

Cabinet Meeting Resolution

**Executive
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E2681

Core Strategy for recommendation to Council

Date of Meeting	10-Jul-14
The Issue	<i>The Inspector has completed his examination of the B&NES Core Strategy. The Council must decide whether it accepts the Inspector's recommendations thereby enabling it to formally adopt the Core Strategy.</i>
The decision	<p>(1) To RECOMMEND to Council:</p> <p>a) To accept the main modifications listed in Attachment 1 that the Inspector considers are needed to make the Plan sound in accordance with section 23 (3) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004;</p> <p>b) To agree the Minor Modifications listed in Attachment 2 to the B&NES Core Strategy which are needed to ensure consistency and accuracy in the Plan;</p> <p>c) To adopt the B&NES Core Strategy (Local Plan Part 1) as modified in (a) and (b) above for the purposes of section 38(6) of the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act;</p> <p>d) To agree that the B&NES Policies Map is amended in line with (a) and (b) above, and</p> <p>e) To agree that the adopted Supplementary Planning Documents/ Guidance listed in Attachment 3 should supplement the Core Strategy.</p>
Rationale for decision	<p>Adoption of the Core Strategy brings with it significant benefits and reduces other risks to the Council. In particular;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once adopted the Council can give full weight to the Core Strategy in planning decisions thereby reducing the vulnerability to harmful planning applications, • It enables progress to be made on the preparation of the CIL which has to be in place by early Spring 2015 in order to maximise income for the Council • It facilitates delivery of corporate objectives by providing clarity on key development locations and on the delivery of housing and economic growth • It provides certainty to local communities and the development industry on the location of new development.
Other options considered	<p>The options open to the Council are set out in s.23 of the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. If the Council rejects one or more of Inspector's recommended modifications, it cannot then proceed to adopt the Core Strategy. The Council therefore has three options:</p> <p>(a) adopt the Core Strategy with the modifications recommended by the Inspector; or</p> <p>(b) adopt the Core Strategy with the modifications recommended by the Inspector and the minor modifications recommended by officers; or</p> <p>(c) resolve not to adopt the Core Strategy.</p>

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In the case of (c), the Council would need to withdraw the Core Strategy and begin preparation of a new style Local Plan. Because the Duty to Cooperate would now apply, this work would need to be done in conjunction with adjoining authorities as part of a wider review of West of England plans. It would be a number of years before a new Local Plan could be put in place.

The Decision is subject to Call-In within 5 working days of publication of the decision