



HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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The Northumberland Local Plan – Healthcare Implications

Report of: Interim Executive Director: Place

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle – Planning, Housing and Resilience

Purpose of report

To provide the Health and Wellbeing Board with an update on the Northumberland Local Plan and the Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan consultation. A presentation on the initial potential healthcare implications will be provided at the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board:

1. Consider the contents of the report and presentation and provide comment.
2. Agree to consider 6 monthly progress updates.

Link to Corporate Plan

This report is relevant to the following key themes in the Corporate Plan for 2018-2021:

- How - We want to be efficient, open and work for everyone;
- Living - We want you to feel safe, healthy and cared for;
- Enjoying - We want you to love where you live;
- Connecting - We want you to have access to the things you need;
- Learning - We want you to achieve and realise your potential; and
- Thriving - We want to attract more and better jobs

Key issues

The Council is currently preparing a new Local Plan for Northumberland, covering the period 2016 to 2036. The Northumberland Local Plan will:

- Set the strategic planning policies of the Council, taking account of key factors like population trends, economic growth, climate change, resources and environmental character;
- Set the general scale and distribution of new development which is required to meet Northumberland's needs to 2036;

- Provide the planning principles¹, including detailed ‘development management’ policies to guide decisions on planning applications;
- Show in detail where new homes, workplaces and facilities will be located through allocations of land; and
- Show key environmental designations and include site specific proposals for the conservation and enhancement of historic and natural assets.

In accordance with National Planning Policy the Council must, through the Local Plan, provide a positive planning policy framework that supports and grows the economy.

Background

The Local Plan can be accessed at www.northumberland.gov.uk/localplan from 4 July 2018.

The most significant challenge to the delivery of the vision of the Draft Local Plan is the profile of the Northumberland population. Without positive policy intervention, projections show that there is likely to be a significant accelerating ageing of Northumberland’s population. This change in the age profile has substantial potential to have a significant negative impact on the long term diversity and resilience of communities across Northumberland.

The Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan consultation commenced on 4 July 2018 and runs for 6 weeks, ending on 15 August 2018. As well as the consultation document being available online, hard copies are also available at Customer Information Centres and Libraries throughout the County. Hard copies of the consultation document will also be available to purchase. A CD with the consultation document is also available on request.

Implications

Policy	The Local Plan when adopted will form part of the Council’s policy framework.
Finance and value for money	Plan preparation costs will largely be met from within existing Council’s budgets. Any additional costs preparing the Local Plan will be funded from Council reserves.
Legal	Local Planning Authorities must prepare a Local Plan which sets planning policies in a local authority area. Local Plans must be positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy in accordance with Section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and the National Planning Policy Framework, Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and the National Planning Policy Framework.
Procurement	External expertise has been procured to assist with the preparation of evidence base studies, where the nature of the work is of a specialist nature. Additional external capacity, in the form of project management and critical friend support has also been procured to assist in the preparation of the Local Plan.
Human	Work on the Local Plan involves both Council Officers and

¹ Excluding the Northumberland National Park which is a separate Local Planning Authority and has separate planning policies.

Resources	Members.
Property	The adopted Local Plan will apply to land and buildings owned by the County Council as they apply to land and buildings owned by others.
Equalities (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	An Equality Assessment will be published alongside the Regulation 19 - Publication of Local Plan consultation document.
Risk Assessment	There is a risk of intervention by the Secretary of State if delivery milestones are not met. The regulation 18 consultation is the first milestone on the LDS. A detailed project plan and resources plan are in place and are monitored on a regular basis.
Crime & Disorder	Crime and disorder considerations will be taken into account in the preparation of the Local Plan.
Customer Consideration	The Local Plan once adopted will supersede many planning policies from the former County and District Council planning documents into a single document, ensuring consistency in planning policies across the County and thereby making it easier for the public to understand.
Carbon reduction	The emerging Northumberland Local Plan includes draft policy approaches relating to climate change and carbon reduction.
Wards	All.

Background papers:

- Northumberland Local Plan - Local Development Scheme (April 2018)
- Northumberland Local Plan - Regulation 18 Draft Plan for consultation and accompanying policies map (July 2018)

Report sign off.

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