

Policy and Resources Committee	
Meeting Date	11 September 2024
Report Title	Local Plan Review – Vision and Objectives, and Growth Options
EMT Lead	Emma Wiggins Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods
SMT Lead	Joanne Johnson Head of Place
Lead Officer	Stuart Watson Project Manager (Policy)
Classification	Open
Recommendations	<p>1. Members of Policy and Resources Committee are recommended (by the Planning and Transportation Policy Working Group) to recommend the proposed Vision and Objectives for the Draft Plan Regulation 18 document to Full Council.</p> <p>2. Members of the Policy and Resources Committee are recommended (by the Planning and Transportation Policy Working Group) to recommend to Full Council that Growth Option 6 is progressed to Regulation 18 consultation stage.</p>

1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek recommendation to Full Council that the proposed Vision and Objectives, and Growth Option 6 be taken forward into the drafting of the Local Plan Review Regulation 18 Report. The report taken to Planning and Transportation Policy Working Group (PTPWG) on 8th August 2024 is provided at Appendix I. The draft minutes of the 8th August PTPWG meeting are provided in Appendix II.

2 Background

- 2.1 The discussion at PTPWG involved the discussion of two matters: the Vision and Objectives, and Growth Options for the Local Plan Review.
- 2.2 There was a short discussion on the Vision and Objectives which were largely endorsed, with the focus of the debate on the Growth Options. The minutes of the meeting provided at Appendix II provide a commentary of the debate.

3 Proposals

- 3.1 On 8th August 2024, PTPWG resolved:

- 1 That the proposed vision and objectives for the Draft Plan Regulation 18 document be recommended to Policy and Resources Committee;
- 2 That a growth strategy for the Draft Plan Regulation 18 consultation be recommended to Policy and Resources for progression to Regulation 18 consultation stage, with Option 6 being the preferred option.

4 Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

4.1 No alternative options were presented with regards to the Vision and Objectives, with the report highlighting their genesis from past consultations. Members were invited to comment on these as drafts.

4.2 In terms of the Growth Options, 6 options were presented for consideration by members. Officers did not express a preferred option:

- Option 1: Continue Bearing Fruits Local Plan approach;
- Option 2: Strategic site in *west* of Borough/settlement hierarchy hybrid;
- Option 3: Strategic site in *east* of Borough/settlement hierarchy hybrid;
- Option 4: Strategic sites in east and west of Borough/settlement hierarchy hybrid;
- Option 5: Strategic scale new settlement/settlement hierarchy hybrid;
- Option 6: Very large strategic site in east of Borough/settlement hierarchy hybrid.

4.3 After consideration of all the options, Options 1-5 were rejected in favour of Option 6. It was recommended that all options are assessed at the Regulation 18 consultation stage, as local authorities are required to assess all reasonable alternative options. Option 6 is recommended as the authority's preferred Option for the consultation.

5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

5.1 Consultation is proposed for the Local Plan Regulation 18 as set out in the Local Development Scheme, which would include the Vision and Objectives discussed, and would follow Growth Option 6 should the recommendations be taken forward. This timetable is in line with the Council's current Local Development Scheme.

6 Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	The proposals in the report align with the following Corporate Plan action: A Local Plan with local needs and capacity at its heart.
Financial, Resource and Property	This report will have no specific budgetary implications.
Legal, Statutory and Procurement	Preparation of a Local Plan is carried out under a national legislative and regulatory framework.

Crime and Disorder	None identified at this stage.
Environment and Climate/Ecological Emergency	The Local Plan will be supported by its own Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulation Assessment at each key stage in decision making.
Health and Wellbeing	None identified at this stage
Safeguarding of Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults	None identified at this stage.
Risk Management and Health and Safety	None identified at this stage.
Equality and Diversity	None identified at this stage.
Privacy and Data Protection	None identified at this stage.

7 Appendices

- 7.1 Appendix I Local Plan Review Vision and Growth Options Report PTPWG 8th August.
- 7.2 Appendix II Draft Minutes PTPWG 8th August.

8 Background Papers

- 8.1 None.

