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Report of Director of Place & Wellbeing To Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2 18th April 2017

Draft Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation Presentation

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2 with an update to the Local Plan in relation to the proposed allocation of residential and economic sites and revised vision and objectives.
- 1.2 The presentation which will be given by officers at the meeting on the 18th April 2017 contains information which would potentially impact on the financial or business affairs of a number of people and therefore at this stage, prior to public consultation, it is considered that such information is exempt.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

- I. The details submitted in this report and presented at the meeting in relation to the progress on the Local Plan are noted.
- II. That Overview and Scrutiny 2 provide any comments in relation to the proposed Vision and Objectives which they would like to be incorporated into a report to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration.
- III. That Overview and Scrutiny 2 also provide any comments in relation to the draft Local Plan preferred residential and economic land allocations which they would like to be incorporated into a report to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration.
- 3.1. The draft Local Plan was consulted on in 2016 and a total of 1477 representations were received. In response to the representations received and updates to the evidence base to support the preparation of the Local Plan, it has been considered appropriate to review the Vision and Objectives for the district and the draft Local Plan residential and economic land allocations.
- 3.2. The draft vision and objectives have been revised to reflect the local issues that the Local Plan needs to address; there will be the opportunity as part of the meeting on the 18th April 2017 to discuss the revised vision and objectives for the plan.

- 3.3. To identify further residential and economic development sites a call for sites was completed between July and August 2016. This was undertaken as part of the Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) formally known as the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA). The HELAA has been a key component of the evidence base to inform the proposed revised residential and economic land allocations.
- 3.4. The HELAA attempts to establish realistic assumptions about the number of homes and amount of economic development that this land could yield and the timeframe in which this might come forward.
- 3.5. A total of 174 sites have been appraised through the HELAA process, 107 of these were appraised as being available, suitable and achievable for development.
- 3.6. A presentation will be given to members at the meeting setting out the following:
 - Districts development requirements
 - Distribution of development
 - Site selection criteria
 - Proposed residential and economic land allocations

4.0 Next Steps

- 4.1 It is intended that subject to any comments made on the revised vision, objectives and proposed preferred draft Local Plan site allocations, that these will then be considered by Full Council for public consultation.
- 4.2 Further policy work in relation to the preparation of the Local Plan is currently being developed and will be presented to OSC2 in due course.

5.0 Comments of Statutory Officers

- (a) Head of Paid Service No specific comments
- (b) Deputy Monitoring Officer No specific comments
- (c) Section 151 Officer No specific Comments

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