

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>CENTRAL LINCOLNSHIRE JOINT STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE/LOCAL PLAN ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18</b>
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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 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 through to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

## **2. Executive Summary**

- 2.1 Members will be aware from previous annual reports to Performance Scrutiny Committee that work on a new Local Plan covering Central Lincolnshire started in February 2014. Since that time the Central Lincolnshire Local Plans Team, with support from officers from the City Council have been progressing with the development of the Local Plan.
- 2.2 As stated in last year's report to Committee, the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan was formally adopted at the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 CLJSPC Committee meeting. Adoption of the Local Plan is the culmination of just over 3 years work and with plan preparation time taking on average 5 years across the country, this represented a significant achievement.
- 2.3 Following adoption of the Plan, work has focussed on the Central Lincolnshire 5 year housing land supply, plan monitoring including the production of a comprehensive monitoring framework, revision to the Statement of Community Involvement, GIS mapping and responding to national policy and guidance.

## **3. Background**

- 3.1 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. The Plan period is 2012 to 2036 (24 years) with the start date taking the base date of population forecasts and census information into account. All future planning applications in the City will be assessed against the policies contained within the new Local Plan.
- 3.2 Members on Planning Committee received a briefing on the new Local Plan and what it means for them when assessing planning applications at their planning committee meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

#### **4. Progress to Date**

- 4.1 Charting CLJSPC meetings and progress through the 2017/18 year, there were 3 meetings held the most notable being the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 when the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan was formally adopted (as reported on in last year's PSC report). Two CLJSPC meetings were cancelled due to lack of agenda items. Given that the major milestone of adoption of the Local Plan has been achieved it is not surprising that this next phase of work i.e. implementation and monitoring of the Plan does not generate the similar requirement for member endorsement and engagement as the plan preparation phase of work.
- 4.2 At its meeting on 19 June 2017, the CLJSPC received the annual report for 2016/17 which provided an overview of the key tasks and activities undertaken by the Local Plans Team during the previous 12 months.
- 4.3 During the meeting a new Chair and Vice-Chair were elected (these rotate on an annual basis) with Cllr Wright from North Kesteven District Council elected as Chair and Cllr Summers from West Lindsey District Council elected as Vice-Chair. For information the City Council member representatives on the CLJSPC during the year were Cllrs Metcalfe, Burke and Hanrahan and Cllr West as Reserve member.
- 4.4 The committee also received a paper on the Local Development Scheme (LDS). The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 introduced the requirement for a local planning authority to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS). An LDS must specify (amongst other matters) the documents which, when prepared, comprise the 'Local Plan' for the area and must set out the timetable for producing or reviewing that Local Plan. The LDS is required to be made publicly available and to be kept up-to-date. The Central Lincolnshire LDS had been updated to reflect the adoption of the Local Plan on 24 April 2017 and set out the timetable for the period 2017 to 2020.
- 4.5 The next CLJSPC meeting took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 where members received an update report by officers from Lincolnshire County Council on progress with the Lincoln Eastern Bypass and assurances over the continuing delivery of the scheme despite the main contractor Carillion going into insolvency.
- 4.6 Members also received a report on the revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) which is a statutory requirement for all local planning authorities to set out how they will consult the public on planning matters. The SCI needed to be updated to reflect how local planning authorities would support neighbourhood planning under the enactment of the Neighbourhood Planning Act in 2017.
- 4.7 The final paper provided responses following the consultation on the draft Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (SDP) which took place between 22<sup>nd</sup> November and 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017. The principal function of the SPD is to explain how developer contributions will be secured through the planning process. Officers informed members that a further update will be brought to the CLJSPC once the SPD is ready for adoption along with the consultation statement (as required under the relevant Regulations).

- 4.8 Post adoption of the Plan, by far the most significant piece of work has been the annual update to the Central Lincolnshire Five Year Housing Land Supply covering the period 2016/17. Paragraph 47 of the NPPF requires local planning authorities to 'identify and update annually a supply of specific deliverable sites sufficient to provide five years-worth of housing against their housing requirements'.
- 4.9 As part of their monitoring responsibilities officers at each of the Central Lincolnshire authorities has reviewed the sites with planning permission or that are allocated in the Local Plan to ascertain whether or not development has started and when it is expected that houses will be delivered.
- 4.10 When the supply position is compared against the five year housing requirement for Central Lincolnshire, taking into account the shortfall and buffer as required in the NPPF, it is concluded that Central Lincolnshire **has a 5 year supply of housing land**. The Five Year Land Supply Report confirms that the five year requirement is 10,426 dwellings and the anticipated supply from sites with permission, allocated sites and from the modest windfall provision included will deliver 12,907. This equates to **6.19 years** of supply. As a result it is concluded that the Development Plan policies remain up to date for use in making planning decisions.
- 4.11 Whilst this is good news, it must be borne in mind that this situation is subject to annual review and very much dependent on houses being delivered and built-out and therefore continued emphasis needs to be placed on delivery and careful ongoing monitoring.
- 4.12 Other important work undertaken by the Local Plans Team with support from officers from the Central Lincolnshire partner authorities includes the production of a comprehensive monitoring framework, GIS mapping and responding to national policy and guidance consultations.
- 4.13 In respect of the Local Plan budget as reported in last year's report to committee, At its meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017, the CLJSPC agreed a revised budget going forward for the next 3 years (£98,900 per annum per authority) covering 2017/18 through to 2019/20. This revised budget reflected the fact that following adoption of the Local Plan the main focus of the Local Plan Team would be one of monitoring and this would require less resourcing compared to the production of the Local Plan. The agreed budget position ensures that adequate arrangements are in place to support the first Review of the Local Plan.
- 4.14 Looking ahead it is likely that a review of the Local Plan will be required in 2020 and early scoping work has commenced to consider the various evidence base reports and work that will require production in support of the reviewed Plan.

## 5. Strategic Priorities

### 5.1 Let's drive economic growth

The Local Plan supports 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 be 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 (including whole life costs where applicable)

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 will be assessed and incorporated into the Medium Term Financial Strategy as further details are known and decisions made as the Local Plan is applied.

## 6.2 Legal Implications including Procurement Rules

None arising from this report

## 6.3 Land, property and accommodation

None arising from this report

## 6.4 Human Resources

None arising from this report

## 6.5 Equality, Diversity & Human Rights

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.

6.6 Significant Community Impact

None arising from this report

6.7 Corporate Health and Safety implications

None arising from this report

**7. Risk Implications**

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 2017/18.

**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?** None

**List of Background Papers:** None

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