

Joint Committee for Strategic Planning

Meeting to be held on 4 April 2012

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| Electoral Division affected: All |
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Joint Lancashire Minerals & Waste Development Framework Proposed Major Modifications to Site Allocation and Development Management Policies; Consultation Outcomes and Proposed Major Modifications to go forward to Full Council for approval to submit to Planning Inspector; and formal request under Section 20 (7C) to Inspector to recommend any necessary modifications to the Development Plan Document to make the Plan sound.

(Appendices 'A' to 'E' 1 refers)

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Executive Summary

This report relates to the Major Proposed Changes to the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Development Plan Document, and the associated minor proposed modifications and associated supporting documents, the Additional Sites Sustainability Appraisal, Additional Sites Habitat Regulations and Additional Sites Health and Equality Impact Assessment and agreement under 20(7C) of the Planning and Compensation Act 2004 which has been referred to the Joint Advisory Committee for consideration under a separate report.

Recommendation

That the Joint Committee for Strategic Planning recommends to the Full Councils of the three constituent Waste and Mineral Planning Authorities that:

- (i) The Major Proposed Changes to the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Development Plan Document, and the associated minor proposed modifications, and associated supporting documents, the Additional Sites Sustainability Appraisal, Additional Sites Habitat Regulations and Additional Sites Health and Equality Impact Assessment be approved for submission to the Planning Inspector on behalf of the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government;
- (ii) That the Joint Committee for Strategic Planning formally requests the Planning Inspector to recommend any necessary modifications to the Proposed Major Changes to the Plan to make the Plan sound under section 20(7C) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004; and

- (iii) That Chief Officers of Lancashire County Council, Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen after consultation with the relevant Portfolio holder, be given delegated authority to propose minor amendments to improve the clarity of the documentation referred to under Recommendation (i), and which do not alter the substance of the documents when submitting the Proposed Major Changes to the Secretary of State. These amendments are to be collated in a list form.

At the meeting of the Joint Advisory Committee on 4 April 2012 a report relating to the Proposed Major Changes to the Site Allocation and Development Management Policies Development Plan Document was considered and referred to the Joint Committee for Strategic Planning (see Appendix 'A'). The Proposed Major Changes and associated documents are set out in Appendices 'B' to 'E'.

The Joint Committee for Strategic Planning are asked to approve the recommendations as set out in this report.

Consultations

Legal

Financial

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

Failing to address the Planning Inspector's concerns by making these suggested changes may result in the Development Plan Document being found unsound, and the Joint Authorities being unable to move forward with adoption as scheduled.

If the Joint Authorities do not make a formal request to the Inspector under section 20(7C) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, there is the likelihood that the Inspector's report will be confined to identifying any soundness or legal compliance failures and recommending non-adoption of the Plan. This would require the whole plan making process to start again.

Following the proposed changes to the draft National Planning Policy Framework with its presumption in favour of sustainable development, in the absence of an up to date development plan, it is vital that the Joint Authorities move to adoption of the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD as soon as possible.

**Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers**

| Paper | Date | Contact/Directorate/Tel |
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| JAC Agenda Item 7 | 7 December 2011 | Louise Nurser Environment 534136 |
| Major Proposed Changes | December 2011 | |

A full list of consultation documents available at <http://lancashire-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/mpc?tab=files>

Site Allocation and Development Management Policies DPD – Part One January 2011

Site Allocation and Development Management Policies DPD – Part Two

A full list of submission documents available at <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/corporate/web/?siteid=6106&pageid=35243&e=e>

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A