

Meeting: Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development

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Title: North Tyneside Local Plan – Further Consultation Draft

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1.1 Purpose:

In accordance with the Council's Budget and Policy Framework this report presents for examination the information that has been taken into account by Cabinet in preparation of the Local Plan Consultation Draft 2015, the initial proposals for the Authority's Local Plan. The report sets out the proposed consultation on the Local Plan Consultation Draft and the overall timetable for production of the Local Plan.

1.2 Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee (the Committee):

- a) Examine the consultation responses and evidence base drawn on by Cabinet in preparing the Local Plan Consultation Draft 2015 as initial proposals for the Local Plan; and,
- b) Examine the Cabinet's consultation proposals and timetable for preparation of final proposals for the Local Plan; and,
- c) Refer any additional recommendations on the consultation proposals considered appropriate to the Cabinet Member for consideration in preparing final proposals for the North Tyneside Local Plan.

2.1 Information:

2.1.1 Once adopted the Local Plan will enable us to plan for a thriving, prosperous borough that also protects and improves those things about North Tyneside that are most important to us such as our natural environment and open spaces. It will also be an important tool that allows the Council to manage development in the borough and prevent unplanned developments that could otherwise be allowed despite local views.

2.1.2 To examine the information and justification for the proposed approach and engagement strategy on the North Tyneside Local Plan Consultation Draft 2015, which form initial proposals for the North Tyneside Local Plan, the Committee's

attention is directed to the following appendices to this report considered at a previous meeting of the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Committee on the 1st December 2014 and at the meeting of Cabinet on the 12th January 2015.

- 2.1.3 The [report to Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Committee](#) on 1st December 2014 and that report's supporting documents and appendices
- a. [North Tyneside Local Plan Consultation Draft 2013, Consultation Report and summary responses made regarding proposed growth and potential development sites](#). (N.B. Responses regarding potential development sites in report to the Committee in December 2014 superseded by document i. below the appendix to 12th January Cabinet "Schedule of Representations Received to the Local Plan Consultation Draft Potential Development Sites (2013) Including Officer Responses.")
 - b. [North Tyneside Local Plan Consultation Draft 2013 Full Response Schedule](#) (N.B. Responses regarding draft Local Plan policy in the report to the Committee in December 2014 superseded by document h. below the appendix to 12th January Cabinet "Schedule of Representations Received to the Local Plan Consultation Draft Potential Development Sites (2013) Including Officer Responses".)
 - c. [Employment and Household Forecasts Summary and Options](#).
 - d. [Stakeholder workshop, October 22nd 2014 Summary Note](#)
- 2.1.4 The [report to Cabinet](#) on 12th January 2015, including [Supplementary Report](#) and that report's supporting documents and appendices:
- e. [North Tyneside Local Plan Consultation Draft](#) and [Policies Map](#)
 - f. [Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee Report: North Tyneside Local Plan – Further Consultation Draft \(1 December 2014\)](#)
 - g. [Schedule of Representations Received to the Local Plan Consultation Draft Policies \(2013\) Including Officer Responses](#)
 - h. [Schedule of Representations Received to the Local Plan Consultation Draft Potential Development Sites \(2013\) Including Officer Responses](#)
 - i. [Draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan](#)
 - j. [Draft Sustainability Appraisal](#) with [Appendices](#) and [Draft Habitat Regulations Assessment](#)

2.2.1 Proposals for consultation on the next stage of the North Tyneside Consultation Draft

- 2.2.2 Through this consultation the Authority will maintain its commitment to engaging as widely as possible with residents, businesses and all those who may be affected by or have an interest in the Local Plan. As part of this, the following key engagement processes are planned:
- a. **Member Engagement** – Prior to the launch of the public consultation, all members will be notified of the forthcoming consultation and provided with an opportunity during February 2015 to be briefed on the purpose of and proposed content of the Local Plan Consultation Draft 2015;
 - b. **"Our North Tyneside" residents' newsletter** – An article was included in the Winter 2014 edition of the residents' newsletter to make residents aware of forthcoming consultation. The timing of publication of the next edition of the

newsletter is such that it does not provide an opportunity for the publication of more detailed information about the Local Plan consultation but a short article could be included to update residents on the ongoing consultation;

