

**ITEM REQUESTED TO BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF
SPECIAL URGENCY
REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE MEETING OF 5 SEPTEMBER 2016**

Meeting: Executive
Date: 5 September 2016
Subject: Recommendation from the Local Planning Executive Advisory Panel
Report of: Peter Storey, Democratic Officer
Portfolio Holders: Councillor Brodrick
Status: The Executive is requested to accept this report as an item of special urgency and to consider the recommendation contained therein

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To request the Executive to consider the recommendation contained in Note 6 of the draft notes of the meeting of the Extraordinary Local Planning Executive Advisory Panel held on 22nd August 2016.

2 Recommendation:

- 2.1 That the Notes of the Local Plan Executive Advisory Panel held on 22 August 2016 and attached as Appendix A be received;
- 2.2 That the recommendation at Note 6 of Appendix A be considered as part of the Council's response to the consultation on the Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Growth Statement, which needs to be submitted prior to 16 September 2016.

3 Summary of Reasons for the Recommendations

- 3.1 The Local Planning Executive Advisory Panel at the Extraordinary meeting held on 22 August 2016 asked the Executive to consider the Panel's comments as a response to the consultation on the Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Growth Statement. As the consultation ends on 16 September 2016 the comments of the Panel need to be considered at this meeting in order to be submitted within the consultation deadline.
- 3.2 The Executive is requested to consider the notes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Local Planning Executive Advisory Panel held on 22 August 2016 as a matter of special urgency and to consider the recommendation contained at note 6.

3.3 The notes of the Panel meeting on 22 August 2016 are in draft format as they will not be reported to the Panel for approval until its next meeting (on 19 September) but they were sent to the Chairman and Panel members for comment to ensure that they captured the views expressed by the Panel at its meeting.

3.4 The comments on the Draft Local Plan Policies set out in Note 5 will be considered by the Executive as part of the consideration of the draft pre-submission Local Plan in due course.

4 Impact on Communities

4.1 None.

5 Key Facts

5.1 None.

6 Legal Issues

6.1 None.

7 Resource Issues

7.1 None.

8 Equality Impact Assessment Implications/Outcomes

8.1 None.

9 Impact on the Organisation

9.1 None.

10 Community Safety Implications

10.1 None.

11. Carbon Management Implications

11.1 None.

12. Risk Management Implications

12.1 None.

13 Consultation

13.1 None.

14 Options Considered

14.1 None.

15 Background Papers

15.1 None.

Previous report(s): None

Information Issued Under Sensitive Issue Procedure: N

Ward Members Notified: n/a

**Appendix A: Draft Notes of the Extraordinary Local Planning Executive
Advisory Panel: 22 August 2016.**

**Extraordinary Meeting of the
Local Planning Executive Advisory Panel**

Meeting Notes

**Cromwell Suite, The Three Swans Hotel,
High Street, Market Harborough**

Monday 22nd August 2016

Commencing: 3.30 p.m.

Councillors Present: Brodrick (Chair), Burrell, Galton, Hall (until 5.58pm), Holyoak, Mrs Page & Rickman.

Guest Councillors: Elliott, Graves*, King* and Rook* (for part of the meeting).

Officers Present: D. Atkinson (DA), S. Pointer (SP), K. Reed (KR) and P. Storey (PS).

Item	Action
<p>1. Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Apologies were received from Councillors Hill (substituted by Cllr Burrell) and Tomlin (substituted by Cllr Hall).</p> <p>Cllrs Elliott, Graves, King and Rook joined the Panel for all or part of the meeting, but took no part in the voting.</p>	
<p>2. Notes of the Previous Meeting</p> <p>The notes of the meeting held on 18 July 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
<p>3. Actions Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was confirmed that the Draft Local Plan would be presented to the Council meeting on 12 December 2016 for approval to publish for the making of representations. • Members expressed disappointment that the Housing and Economic Development Needs (HEDNA) report was not ready for consideration at the meeting and future delays would be unacceptable. DA stated that he would raise this issue with the Strategic Planning Manager. The Chair undertook to email the Strategic Planning Manager if the report was not ready by Friday 26 August. 	DA
<p>4. Local Plan Affordable Housing Policies</p> <p>The Panel considered the report on the proposed policy approach to affordable housing policy in the Local Plan so that they could be taken into account in assessing the viability of the Plan's proposals. Members' views were sought on the proposals.</p> <p>It was noted that there were policies on specialist housing provision and homes in the countryside in addition to the affordable housing policies. Officers undertook to provide more detail in the policy in respect of rural exception sites.</p> <p>It was agreed that the policies should refer to "more than ten dwellings" rather than to "ten dwellings or more".</p>	SP SP

It was agreed that consideration be given to wording (either in the policy or explanation) to ensure that developers do not avoid affordable housing contributions by sub-dividing sites.

