

Cheshire East Council

STRATEGIC PLANNING BOARD

Date of Meeting: 14 December 2016

Report of: Director Planning & Sustainable Development

Subject/Title: Cheshire East Local Plan Strategy – Main Modifications

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Ainsley Arnold

1. Report Summary

- 1.1. A meeting of the Council on 26 February 2016 approved proposed changes to the Cheshire East Local Plan Strategy for consultation. Council also delegated consideration of the consultation responses to the Executive Director Place. The subsequent Examination Hearings into the Cheshire East Local Plan Strategy concluded on 20 October and now the Inspector's findings are awaited.
- 1.2. The Inspector is expected to recommend formal main modifications to the Plan and these will need to be the subject of a further round of consultation. This is an essential step before the Local Plan can be finally adopted.
- 1.3. The Local Plan Strategy will provide a stable framework for planning decision making and is also the means of securing a 5 year supply of housing land. It will replace a number of planning policies that were adopted well over ten years ago. There is hence an urgent need to have the plan in place as soon as possible.
- 1.4. In order to facilitate this, further delegation of powers is being requested at the full meeting of the Council on 15 December 2016. This is with the aim of minimising the time between receipt of Inspector's next report and the consultation on his draft Recommended Main Modifications. This will enable the Local Plan Strategy to progress to the point of adoption as quickly as practicable.
- 1.5. This report requests seeks the comments and support of Strategic Planning Board for the recommendation to Full Council.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. That Strategic Planning Board considers the attached report to Council and recommends to Council that the requested delegations be approved, as set out in the report.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1. Where reports on planning matters are submitted to a full meeting of the Council they are first considered by Strategic Planning Board as the specialist planning committee of the Council.

4. Background , Implications and Risk

- 4.1. These are set out in the attached Report to council.

5. Wards Affected and Local Ward Members

- 5.1. All wards

6. Access to Information/Bibliography

- 6.1. The Local Plan Strategy examination library contains all published material relating to the Examination process. This can be accessed online at <http://cheshireeast-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/planning/cs/library>

7. Contact Information

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APPENDIX 1

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