

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE – WEDNSDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2018

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| Title of report | LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE AUTHORITIES' JOINT STRATEGIC GROWTH PLAN |
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| Purpose of report | To outline for the Local Plan Committee the revised Strategic Growth Plan (the revised SGP) prior to consideration by Council. The revised SGP is attached as Appendix A to this report. |
| Council Priorities | <p>Participation in the development of the Strategic Growth Plan will support the following priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Building Confidence in Coalville - Homes and Communities - Businesses and Jobs |
| <p>Implications:</p> <p>Financial/Staff</p> <p>Link to relevant CAT</p> <p>Risk Management</p> <p>Equalities Impact Screening</p> <p>Human Rights</p> | <p>Already budgeted for, with an earmarked reserve to cover the cost of evidence base, administration associated with the consultations and a contribution to the Joint Strategic Planning Manager role. Staffing implications are considered as part of normal workloads and establishment.</p> <p>None</p> <p>Risks have been managed by the Joint Strategic Planning Manager</p> <p>An Equalities and Human Rights Impact Assessment has been undertaken and forms part of the evidence base for the plan</p> <p>An Equalities and Human Rights Impact Assessment has been undertaken and forms part of the evidence base for the plan</p> |

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| Transformational Government | The draft Joint Strategic Growth Plan has been prepared in collaboration between the City and County Councils of Leicester & Leicestershire, as well as each of the District and Borough Councils, and the LLEP. |
| Comments of Head of Paid Service | The report is satisfactory |
| Comments of Section 151 Officer | The report is satisfactory |
| Comments of Monitoring Officer | The report is satisfactory |
| Consultees | None |
| Background papers | <p>Strategic Growth Plan Consultation Draft – which can be viewed at http://www.llestrategicgrowthplan.org.uk/the-plan/stage-two/draftplan/</p> <p>Equalities and Human Rights Impact Assessment A copy can be viewed at https://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/strategic_growth_plan</p> <p>Sustainability Appraisal A copy can be viewed at https://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/strategic_growth_plan</p> |
| Recommendation | <p>THAT:</p> <p>(I) THE LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE ADVISE WHETHER IT SUPPORTS THE STRATEGIC GROWTH PLAN; AND</p> <p>(II) COUNCIL BE INFORMED OF THE VIEWS OF THIS COMMITTEE</p> |

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Members will be aware that this Council, working with Leicester City Council, the County Council, and the LLEP has been working on the preparation of a Strategic Growth Plan (SGP) for Leicester and Leicestershire.
- 1.2 The SGP has been prepared jointly by the eight local planning authorities (the borough and district councils), the County Council as the highway authority and the City Council as a unitary authority with combined planning and highways responsibilities. Each of these is represented on a Members' Advisory Group (MAG) which, supported by senior officers (Strategic Planning Group), has overseen the preparation of the Plan. The LLEP attends

MAG in the capacity of an observer; Homes England (formerly the Homes & Communities Agency) attends the senior officer group in the capacity of an observer.

- 1.3 A Consultation Draft SGP was considered and endorsed by the Members' Advisory Group in November 2017. It was subsequently approved for the purpose of public consultation by Cabinet on 14 November 2017 (other authorities also gave approval for the purposes of public consultation).
- 1.4 A further report which established the Council's formal response to the SGP was considered by Cabinet on 1 May 2018.
- 1.5 The meeting of MAG on 24 September 2018 considered and agreed a revised SGP. This was considered by Cabinet at its meeting of 9 October 2018. A copy of the report is attached at Appendix 1 of this report.
- 1.6 The Cabinet agreed the recommendations as set out in the report.
- 1.7 As noted at paragraph 8.1 of the Cabinet report, the SGP will be considered by a meeting of full Council on 14 November 2018 to determine this council's response to the SGP.
- 1.8 In view of the fact that this committee is responsible for overseeing the preparation of the Council's local plan, and the SGP will provide a framework for future local plans, it is appropriate for this committee to consider the revised SGP and for its views to be reported to Council for consideration at its meeting of 13 November 2018.
- 1.9 For the reasons set out in the Cabinet report it is considered that the SGP should be approved.