

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive Forward Plan Reference	E3515
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B&NES Council response to Bristol City Council Publication Draft Local Plan

Decision maker/s	Cllr Matt McCabe, Cabinet Member for Built Environment and Sustainable Development
The Issue	Bristol City Council has progressed its Local Plan to the Publication Draft Stage for consultation under Regulation 19 of the Town and County Planning (Local Planning) Regulations (England) 2012. This is an important stage in Local Plan preparation prior to its submission for examination by a Planning Inspector. Bristol has close physical and functional relationships with Bath and North East Somerset (B&NES) communities. It is important that B&NES Council responds to consultation on the Bristol Local Plan. The recommended response is set out in attachment 1 to the Single Member Decision Report for consideration and endorsement by the Cabinet Member for Built Environment and Sustainable Development
Decision Date	23 rd February 2024
The decision	<p>The Cabinet Member agrees that:</p> <p>The comments set out in attachment 1 to the Single Member Decision report are endorsed as this Council’s response to the Bristol Publication Draft Local Plan.</p> <p>B&NES Council should continue to engage constructively and on an ongoing basis with Bristol City Council on the preparation of its Local Plan in accordance with the Duty to Co-operate.</p>
Rationale for decision	<p>Bristol City Council is preparing its Local Plan to cover an 18-year plan period up to 2040. The Bristol Local Plan has reached the Publication Draft stage and has been published for consultation under Reg 19 of the Town and County Planning (Local Planning) Regulations (England) 2012. This is an important stage in Local Plan preparation prior to submission of the Draft Local Plan and representations received on it for examination by a Planning Inspector.</p> <p>As an authority neighbouring Bristol City Council, B&NES Council is required, under the Duty to Co-operate, to engage constructively and an ongoing basis on strategic, cross boundary matters in the preparation of the Bristol Local Plan. It is also important that we work with Bristol CC on its Local Plan given that Bristol has close physical and functional relationships with B&NES communities.</p> <p>B&NES Council continues to work and engage with Bristol CC in ensuring our respective Local Plans appropriately address the cross boundary strategic matters. This includes through commenting on the various iterations of the Bristol Local Plan. The matters on which</p>

	<p>engagement has taken place and the outcomes of this engagement is documented in a Statement of Common Ground that will be updated during plan preparation.</p> <p>B&NES comments on the Bristol Publication Draft Local Plan consultation document set out in Attachment 1 relate to cross-boundary strategic issues and focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unmet housing need arising in Bristol and B&NES responding to the request from Bristol CC to accommodate a proportion of the unmet need through the B&NES Local Plan • Other specific housing needs, including student accommodation and Traveller pitches • Strategy relating to economic uses/development • Development at Bath Road, Brislington and the need to continue working together in relation to development in the wider area • Transport issues • Other cross boundary strategic matters e.g. flood risk and renewable energy
Financial and budget implications	<p>Engaging in the preparation of the Bristol Local Plan and the preparation of comments on the Bristol Publication Draft Local Plan has been undertaken by the Planning Policy Team, with input from the Transport Planning Team, and the costs covered within the existing salary budget. It is anticipated that any costs arising from on-going engagement with Bristol CC on its Local Plan, via the Duty to Co-operate, will also be covered within the existing salary budget and the Council's LDF budget.</p>
Issues considered	<p>Sustainability; Property; Equality (age, race, disability, religion/belief, gender, sexual orientation); Corporate; Other Legal Considerations</p>
Consultation undertaken	<p>Cabinet colleagues; Stakeholders/Partners; Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer</p>
How consultation was carried out	<p>Consultation was undertaken through informal meetings and email.</p>
Other options considered	<p>No other options considered.</p>
Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision:	<p>None.</p>
Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:	<p>None.</p>

Name and Signature of Decision Maker/s	Cllr Matt McCabe Cabinet Member for Built Environment and Sustainable Development
Date of Signature	23 rd February 2024
Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision	