

Report to:	COUNCIL
Relevant Officer:	Jane Saleh, Head of Planning Strategy
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Mark Smith, Cabinet Member for Business, Enterprise and Job Creation
Date of Meeting:	10 February 2021

BLACKPOOL LOCAL PLAN PART 2: SITE ALLOCATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICIES PUBLICATION VERSION (Proposed Submission) (JANUARY 2021)

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider the recommendation of the Executive from its meeting on 25 January 2021 relating to the adoption of the Blackpool Local Plan Part 2: Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Publication Version (Proposed Submission) January 2021.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To approve the recommendations of the Executive from its meeting held on 25 January 2021, namely:

2.1.1 To approve the Publication Version of the Blackpool Local Plan Part 2: Site Allocations and Development Management Policies document (the Proposed Submission document) (as set out in Appendix A on the Executive report) and accompanying evidence base documentation; Publication Policies Map (as set out in Appendix B on the Executive report); Consultation Statement including the responses to the representations received to the Informal Consultation Paper (January 2019) (as set out in Appendix C on the Executive report); Sustainability Appraisal (as set out in Appendix D on the Executive report) and Habitats Regulation Assessment Screening (as set out in Appendix E on the Executive report) and supporting documentation and give authority for its publication and subsequent submission to the Secretary of State.

2.1.2 That should the person appointed to carry out the examination consider that the circumstances are as described in s20(7B) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, to formally request that s/he recommend any necessary modifications to the Plan to make the Plan satisfy the appropriate requirements and soundness, pursuant to section 20 (7C) of the 2004 Act.

2.1.3 That the Head of Planning Strategy, after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Business, Enterprise and Job Creation, be given delegated

authority to propose minor amendments to improve the clarity of the documentation referred to under recommendation (1) and which do not alter the substance of the document when submitting the Plan to the Secretary of State (these amendments will be highlighted) and during the Examination process.

- 2.1.4 To approve the draft Duty to Cooperate Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) (as set out in Appendix F on the Executive report), for consultation alongside publication of the Publication Version of the Local Plan Part 2; that the Head of Planning Strategy, after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Business, Enterprise and Job Creation, be given delegated authority to make any amendments to the Statement of Common Ground where necessary in response to representations received; and to publish the final version as an evidence base document to the Blackpool Local Plan Part 2.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 To progress the preparation of the statutory planning framework to support Blackpool's future regeneration and growth.

- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No,
If the Local Plan is approved it will become the new Planning Policy document

- 3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

- 3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

The Local Plan has been produced in line with the consultation regulations.

4.0 Council Priority:

- 4.1 The relevant Council priorities are "The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool" and "Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience".

5.0 Background Information

- 5.1 The Blackpool Local Plan Part 2 (Appendix A on the Executive report), along with Local Plan Part 1: [Core Strategy](#) [Pdf. 135.35MB] is a key document, which forms part

of the planning framework which will facilitate physical, economic and social change and which is seen by the Council and its partners as essential to Blackpool's future.

- 5.2 In developing the Local Plan Part 2 there are a number of stages, which were outlined in the report to the Executive, that the Council has had to follow, each stage provided an opportunity for the community and other stakeholders to be involved in choosing the right planning policies for Blackpool.
- 5.3 The Publication Version of the Local Plan Part 2 has been informed by the above Public Consultations and an updated evidence base that has been developed over a number of years; and subsequent updates to the National Planning Policy Framework (February 2019) and national guidance. In developing the policy framework further evidence needed to be prepared to develop a detailed understanding of key issues and characteristics of Blackpool and to inform and justify the policies, proposals and site allocation in the Publication Version of the Plan. The additional evidence base work was outlined in the report to the Executive.
- 5.4 An overview of the changes to the policies and supporting text reflected in the Local Plan Part 2 Publication Version compared to the Informal Consultation Paper draft Plan January 2019 was set out in Appendix V on the Executive report. The changes have been informed in part by the representations received to the informal consultation as well as the documentation referenced above. In addition some editorial changes have been made to provide additional clarity and avoid repetition. Key changes were summarised in the report to the Executive.
- 5.5 All Members of the Council should have received copies of the papers considered by the Executive at its meeting on 25 January 2021, in connection with the Proposed Rent Review [available via this link](#)

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

6.0 List of Appendices:

- 6.1 Appendix 12(a) – Executive Decision Notice – EX2/2020 – Blackpool Local Plan Part 2: Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Publication Version (Proposed Submission) (January 2021) - 25 January 2020.

7.0 Financial considerations:

- 7.1 The work is being undertaken within existing budgetary provisions, including the independent examination by the Secretary of State during 2021.

8.0 Legal considerations:

8.1 These were set out in the report considered by the Executive on 25 January 2021.

9.0 Risk management considerations:

9.1 The Local Plan Part 2 is a key planning document, which supports the strategic policies in the Core Strategy (adopted January 2016) and forms part of the statutory planning framework to enable and assist the delivery of Blackpool's future development requirements. Without its progress, acquisition, land assembly and planning approval for key regeneration and development projects will be undermined and delayed. There is an imperative to progress the Local Plan Part 2 through to adoption to ensure the Council has a planning framework that is directing development within the borough, which reflects the community and elected members priorities and needs and to avoid national policy being the principle basis for making decisions. The latter could lead to an increase in appeals if applications are received proposing development, which is not in line with the priorities and needs of Blackpool.

10.0 Equalities considerations:

10.1 An updated Equality Analysis set out at Appendix U on the Executive report has been prepared to ensure the Council meets the legal obligation of the Equality Act 2010, taking into account all relevant and appropriate equality considerations.

11.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:

11.1 The Council is committed to achieving climate change targets by 2030. Included at Appendix D on the Executive report is a Sustainability Appraisal and at Appendix K a Green Infrastructure discussion paper.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 Consultation has been undertaken in accordance with the planning regulations and the Council's Statement of Community Involvement.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 There are no additional background papers to this report.