b. Regional Spatial Strategy revoked by Government, April 2013 and no longer part of development plan]
5. North Tyneside Council Strategic Plan 2011-2015
6. North Tyneside Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-2013
7. North Tyneside Local Development Scheme 2010
8. North Tyneside Statement of Community Involvement 2010
9. North Tyneside Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report Update 2013
10. North Tyneside Core Strategy Issues and Options Report 2006
11. North Tyneside Core Strategy: Preferred Options 2010
12. North Tyneside Core Strategy: Preferred Options Initial Report of Consultation, 11th October 2010
13. North Tyneside Core Strategy: Preferred Options Report of Consultation, August 2011
14. Wallsend Area Action Plan, Issues and Options, 2008
15. North Shields Area Action Plan, Issues and Options, 2008
16. Coastal Area Action Plan, Issues and Options, 2009
17. Joint Area Action Plan Preferred Options Consultation Document, 2012

18. Joint Area Action Plan Major Proposed Changes to Housing Sites, 2012
19. North Tyneside's Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment
20. North Tyneside's Strategic Housing Market Assessment
Full Report 2009
Key Elements Update 2011
21. North Tyneside's Employment Land Review
22. North Tyneside's Green Infrastructure Study
23. North Tyneside's Green Space Strategy
24. North Tyneside's Strategic Flood Risk Assessment
25. North Tyneside's Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment
26. Surface Water Management Plan 2012
27. Water Cycle Study 2013
28. North Tyneside's Retail and Leisure Study
29. River Tyne North Bank Strategic Framework
30. The Coastal Strategic Development Framework
31. The Retail Town Centres Strategy
North Shields Town Centre Report
Whitley Bay Town Centre Report

PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

2.1 Finance and other resources

The staff, printing, and other costs to produce the Local Plan will be met from within existing revenue budgets. The Development Plan is part of the Council's Policy Framework and subject to the Policy Framework Procedure Rules. The Local Plan represents a longer term vision for North Tyneside and areas within the Borough and as such is aspirational. As elements of the Local Plan come forward to be included in Budget proposals the financial implications will be costed and details included for approval within the Financial Planning and Budget process.

2.2 Legal

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) and associated regulations require the Authority to keep under review matters affecting planning and development, and to make any necessary changes to Local Development Documents. The Development Plan is part of the Authority's Policy Framework and as such is subject to the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules. The mechanism for consideration and approval of the Development Plan will include consultation and consideration of the proposals at various stages by Cabinet and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and will require approval by a meeting of Council, prior to consideration by an independent Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State.

2.3 Consultation/community engagement

2.3.1 Internal Consultation and Engagement

In preparing of the Local Plan Consultation Draft consultation with relevant Officers was undertaken. This includes officers in the Regeneration Team, Highways Traffic and Rights of Way Management, Planning Development Management, Housing Strategy, Consumer Protection, Arts Tourism and Heritage, the Town Centre Manager Business and Employment and Environmental Services. As detailed at Section 1.5.3, this Consultation Draft incorporates the views and recommendations of the Overview and

Scrutiny Committee's recommendations (2nd September 2013) and Full Council (26 September 2013).

2.3.2 External Consultation and Engagement

This is the first draft of a complete Local Plan consultation document, and some proposals and policies within the plan have not previously been subject to public engagement. However, as set out at 1.5.3, previous engagement on drafts of the Core Strategy and Area Action Plans for North Shields, the Coast and Whitley Bay have been taken into account in preparing this consultation draft.

Proposals for consulting upon the Local Plan: Consultation Draft are set out in the main report.

2.4 **Human rights**

There are no human rights implications directly arising from this report.

2.5 **Equalities and diversity**

Set out in the main report.

2.6 **Risk management**

The risks associated with the preparation of, and ensuing engagement on, the Local Plan Consultation Draft have been considered. These and any risks identified as the project proceeds will be managed using the Authority's risk management process as appropriate.

2.7 **Crime and disorder**

There are no crime and disorder implications directly arising from this report.

2.8 **Environment and sustainability**

As a draft plan for discussion towards a final adopted Local Plan, the Local Plan: Consultation Draft document has no direct environmental and sustainability implications. It is however part of the process leading to the adoption of the Development Plan for the Borough which will affect the environmental quality and sustainability of the Borough through its policies and proposals. Therefore the Local Plan: Consultation Draft document will have indirect environmental and sustainability implications. The policies and proposals suggested within it are, as part of the plan preparation process the subject of formal Sustainability Appraisal carried out in accordance with a statutory Scoping Report which was itself subject to consultation.

PART 3 - SIGN OFF

- Chief Executive X
- Strategic Director(s) X
- Mayor/Cabinet Member(s) X
- Chief Finance Officer X
- Monitoring Officer X
- Strategic Manager Policy,
Partnerships, Performance
And Communications X