

# ITEM 11

## **Motion:**

**To approve the minutes of Council Cabinet dated 18 January 2017.**

## **Council Cabinet**

**18 January 2017**

## **Minute Extracts**

### **131/16      Adoption of Derby City Local Plan Part 1 (Core Strategy)**

The Council Cabinet considered a report which stated that a final version of Part 1 of the Derby City Local Plan (the Core Strategy) was submitted for independent Examination at the end of 2015. Examination Hearings took place throughout April and May 2016 and, in August 2016, the Planning Inspector authorised the Council to consult on a number of Main Modifications to the Plan which had arisen through consultation and discussions at the Examination. These were consulted on throughout September and October 2016. Main Modifications are those modifications the Inspector considers necessary to make the Plan Sound and enable the Council to formally adopt it.

After considering responses to the consultation, the Inspector wrote to the Council on 5 December 2016 finding the plan Sound, subject to making the Main Modifications. Council Cabinet was asked to approve these. It was also asked to approve a 'mock up' of the final Local Plan Document for publication, including the Main Modifications and a number of minor modifications. The Inspector's covering letter and report were attached as Appendix 3 to the report.

The Inspector had accepted the fundamental principles of the Plan and the proposed Main Modifications were relatively minor, often being necessary to reflect changed national planning guidance. It was particularly satisfying that he had accepted the overall housing target and the strategy to meet part of Derby's housing needs outside of its administrative boundaries. This strategy provided a good balance between the need to regenerate older urban areas through brownfield sites, whilst avoiding town cramming and maintaining the principle of green wedges. It was also pleasing that he had accepted a flexible approach to meeting affordable housing targets which would help achieve higher levels of affordable housing than it otherwise would, whilst allowing each situation to be considered on its merits.

The schedule of the Main Modifications was attached as Appendix 4 to the report and a track changed 'mock-up' of the document, as modified, could be seen on the Council's website. This mock-up would need some further minor amendments to produce the finalised version for publication and Council Cabinet and Council were being asked to authorise the Strategic Director for Communities and Place, following

consultation with the Cabinet Member for Communities and City Centre Regeneration, to agree these.

A City-wide map of the main development sites within and adjoining the City, was included as Appendix 5 of the report.

The Local Plan would be supported by a document known as the Policies Map, which was much the same as the old Proposals Map that formed part of previous Local Plans. This would identify the site areas to which the various site specific policies apply, although technically it was a separate document to the Local Plan. The basis for this map would be the current CDLP Review Proposals Map, which would be amended to reflect proposals in the new Local Plan and deleted Saved Policies of the CDLP Review. These changes were set out in a schedule of 'Proposed Changes to Proposals Map' (August 2015) which was submitted to the Examination. This schedule was attached as Appendix 6 to the report. Further changes to the Map, affecting the former Friar Gate Goods Yard site, were agreed at the Examination and included in the Main Modifications. These were attached as Appendix 7 to the report. Council Cabinet and Council were being asked to agree these changes as the basis for preparing the new Policies Map. Members were also being asked to authorise the Strategic Director for Communities and Place, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Communities and City Centre Regeneration, to agree the final version of this Map for publication alongside the Local Plan Part 1. Further changes would need to be made to it as part of the Part 2 Plan.

Council Cabinet was further being asked to refer the Plan as modified, including the Maps to be used to draw up the Policies Map, to Council for formal adoption.

Formal adoption is followed by a period of six weeks in which the Plan could be challenged in the High Court through a Judicial Review.

The adopted Local Plan Part 1 would replace a number of 'Saved Policies' of the City of Derby Local Plan Review. A schedule of these was included as Appendix 8 of the report. Council Cabinet and Council were asked to agree these for formal deletion. The remaining CDLP Review Saved Policies would be deleted on adoption of the Part 2 Plan.

The Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board welcomed the adoption of the plan and noted that this would need to be reviewed in future years. The Board also noted that further work would need to be done in future years in relation to the provision of affordable housing and services for the growing aging population.

## **Options Considered**

Options for different development strategies were developed and consulted on as part of the Plan making process.

## **Decision**

1. To agree proposals to finalise the Local Plan Part 1 document and Policies Map for publication.

2. To agree the 'mock-up' version of the Local Plan, including the Main Modifications, linked to in Paragraph 1.4 of the report as the final version of the plan, and to recommend Council to formally adopt it.
3. To agree the Schedule of 'Proposed Changes to Proposals Map' (August 2015), set out in Appendix 6 of the report, and the further changes affecting the former Friar Gate Good's Yard site, set out in Appendix 7 of the report, as the basis for up-dating the separate Policies Map and to recommend Council to approve it.
4. To agree the deletion of existing City of Derby Local Plan Review 'Saved Policies' set out in Appendix 8 of the report and to recommend Council to formally delete them.
5. To authorise the Strategic Director for Communities and Place, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Communities and City Centre Regeneration, to agree a final version of the Local Plan Part 1 (Core Strategy) and Policies Map.

## **Reasons**

1. To agree the Main Modifications identified by the Inspector as being necessary to find the Plan Sound and for it to be adopted.
2. To agree proposals to formally adopt the Local Plan Part 1 (Core Strategy).
3. To agree proposals to enable the Policies Map to be prepared.
4. To agree proposals to formally delete policies of the old City of Derby Local Plan Review that were superseded by new policies in the Derby City Local Plan Part 1 (Core Strategy).
5. To agree proposals to finalise the Local Plan Part 1 document and Policies Map for publication.

## **132/16 Council Tax Base for 2017/18**

The Council Cabinet considered a report which stated that the Council has to calculate its council tax base for 2017/18 as a means of raising council tax income for the 2017/18 financial year from Derby council tax payers.

The tax base was an estimated figure of the number of domestic properties in terms of 'band D' in the Council's area during the financial year concerned. It was used to determine a headline charge for band D properties in the city. Charges for other bands were calculated as defined fractions of the headline charge.

The proposed council tax base for 2017/18 was 66,574.07 band D equivalent properties compared with the 2016/17 council tax base of 65,138.20. This reflected an increase in the number of domestic dwellings within the city, an estimated

reduction in the amount of council tax support awarded and an estimate of the number of newly built homes between 1 December 2016 and 31 March 2018.

The increase in the tax base would result in more council tax being collectable for the 2017/18 financial year.

The Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board noted the report.

### **Options Considered**

Setting the council tax base is a statutory duty.

### **Decision**

1. To approve the council tax base for the year 2017/18 as 66,574.07 band D equivalent properties in accordance with The Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/2914).
2. That in accordance with the methodology and estimates shown at Appendix 2 of the report, to recommend Council to approve this calculation at the Council meeting on 25 January 2017.

### **Reasons**

Agreeing the council tax base was the first step in the process of setting the council tax to be collected in 2017/18 and was an essential part of establishing the 2017/18 budget.