

Report to: **Strategic Planning Committee**



Date of Meeting 22 June 2021

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Exemption applied: None

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Initial feedback report – Local plan issues and options consultation

Report summary:

This report advises of the availability of the consultation feedback report following the consultation on the local plan issues and options report.

Is the proposed decision in accordance with:

Budget Yes No

Policy Framework Yes No

Recommendation:

- 1) That Strategic Planning Committee note the feedback report and the consultation responses received to the Local Plan issues and options report.**

Reason for recommendation: To advice committee of the feedback received to consultation.

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Portfolio(s) (check which apply):

- Climate Action
- Corporate Services and COVID-19 Response and Recovery
- Democracy and Transparency
- Economy and Assets
- Coast, Country and Environment
- Finance
- Strategic Planning
- Sustainable Homes and Communities

Equalities impact Low Impact

Climate change Low Impact

Risk: Low Risk;

Links to background information .

Link to [Council Plan:](#)

Priorities (check which apply)

- Outstanding Place and Environment
 - Outstanding Homes and Communities
 - Outstanding Economic Growth, Productivity, and Prosperity
 - Outstanding Council and Council Services
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1 Local plan issues and options report – consultation feedback

- 1.1 A local plan issues and options report was consulted on from the 18 January 2021 to 15 March 2021. At the Strategic Planning Committee meeting on 27 April 2021 a draft feedback report was provided with advice that a full report was to follow.
- 1.2 This report advises that the full consultation feedback report is now completed and is attached to the committee meeting agenda.

2 Comments received on the issues and option consultation

- 2.1 The feedback report advises that there were in total 702 people or organisations that responded to the consultation. Most of the respondents were individual members of the public and most people (and nearly all of the members of the public) responded using the online consultation software. There were, however, in excess of 150 respondents that did not respond on-line and instead sent in pdf consultation responses. Many were based on or around the questions asked though some responses set out views on issues relating to planning and the future local plan. The consultation software we used, the statistical outputs of which are reported in the feedback report, has 598 responses logged on to it. The majority were submitted directly on-line, but where feasible and viable officers added submissions to it that came in as pdfs. It should be noted that some agents made separate submissions for a range of clients.
- 2.2 Comments received to the consultation will be available on the planning policy web pages and anyone wishing to see and review all submissions should view the web site and documents within for full details.

3 Next steps

- 3.1 Through 2021 (and as already started in papers to this committee) and potentially in 2022 and beyond, we plan to revisit the questionnaire responses when we bring topic and subject based papers to committee. This will provide a chance to delve into consultation feedback in more depth and also to give some more critical comment or observations on feedback in the context of developing and refining policy options going forward.

Financial implications:

There are no financial implications requiring comment

Legal implications:

There are no legal implications from this consultation update report.