The Panel RESOLVED that the proposed policy approach for affordable housing in Section 5 of the officer's report be tested further as a benchmark requirement with other infrastructure costs to assess the overall viability of the Local Plan.

5. Draft Local Plan Policies

The Panel received a report seeking their comments on the proposed Local Plan policies which do not depend on a decision relating to the preferred spatial option for development. It was proposed to bring these policies, together with those for housing and employment land release, forward for approval by the Executive and in due course by Council during November and December 2016.

The Panel RESOLVED that their comments, as set out below, on the Draft Local Plan Policies contained in Appendix B of the report be considered by the Executive as part of their consideration of the draft pre-submission Local Plan:

- GD1 – to include a definition of “sustainable development” in the glossary;
- GD2 – the word “harmfully” in point 4 to be reconsidered; consideration to be given to a reference to needs/requirements in the settlement and to the relationship with village form;
- GD6 – refer to purpose the purpose of the policy (i.e. to prevent merging) in the explanation;
- H3 – to refer to development of 250 dwellings and over, rather than 500 dwellings or over;
- H4 – to refer to development of 250 dwellings and over, rather than 500 dwellings or over; to include more definition of “sheltered” and “extra care” housing in the explanation/glossary;
- H5 – to consider revising the wording relating to locational characteristics affecting relative densities;
- H6 – to develop a definition relating to “pitches” for gypsy, traveller and showpeople sites and include in the explanation; to check the requirement for travelling showpeople;
- E4 - to include reference to site area(s); to try to be more specific about timing for the provision of a roundabout;
- E5 - to include reference to site area(s); to confirm that further leisure uses would not be allowed;
- RT2 – to add more detail in the explanation regarding fulfilling specific needs and clarifying that the impact on town centres includes those outside the District;
- HC2 – to add in the justification to the policy that the re-provision of community facilities being provided to the satisfaction of the Council includes consulting on the views of stakeholders such as the Parish Council;
- GI2 – to add “where this is compatible with the proposed use of the site” or similar in relation to safeguarding the biodiversity on brownfield sites at point 42b;
- CC2 including views from sensitive areas;
- CC3 – to include more information on sustainable urban drainage systems (SUDS) in the explanation of the policy;
- IN2 – to look further at parking arrangements for business developments as well as housing development and highway design in sensitive areas; consider inclusion of parking standards, if enforceable, in an Appendix; check environmental impacts of traffic is adequately covered here or elsewhere;
- The Local Plan could include an outline of permitted development rights and how the Council would monitor such development;
- Consideration be given to the inclusion of a policy encouraging the re-use

- of brownfield sites;
- Consideration be given to a policy restricting housing development in back gardens;
- A glossary should be added to the Local Plan.

Councillor Hall left the meeting at 5.58pm.

6. Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Growth Statement

The Panel considered a report on the publication of a Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Growth Statement which formed the initial consultation document in the preparation of a Strategic Growth Plan for Leicester and Leicestershire. The consultation period on the Strategy commenced on 5 August 2016 and would close on 16 September 2016.

DA stated that the Statement would sit alongside the Local Plan, when approved, and although it was a strategic document it could contain a more aspirational focus in terms of major infrastructure than the Local Plan.

Following a debate at Full Council on 27 June, 2016 the Chair of the Panel offered to capture members' comments on the Strategic Growth Statement at the LPEAP.

The Panel RESOLVED that their comments, as set out below, on the Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Growth Statement, be considered by the Executive as part of their consideration of the consultation:

- **The Statement does not adequately reflect the aspirations of rural communities.**
- **It is not clear from the statement what economic benefit might be seen for the District.**
- **Clarity was required on Market Towns – was Lutterworth one of the 11?**

It was explained to the meeting that members can make comments on the document during the public consultation period.

It was agreed that a copy of this minute be sent to Panel members for approval and then be submitted to the Executive for consideration as a response to the consultation.

PS

The Panel:

NOTED the publication of the Strategic Growth Statement and associated documents.

The meeting closed at 6.04 p.m.