

Key Decision Required:	No	In the Forward Plan:	No
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CABINET

13 JUNE 2017

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL & ACTING PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR PLANNING & REGENERATION

A.1 TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLICATION DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

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PART 1 – KEY INFORMATION

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to invite Cabinet to consider and endorse the content of the Tendring District Council Publication Draft Local Plan and its Sustainability Appraisals for consultation and submission to government. The Publication Draft Local Plan is attached as Appendix A and the Sustainability Appraisals as Appendix B. These will also be considered by the Local Plan Committee on 12 June 2017; the Local Plan Committee Report, excluding its appendices is attached as Appendix C of this report.

The consultation documents, subject to agreement by the Local Plan Committee, will be recommended to Full Council for approval at its meeting on 15 June 2017. Subject to approval, the documents will then go out to public consultation for a period of six weeks and officers will submit the consultation responses and relevant documents to Government for the next stage of the plan making process.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Council is preparing a new Local Plan to guide future development in the Tendring area between now and 2033. Having an up to date plan is critical for creating job opportunities, attracting investment for improved infrastructure, protecting the environment and ensuring that the new homes required to meet the needs of a growing population are built in the right locations and achieve good standards of quality and design. Without an up to date plan it is more difficult for the Council to secure investment and protect the district from developments that are unplanned.

This report seeks Cabinet’s endorsement that the Tendring District Council Publication Draft Local Plan documents are approved by Full Council to go out to consultation and be submitted for consideration by the Government and the Planning Inspectorate. The Publication Draft Local Plan is attached as Appendix A and the Sustainability Appraisals as Appendix B. These will also be considered by the Local Plan Committee on 12 June 2017; the Local Plan Committee Report, excluding its appendices is attached as Appendix C of this report. The outcome of Local Plan Committee will be tabled at the meeting of Cabinet on 13 June 2017 and any comments made by Cabinet will be reported to Full Council on 15 June 2017.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) Cabinet endorses the content of the Tendring District Council Publication Draft Local Plan and its Sustainability Appraisals attached at Appendices A and B.**

PART 2 – IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

DELIVERING PRIORITIES

The Local Plan helps to implement place shaping priorities in the Corporate Plan 2016-2020 for Tendring District Council through:

- Community Leadership by engagement with the community and effective partnership working with technical stakeholders, developers and other interested parties;
- Health and Housing through policies that promote healthier lifestyles, a quality living environment, local regeneration and council house building; and
- Employment and Enjoyment through policies to support business growth and skill development and the protection and promotion of the natural and built environments.

The Local Plan is a project in the 2016-2020 Corporate Plan and is on target at the time of writing this report. The implication of a decision to support the recommendation in this report will demonstrate assistance in the delivery of the Local Plan.

FINANCE, OTHER RESOURCES AND RISK

The Report to the Local Plan Committee provides more detail and Cabinet is referred to the body of that report.

Resources: The costs involved in this work are met through the agreed 'LDF Budget'.

Risks: The risk of not agreeing a Local Plan that will deliver sufficient housing to meet objectively assessed needs may lead to it being rejected by the Planning Inspector as being unsound, thus leaving the district vulnerable to unplanned development.

LEGAL

The Report to the Local Plan Committee provides more detail and Cabinet is referred to the body of that report.

Legislation: Local Plan functions are non-executive however, the Council's Constitution requires the Local Plan Committee, in accordance with its terms of reference to consult with Cabinet on the Publication Draft Local Plan document for approval by Full Council for public consultation and submission to government. This report fulfils the Local Plan Committee's consultation requirement.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Area or Ward affected – All

PART 3 – SUPPORTING INFORMATION

THE LOCAL PLAN

The Report to the Local Plan Committee provides more detail and Cabinet is referred to the body of that report.

The Local Plan will be the statutory development plan for Tendring up to 2033. Planning Guidance requires all Local Planning Authorities in England and Wales to prepare a Local

Plan and ensure it is kept up to date. Without an up-to-date plan, the Council would have limited power to influence the scale, location and quality of new development in the district, making it difficult to bring about the positive changes that the area needs and difficult to resist inappropriate development proposals that will have a detrimental effect on our area.

Local Plans are the main vehicle for conveying an area's growth requirements and how these will be accommodated. However, individual local authority boundaries cannot encapsulate the geographies of issues that transcend those boundaries. Through active and on-going collaboration the authorities can plan, manage and review strategic objectives for the effective implementation of sustainable development and enhanced environments.

The geographic and functional relationship between Braintree, Colchester and Tendring authorities is demonstrated through the formation of a single Housing Market Area (with Chelmsford) and being part of the Haven Gateway, an established economic partnership for the area. Within this context, the forecast levels of future population growth together with the geography of north Essex means that considerations for future growth will include options that have clear cross-boundary implications. These include both the expansion of existing towns and villages as well as possible new settlements.

Consequently, this group of neighbouring authorities have agreed to come together because of their shared desire to promote sustainable growth and the particular need to articulate the strategic priorities within the wider area and how these will be addressed. Central to this is the effective delivery of planned strategic growth, particularly housing and employment development, with the necessary supporting infrastructure.

This is reflected in a common Section 1 of the local plans for Braintree, Colchester and Tendring districts. Section 1 has been jointly prepared by the three districts with support from Essex County Council. It includes policies on: sustainable development, overall housing and employment needs, infrastructure, place shaping, the spatial strategy and garden communities. It includes the policy requirements for the allocation of land the Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community.

Section 2 of the Tendring District Local Plan identifies the main characteristics of the district and the challenges it faces. To address these challenges and deliver a vision for 2033, the plan identifies sites for achieving sustainable housing and economic growth, meeting the social needs of a growing population and protecting the places that make Tendring an attractive place to live, work and visit.

'Publication Draft' is the final stage of the consultation carried out by Tendring District Council on its emerging Local Plan, prior to submission of the draft Local Plan and its supporting documents for consideration by Government and the Planning Inspectorate. The next stage will be hearings on topics such as employment and housing, at an Examination in Public held by the Planning Inspectorate, in regards to the council's duties, processes and outcomes for plan making.

Subject to the agreement of the Local Plan Committee (12 June) and Council (15 June), the consultation for the Tendring District Council Publication Draft Local Plan and its Sustainability Appraisals will be held in the Summer of 2017.

BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR THE DECISION

None

APPENDICES

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| A. Tendring District Council Publication Draft Local Plan
B. Sustainability Appraisals
C. Local Plan Committee Report 12 June 2017 (minus its Appendices) |
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