

<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>LOCAL PLAN REVIEW – DRAFT OBJECTIVE 4 (SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT)</b>	
<b>Presented by</b>	Councillor Robert Ashman Planning and Infrastructure Portfolio Holder	
<b>Background Papers</b>	<a href="#">National Planning Policy Framework</a>	<b>Public Report:</b> Yes
	<a href="#">Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report 2020</a> <a href="#">Council Delivery Plan</a> <a href="#">Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Growth Plan</a>	<b>Key Decision:</b> Yes
<b>Financial Implications</b>	The cost of the substantive Local Plan Review is met through existing budgets.	
	<b>Signed off by the Section 151 Officer:</b> Yes	
<b>Legal Implications</b>	The agreed draft objectives will be included in the next consultation stage for the Substantive Local Plan Review. This consultation must be undertaken in a way that accords with the council's agreed Statement of Community Involvement.	
	<b>Signed off by the Monitoring Officer:</b> Yes	
<b>Staffing and Corporate Implications</b>	No staffing implications associated with the specific content of this report. Links with the Council's Priorities are set out at the end of the report.	
	<b>Signed off by the Head of Paid Service:</b> Yes	
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To reconsider the wording of the draft Local Plan Objective 4 which is concerned with sustainable transport for inclusion in the next stage of public consultation for the Substantive Local Plan Review.	
<b>Reason for Decision</b>	The preparation of the Local Plan is a Cabinet function.	
<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>THAT CABINET REQUEST THE LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE NOTE THE REVISED WORDING OF DRAFT OBJECTIVE 4 AT PARAGRAPH 1.7 FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT PUBLIC CONSULTATION STAGE OF THE SUBSTANTIVE LOCAL PLAN REVIEW.</b>	

## 1. DRAFT OBJECTIVE 4

- 1.1 At its meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020, Cabinet considered a draft set of objectives for inclusion in the substantive Local Plan Review. Cabinet resolved to refer the objectives for consideration by the Local Plan Committee.
- 1.2 The Local Plan Committee met on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020. Agreement was reached on 10 of the 11 objectives but Objective 4, which is concerned with sustainable transport, was not agreed. At the meeting, Councillor Legrys put forward specific revised wording for this objective.
- 1.3 The original wording for Objective 4 was as follows;

“4 - Reduce the need to travel and increase opportunities for cycling, walking and public transport use.”

1.4 Councillor Legrys' proposed the following;

“4 - The Local Plan Review to plan for

- specific off-highway walking and cycling routes within NWL
- with particular consideration made to safeguard land for the provision of segregated off-highway walking/cycling routes to and from employment growth areas
- and an overall focus on the improvement of inter-community off-highway interconnectivity.”

1.5 This amendment was not agreed and officers were asked to work with Councillor Legrys and Councillor Bridges (as chair of the Local Plan Committee) to find alternative wording. This would enable the themes from Councillor's Legrys' amendment to be reflected using wording which better matched the tone and overarching nature of the other 10 objectives.

1.6 The themes in the Councillor Legrys amendment can be summarised as

- Delivery of infrastructure
- Connectivity; and
- Safety

1.7 In respect of safety, this issue is already addressed in Objective 3 in the context of high quality development and does not to be further repeated in Objective 4. The following revised wording picks up the remaining two themes;

“4 - Reduce the need to travel and increase opportunities for cycling, walking and public transport use, including connecting homes, workplaces and facilities and through the delivery of dedicated new infrastructure.

1.8 Councillor Legrys has indicated to officers that he finds this proposed wording acceptable.

1.9 Cabinet is asked to give a positive recommendation to the Local Plan Committee to note this revised objective. Subject to Cabinet's and the Local Plan Committee's consideration, the 11 draft objectives will be part of the next public consultation for the substantive Local Plan Review.

<b>Policies and other considerations, as appropriate</b>	
Council Priorities:	The Council Priorities particularly relevant to the subject matter of this report are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Our communities are safe, healthy and connected</li><li>- Developing a clean and green district</li></ul>
Policy Considerations:	Adopted Local Plan National Planning Policy Framework
Safeguarding:	None specific
Equalities/Diversity:	The Local Plan Review as an entity will be subject to an Equalities Impact Assessment.
Customer Impact:	None specific
Economic and Social Impact:	The decision, of itself, will have no specific impact. The Local Plan Review as a whole will deliver positive economic and social impacts and these will be recorded through the Sustainability Appraisal.
Environment and Climate Change:	The decision, of itself, will have no specific impact. The Local Plan Review as a whole will deliver positive

	environmental and climate change benefits and these will be recorded through the Sustainability Appraisal.
Consultation/Community Engagement:	The draft objectives will be subject to public consultation as part of the plan preparation process. The consultation arrangements will be governed by requirements in the Statement of Community Involvement.
Risks:	A risk assessment for the Local Plan Review has been prepared and is kept up to date. As far as possible control measures have been put in place to minimise risks, including regular Project Board meetings where risk is reviewed.
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