

ENVIRONMENT AND OVERVIEW SCRUTINY PANEL – 18 AUGUST 2020

A VISION FOR THE WATERSIDE

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Given the significance of the Waterside and the level of development proposed in our Local Plan and the National Park Local Plan an informal public-private Steering Group and a public sector officer group has been formed between New Forest District Council (NFDC), the National Park Authority (NPA), Hampshire County Council (HCC), the Solent LEP and the major landowners: ABP, ExxonMobil, Solent Gateway, Barker Mill Estates and Fawley Waterside.
- 1.2 Whilst the Local Plan sets out the vision for growth across the Waterside it has been agreed between officers from HCC, NFDC and the NPA that there is a need for a high level document that both the public and private sector parties can be signatories to that sets out the shared vision of the opportunity across the whole of the Waterside.
- 1.3 As the Local Plan is now adopted it is now the appropriate time to share the draft, “A Vision of the Waterside” document, attached as Appendix 1. The document has been prepared as a collaborative document with officers from the County and the National Park Authority.
- 1.4 It is intended that the document is a very high level document that 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, together with the economic, social and environmental outcomes that need to be addressed as part of the shared vision.
- 1.5 It is stressed that this document does not contain detail and that is not the intent of the document. A significant amount of technical detail exists within the Local Plan and its supporting evidence base. More detailed workstreams will follow around specific issues.
- 1.6 Officers from each authority feel it is critical that there is a simple document that sets out in bullet form the issues that need to be addressed and the outcomes that need to be achieved across the area. 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. It is considered critical to the success of this bid that there is a document that demonstrates that all three authorities have a shared vision for the area set out in a simple high level document. It is anticipated that further detailed workstreams will flow from the document.
- 1.7 Hampshire County Council and the National Park Authority will take the draft document through its own decision making process.
- 1.8 The Environment and Overview Scrutiny Panel are asked to consider the content of the draft document and identify any amendments it considers necessary to summarise the outcomes that all three authorities want to achieve across the Waterside. It is stressed that this is a very high level document and sets out headlines rather than detail. Officers will be giving consideration to more detailed

workstreams needed to support the delivery of environmental, economic and social outcomes set out in the Local Plan.

2. CONCLUSION

- 2.1 This high level document sets out the infrastructure needed to support sustainable growth across the Waterside and sets out a list of environmental, economic and social outcomes that need to be achieved for the Waterside.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no additional financial implications arising.

4. CRIME & DISORDER, ENVIRONMENTAL, DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS

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

5. EQUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

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

6. DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 None.

7. RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 That the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel advise Cabinet of its views on the Vision of the Waterside document attached as Appendix 1.

Further Information

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