

Agenda for consultative meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee

Tuesday, 7th September, 2021, 2.00 pm



Members of Strategic Planning Committee

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1 Public speaking

Information on [public speaking](#) is available online

2 Minutes of the previous meeting (Pages 3 - 12)

3 Apologies

4 Declarations of interest

Guidance is available online to Councillors and co-opted members on making [declarations of interest](#)

5 Matters of urgency

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6 Confidential/exempt item(s)

To agree any items to be dealt with after the public (including the Press) have been excluded. There are no items which officers recommend should be dealt with in this way.

7 Working towards a draft Local Plan for approval for consultation in March 2022 (Pages 13 - 22)

This report seeks to give greater clarity to the recommended approach for Local Plan production that would see a working draft Local Plan coming to Strategic Planning Committee in December 2021.

8 HELAA Panel constitution and role (Pages 23 - 37)

This report sets out the composition of the panel and the role they play in the formulation of the HELAA

9 The emerging new Local Plan and the relationship with Neighbourhood Plans - update (Pages 38 - 60)

This report relates to progress in researching the content of Neighbourhood Plans and a proposed Communications Plan to be used to manage consultation and engagement with Neighbourhood Planning communities.

10 Town Centres - Strategic Approach (Pages 61 - 74)

This report seeks Members consideration as to whether and how planning policy might intervene to reduce further losses in the retail sector and to consider the wider role of town centres and whether more flexibility is required to enable a wider range of activities.

11 Biodiversity policy approaches and biodiversity net gain (Pages 75 - 82)

This report provides some background as to what approaches we may want to take in the Local Plan in achieving this aim.

12 Landscape Protection - Strategic Approach (Pages 83 - 111)

As part of the Local Plan review it is appropriate to review the locally designated protective landscape policies in light of the national planning policy (NPPF) and to consider whether the designations and the areas to which they apply continue to be appropriate.

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