- c. **Press release** – A press release was published to coincide with the Cabinet meeting on the 12th January, advertising the forthcoming consultation and key changes. Upon the launch of the consultation a press release setting out the purpose of the consultation and details of events and how to find out more, will be published on the Authority’s website and distributed to local news organisations;
- d. **Direct mail leaflet** – As with the 2013 consultation, a summary leaflet to be distributed to all 95,000 homes in North Tyneside is proposed. This will explain why we need a Local Plan, why we need this level of growth, the current stage of the Local Plan consultation, that no decisions have yet been made about the proposals and that each site will have to go through the due process of individual planning applications. The leaflet will also include:
 - Information about the main proposals of the Consultation Draft;
 - A map showing the proposed development allocations, areas of major existing and new open space, and key infrastructure investment;
 - Details about how to find out more about the Local Plan, including the drop-in events and a simple tear off questionnaire with details about how to also respond online or in writing;
- e. **Direct notification to respondents and other Contacts**– Over 2,000 respondents to earlier stages of the Local Plan consultation will be contacted directly by email or letter to ensure they are aware of the opportunity to comment on this latest draft. The consultation will also notify a range of business and community groups with an interest in the Plan and will draw on contacts from the Council’s Residents Panel;
- f. **Public Drop-In Events** – At six locations across North Tyneside:
 - John Willie Sams Centre, Dudley;
 - Wallsend Customer First Centre
 - North Shields Customer First Centre
 - Whitley Bay Customer First Centre
 - White Swan Centre, Killingworth
 - The Shiremoor Centre
- g. **Youth Engagement** – Working with the Youth Council and engagement team a specific workshop will be held during the consultation period to discuss the plans and explore young people’s thoughts and aspirations in relation to the future of North Tyneside as a place to live and work.
- h. **The Council Website and Social Media** – The Local Plan Consultation Draft 2015 along with all of the supporting evidence and background information will be available to view from the Authority’s website. Specialist software allows people to view and directly respond to any of the policies and proposals. The Council’s engagement team can also utilise social media such as Twitter to assist in communicating the consultation.

- i. **Information Availability** – copies of the Local Plan Consultation Draft 2015, consultation leaflets and posters providing information about how to get involved and respond will be displayed and made available at a range of buildings including the Council’s main offices, Libraries and Customer Service Centres across the Borough.
- j. **Equality and Diversity** - The Planning Policy Team will work closely with the Communications and Engagement Team and Youth Engagement Team to ensure that the views of groups such as young people, the elderly, disabled and ethnic minorities are heard as part of the consultation. This will include direct engagement with the Youth Council.

2.3.1 The timetable for preparation of the Local Plan

2.3.2 The Consultation Draft 2015 for the North Tyneside Local Plan has been prepared for public engagement in accordance with the timetable agreed by Cabinet at its meeting of the 13th October 2014, as illustrated in the table below. This next stage of consultation will commence on the 9th February 2015 and close on the 27th March 2015, a period of seven weeks.

Local Plan Stages	Local Plan Timetable (2014)	Progress
Local Plan Consultation Draft	November 2013	Completed
Consideration of Further Consultation Draft as part of the Budget & Policy Framework Overview & Scrutiny (Pre-Scrutiny) Cabinet (<i>Initial Proposals</i>) Overview and Scrutiny	December 2014 to February 2015 December 2014 January 2015 February 2015	Completed Completed This report
Further Consultation Draft to consult on preferred options	February to March 2015	The engagement with Members, stakeholders and the public due to take place as the next stage in preparation of the Local Plan.
Consideration of Final Publication Local Plan as part of the Budget and Policy Framework	February 2015 to July 2015	To be informed by February / March consultation.
Overview and Scrutiny	July 2015	To commence
Cabinet	July 2015	To commence
Full Council – if Council do not accept Cabinet’s Final Proposals the plan can be referred back to Cabinet for further consideration.	July 2015	To commence
Publication of the Local Plan and formal pre-submission engagement	Aug to Oct 2015	To commence
Submission to the Secretary of State	November 2015	To commence

Examination in Public	February to March 2016	To commence
Adoption	July/August 2016	To commence

2.3.3 This timetable has been developed to accord with government legislation on plan making; the Town and Country Planning Regulations 2012. Responses received in February and March to the Consultation Draft 2015 will be considered in preparing Final Proposals under the Authority's Budget and Policy Framework. Subject to approval of the final proposals by full Council formal engagement with the public, other stakeholders and partners on a Local Plan Publication Draft will take place in late summer 2015. Responses and objections to the Publication Draft will be considered by an independent inspector through an examination in public. Following this examination and subject to the findings of the Inspector the Local Plan can be adopted as policy of the Council.

2.3.4 Following adoption any changes to the Local Plan would require formal revision of the Local Plan in accordance with the government's legislation, and would be subject to the Authority's Budget and Policy Framework.

3.1 Background Papers

- [Local Plan Sub Group, Overview and Scrutiny Report, 2nd September 2013](http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/pls/portal/NTC_PSCM.PSCM_Web.download?p_ID=547072)
- [National Planning Policy Framework](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/6077/2116950.pdf) -
- [National Planning Guidance](http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/) -
- [The Town and Country Planning \(Local Planning\) \(England\) Regulations 2012](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2012/767/contents/made)
- [Objectively Assessed Need and Housing Targets - Planning Advisory Service](http://www.pas.gov.uk/documents/332612/6549918/OAN+technical+note/a37fbd9e-6353-44e1-abe4-afd6d05f0d72)