

NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL DECISION

DECISION OF: COUNCILLOR MARK CANNIFORD. THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR PLACEMAKING AND ECONOMY



WITH ADVICE FROM: THE DIRECTOR OF PLACE

DECISION NO: 21/22 DP 423

SUBJECT: LOCAL PLAN PREFERRED OPTIONS – APPROVAL OF CHANGES PRIOR TO CONSULTATION

KEY DECISION: NO

REASON: This relates to the formal approval of changes to the text of the Local Plan Preferred Options document to take into account changes required by Executive Committee and other amendments required prior to consultation.

BACKGROUND:

The North Somerset Local Plan Preferred Options was approved for the purposes of consultation at Executive Committee on 2 February 2022. The resolution included the delegation of 'any subsequent changes to the document required prior to consultation to the Executive Member for Placemaking and Economy and the Director of Place'. This decision relates to the proposed changes post-committee.

The proposed changes are set out in the attached schedule. They include the two changes agreed at Executive Committee relating to the increase in the affordable housing target to 40% and the inclusion of the proposed primary school adjacent to Drove Road, Weston-super-Mare. The other changes are largely to improve the clarity of the document and include amendments to the climate change and net zero policies to ensure consistence with the approach taken across the West of England, and references added to several of the proposed allocations in relation to transport requirements.

DECISION:

To approve the proposed changes to the Preferred Options document for the purposes of public consultation.

REASONS:

In accordance with the 2 February 2022 Executive Committee decision.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

None. These are the post-Executive proposed changes to the Local Plan Preferred Options document.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

Costs

No additional costs are involved.

Funding

No funding is required.

LEGAL POWERS AND IMPLICATIONS

The Local Plan is prepared under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

The Local Plan sets out the proposed approach to addressing climate change and environmental issues.

CONSULTATION

The proposed changes are a result of internal consultation with transport and placemaking teams and with West of England colleagues in respect of adjustments to the climate change policies.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The risk of not agreeing the changes is low, but they reflect the changes required by Executive Committee and other amendments to provide clarity prior to consultation.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

Have you undertaken an Equality Impact Assessment? Yes, the Local Plan is accompanied by an Equalities Impact Assessment.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

The proposed changes have specific cross-service implications for the delivery of affordable housing and a new primary school, and transport requirements for proposed allocations.

APPENDICES

Schedule of proposed changes.



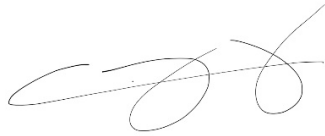
Schedule of changes
to Local Plan following

BACKGROUND PAPERS

North Somerset Local Plan: report to Executive Committee 2 February 2022. [Committee Report NSC \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

SIGNATORIES:

DECISION MAKER(S):

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Date: 4 March 2022

WITH ADVICE FROM:

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Date: 4 March 2022.