

VISION FOR THE WATERSIDE

1. RECOMMENDATION

That Cabinet endorses the approach to the consideration of the Vision for the Waterside document.

2. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to set out the approach to considering the Vision for the Waterside document.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Given the significance of the Waterside and the level of development proposed in our Local Plan and the National Park Local Plan a public-private Steering Group was formed some time ago between New Forest District Council, the National Park, the County Council, the Solent LEP and the major landowners: ABP, ExxonMobil, Solent Gateway, Barker Mill Estates and Fawley Waterside.
- 3.2 Whilst the Local Plan sets out the vision for growth across the Waterside it has been agreed within the Steering Group that there is a need for a high level document that all parties can be signatories to that sets out the shared vision of the opportunity across the whole of the Waterside.
- 3.3 A draft Vision document has now been prepared between officers of the District Council, the National Park and the County Council. It is intended that the document sets out a collective assessment of the cumulative impact of the development aspirations, and an understanding of the total infrastructure needed to support and enable the growth plans for the area, to be delivered in a way compatible with the shared vision. It is envisaged that this document, amongst other things, will be used to support bids most notably the bid currently being prepared by the County for funding for improvements to the A326.
- 3.4 As the Local Plan is now adopted it is now the appropriate time to share the draft Vision document. A Special Environment and Overview Scrutiny Panel is arranged for the 13th August 2020 where the draft document will be considered. It is important that all Councillors for the Waterside have the opportunity to share their views with the Panel together with the Town and Parish Councils. It is therefore proposed, subject to Cabinet agreement, that each Waterside district councillor and the town and Parish councils are invited to speak at EOSP to share views on the draft Vision document.
- 3.5 The County Councillor and the National Park Authority will take the draft document through its own decision making process.
- 3.6 Following Environment and Overview Scrutiny Panel a full report will come to the September Cabinet meeting seeking endorsement from the Cabinet.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no additional financial implications arising.

5. CRIME & DISORDER, ENVIRONMENTAL, DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no crime and disorder, environmental or data protection issues arising directly from this report.

6. EQUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no equality or diversity implications arising directly from this report.

7. PORTFOLIO HOLDER COMMENTS

7.1 The Portfolio Holder welcomes this report and looks forward to listening to the views of Councillors and Town & Parish Councils at the Special Meeting of the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Panel on 13 August.

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