

Senior Officer Decision

Consultative meeting: Strategic Planning Committee

Consultative meeting date: 5th April 2022



Exempt from publication

No

Title: Methodology for defining settlement boundaries

Links to:

- (i) **Officer report to consultative meeting**
[3. Settlement boundaries.pdf \(eastdevon.gov.uk\)](#)
- (ii) **Recording of consultative meeting**
[Strategic Planning Committee \(consultative meeting\) 5 April 2022 - YouTube](#)
- (iii) **Minutes of consultative meeting**
[Printed minutes 05th-Apr-2022 10.00 Strategic Planning Committee.pdf \(eastdevon.gov.uk\)](#)

Recommendation:

That Strategic Planning Committee endorse the proposed methodology for defining settlement boundaries, set out in paragraph 2 of this report, and delegate authority to the Service Lead – Planning Strategy and Development Management to use the methodology in the preparation of the plan for consultation, and recommend that Senior Officers approve what is agreed.

Authority

Decision of Council on 3rd May 2022 to delegate decision making to officers until 23.59 31st October 2022. [Printed minutes 03rd-May-2022 18.00 Council.pdf \(eastdevon.gov.uk\)](#)

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Consultations:

I was present at / have watched the recording of the consultative meeting which considered this item

Yes No

Detail any other consultations carried out:

N/A

Other considerations:

Do the legal and finance comments and equalities impact, climate change and risk assessments as detailed in the officer report remain the same.

Yes No

If no, provide the updated assessment below;

Legal Implications

As noted in the report a clear audit trail of evidence and methodology is necessary as part of the plan making process. There are no further legal comments.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications on which to comment.

Equalities impact Low Impact

Climate change Low Impact

Risk: Medium Risk; It is important that we set out how settlement boundaries are to be defined to ensure a rational process is followed and can subsequently be justified.

Decision:

To agree the recommendation of Strategic Planning Committee.

Reasons for decision:

To enable work to continue on defining settlement boundaries for the new Local Plan.



Signed Dated 9 May 2022

Mark Williams
Chief Executive

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