

REPORT OF CABINET

(Meeting held on 6 June 2018)

1. THE LOCAL PLAN 2016-2036 PART ONE: PLANNING STRATEGY (MINUTE NO.94)

The Cabinet is recommending the approval of the Local Plan Part One document which covers the key matters and proposals in the review of the Council's local plan. The Local Plan document was attached as Annex 1 to Report Item 4 to the Cabinet. Changes to the Policies Map, including land to be removed from the Green Belt and settlement boundary changes, were set out in the document attached as Annex 2 to the report. The Council is retaining a 2 stage approach to the review of the Local Plan to reduce the risk of abortive work on detailed matters and to allow the opportunity for neighbourhood plans to develop policies, including additional site allocations.

The Cabinet was advised of, and accepted, the following changes to paragraphs 4.12–4.14 of the officers' report presented to them:

“Housing target

4.12 The proposed Local Plan housing target is 10,500 homes 2016-2036. This fully meets the latest identified OAN requirement for the Plan Area. The target is proposed to be phased as follows:

- 1,150 homes (averaging 230 homes per annum) 2016-17 to 2020-2021¹
- 2,250 homes (averaging 450 homes per annum) 2021-22 to 2025-26
- 7,100 homes (averaging 710 homes per annum) 2026-27 to 2035-36

4.13 A stepped target is necessary because it will take time for new site allocations to secure planning permission and to mobilise before housing delivery can significantly increase from the current 196 homes per annum target. Based on the Council's housing trajectory, informed by discussion with site promoters and infrastructure providers, completion rates are unlikely to exceed 400 homes until the period 2021-2026.

4.14 The combined target for the first ten years represents a 42% increase on the average rate of completions in the Plan Area in the last decade (240 homes per annum).”

With regard to the Local Plan Document itself (attached as Annex 1 to the report to the Cabinet), the following changes were recommended and supported:

Strategic Site 8: Land at Hordle Lane, Hordle

“-suburb” deleted from policy SS8 ii c

On concept masterplan illustration:

- land at junction Hordle Lane with Sky End Lane to be shown as green space

¹ Based on actual and projected completions before Local Plan Strategic Site Allocations start to deliver.

- notation amended to show coal-yard access from Vicarage Lane as a 'preferred' access point onto Vicarage Lane.
- 'green edge' to be shown to the settlement boundary along Sky End Lane

Supporting text to SS8: footnote 77 deleted.

The Cabinet is satisfied that the preparation of the Local Plan has properly addressed the tests of local plan soundness, as set out in Section 7 of Report Item 4 to the Cabinet.

RECOMMENDED:

- (a) That the Local Plan 2016-2036 Part 1: Planning Strategy as set out as Annex 1 to Report Item 4 to the Cabinet, and with the amendments to Strategic Site 8 as set out above, be approved;**
- (b) That the Local Plan 2016-2036 Part 1: Planning Strategy be published for Pre-Submission public consultation for a period of six weeks under Regulations 19 and 20 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012;**
- (c) That the Service Manager (Policy and Strategy) in consultation with the Planning and Infrastructure Portfolio Holder be authorised to submit the Local Plan 2016-2036 Part 1: Planning Strategy and associated documents, together with the summarised Pre-Submission public consultation responses, to the Secretary of State for independent examination under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012; and**
- (d) That the Service Manager (Policy and Strategy), in consultation with the Planning and Infrastructure Portfolio Holder, be authorised to make minor changes and corrections to the Local Plan prior to public consultation and submission for examination.**

**COUNCILLOR B RICKMAN
CHAIRMAN**