

SUBJECT: CENTRAL LINCOLNSHIRE JOINT STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE/LOCAL PLAN ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide members with an annual report detailing work undertaken by the Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee (CLJSPC) over the period April 1st 2018 through to 31st March 2019

2. Background

- 2.1 The Local Plan sets out the planning policies for Central Lincolnshire (including the City) and this involves allocating parcels of land for development as well as identifying land which should be protected from development. The Plan includes a set of 57 policies which guide decision makers i.e. planning committee on future planning applications for the City.
- 2.2 This year has been significantly influenced by changes at a national level with the introduction of the new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF2) and substantive changes to the Planning Practice Guidance (PPG). This new policy and changes to the guidance have significant implications for Central Lincolnshire and have been the primary trigger for the decision to review the Local Plan starting in January 2019.

3. Progress to Date

- 3.1 Charting CLJSPC meetings and progress through the 2018/19 year, the AGM meeting took place on 25 June 2018, with Cllr Summers (WLDC) voted as Chair for the year. At the meeting the following items were considered:
- the Local Plans Team Annual Report;
 - a report on Delivering the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan;
 - the Central Lincolnshire Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document;
 - an update on the Lincoln Eastern Bypass; and
 - the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan Budget Update.
- 3.2 The subsequent meeting took place on 24 September 2018. At this meeting the Committee considered items on the 2016-2021 Central Lincolnshire Housing Delivery Plan Update and the Lincoln Transport Strategy.
- 3.3 The next meeting took place on 14 January 2019. At this meeting the Committee resolved to review the Local Plan and to adopt the current Local Development

Scheme. The Committee also approved the 2019-2024 Central Lincolnshire Housing Delivery Plan Update, and received updates on the Greater Lincoln Transport Strategy and the situation at RAF Scampton.

- 3.4 The final Committee meeting of 2018-19 took place on 18 March 2019. At this meeting the Committee received a report on the proposed scope of the Issues and Options Consultation on the Local Plan, and updates on the Flood Risk and Water Management Strategy Review and the Lincoln Transport Strategy.
- 3.5 In the coming year, in light of the decision to review the plan, the focus of activity for the Local Plans Team will be to progress the Local Plan review in a timely and efficient manner, and to continue other statutory functions and reporting, such as the Five Year Land Supply, reviewing any changes to national policy and responding to neighbouring council's plans.
- 3.6 The work of the Local Plan will include:
- Managing the current consultation and dealing with responses received;
 - Assisting with the appointment and management of consultants developing specialist pieces of evidence to support the Local Plan review (including housing needs, infrastructure needs, gypsy and traveller needs, and flood risk and water management);
 - Developing evidence directly to support the Local Plan review such as site allocations, Important Open Space designation, Area of Great Landscape Value review, and more;
 - Carrying out statutory plan making functions such as fulfilling the Duty to Cooperate and undertaking a Sustainability Appraisal and a Habitats Regulations Assessment; and
 - Maintaining existing functions such as responding to neighbouring plan consultations, producing and publishing the five year land supply report, providing planning application and appeals support where requested, and dealing with queries from the public.

4. Budget Position

- 4.1 The CLJSPC agreed a revised budget in January 2017 going forward for the next 3 years covering 2017/18 through to 2019/20 with partner contributions reducing to £98,900 per annum. To reflect and plan for costs associated with the Local Plan review work a re-profiled budget was presented and agreed by the CLJSPC at their meeting on 17 June 2019 (see Appendix 1).
- 4.2 The additional costs anticipated for 2019/20 can be met from the reserves that have purposely been built up and funded by Partner contributions. It is important to note that overall, the 3 year budgeted cycle agreed back in 2017 secured a reduction in partner financial contributions compared to previous years, whilst at the same time maintaining a contingency that will now support the review of the Local Plan.

5. Strategic Priorities

- 5.1 Let's drive economic growth

The Local Plan continues to support sustainable levels of growth and regeneration for the City and Central Lincolnshire area and will provide a positive planning policy approach to help stimulate local economic growth.

5.2 Let's reduce inequality

The Local Plan sets a target for and supports the provision of affordable housing across Central Lincolnshire thereby helping reduce housing inequality across the City.

5.3 Let's deliver quality housing

The Local Plan sets ambitious but deliverable targets for the provision of new houses across the City through specific site allocations contained in Policy LP48 (Sustainable Urban Extensions) and Policy LP49 (Residential allocations in the Lincoln area). Policy LP11 in the Local Plan sets a target for and supports the provision of affordable housing across Central Lincolnshire

5.4 Let's enhance our remarkable place

At the heart of the new Local Plan sits the vision of 'a prosperous, stronger and sustainable Central Lincolnshire' and this vision and the policies contained within the plan will help to achieve enhancing the City through growth and regeneration.

6. **Organisational Impacts**

6.1 Finance

The Local Plan contains policies that will have longer term financial implications for the City and Council as a whole most notably housing growth including affordable housing, infrastructure provision, employment and regeneration. The financial implications have been incorporated into the Medium Term Financial Strategy as the Local Plan is applied.

6.2 Legal Implications including Procurement Rules

None arising from this report

6.3 Equality, Diversity and Human Rights

The Public Sector Equality Duty means that the Council must consider all individuals when carrying out their day-to-day work, in shaping policy, delivering services and in relation to their own employees.

It requires that public bodies have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination
- Advance equality of opportunity
- Foster good relations between different people when carrying out their activities

The Local Plan is accompanied by an Integrated Impact Assessment that assesses the potential impact of proposals (strategies, policies, programmes, projects, plans or other developments) on issues that previously may have been assessed separately, such as economic, environmental, sustainability, equal opportunities and health and wellbeing.

7. Risk Implications

Not applicable

7.1 (i) Options Explored

7.2 (ii) Key risks associated with the preferred approach

8. Recommendation

8.1 That this Annual Report be noted by members as a fair summary of activity of the CLJSPC during 2018/19

Is this a key decision? No

Do the exempt information categories apply? No

Does Rule 15 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules (call-in and urgency) apply? No

How many appendices does the report contain? 1

List of Background Papers: None

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