
URGENT DECISION – LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

To: **Council - 11 July 2013**

Main Portfolio Area: **Business, Corporate and Regulatory Services**

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Classification: **Unrestricted**

Wards: **All**

Summary: To inform Council of an urgent decision taken by Cabinet in relation to the Local Plan Consultation Document

For Information

1.0 Introduction and Background

1.1. In accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 15 (L), any urgent decision, not subject to call-in, must be reported to the next available meeting of Council, together with the reasons for urgency.

2.0 The Current Situation

2.1 At its meeting on 29 May 2013, Cabinet took the following decision in relation to the Local Plan:

“To approve the consultation document and agree that public consultation takes place for 10 weeks”.

2.2 That decision was not subject to call-in for two reasons: firstly, a call-in by the Overview and Scrutiny Panel would potentially engender a six week delay which would seriously compromise adherence to the Local Plan adoption timetable; and, secondly, the Overview & Scrutiny Panel would, in fact, be a mandatory consultee at a later stage in the Local Plan adoption process.

2.3 Pursuant to Rule 15(L) of the Overview & Scrutiny Procedure Rules, the (then) Chairman of Council, Councillor Clark, gave his written consent to the decision being exempt from “call-in” on the grounds that the delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council’s interest and the public interest.

2.5 The published decision notice is attached at Annex 1.

3.0 Corporate Implications

3.1 Financial and VAT

3.1.1 As detailed in the report to Cabinet, 29 May 2013

3.2 Legal

3.2.1 As detailed in the report to Cabinet, 29 May 2013

3.3 Corporate

3.3.1 As detailed in the report to Cabinet, 29 May 2013

3.4 Equity and Equalities

3.4.1 As detailed in the report to Cabinet, 29 May 2013

4.0 Recommendation

4.1 This report is for information only.

5.0 Decision Making Process

5.1 The decision was taken by Cabinet and the (then) Chairman of Council, Councillor Clark, has given his written consent to it being treated as a matter of urgency, in accordance with Rule 15 (L) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

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Annex List

Annex 1	Record of urgent decision by Cabinet
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	

Corporate Consultation Undertaken

Finance	
Legal	Harvey Patterson, Corporate & Regulatory Services Manager and Monitoring Officer, ext 7005