

PLANNING POLICY DOCUMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION BY PLANNING POLICY ADVISORY GROUP, CABINET AND THE COUNCIL

Cabinet Member Cllr Richard Chesterton
Responsible Officer Head of Planning and Regeneration – Mrs Jenny Clifford

Reason for Report:

To amend which planning policy documents will be considered by the Planning Policy Advisory Group (PPAG), Cabinet and Council, providing further detail and clarity pertinent to the Scheme of Delegation within the Council's Constitution.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Cabinet approve the updated table setting out which planning policy documents require approval by PPAG, Cabinet and Council as set out in the table at Appendix I.

Relationship to Corporate Plan: To ensure planning policy reflects the corporate plan objectives.

Financial Implications: None.

Legal Implications: None – Local Plans will still require adoption by full Council.

Risk Assessment: Identifying the documents as set out in the table removes any misunderstanding or misinterpretation and reduces the chances for errors or omissions.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Planning Committee at its meeting on 1st July 2015 agreed to amend the Council's Scheme of Delegation so that Cabinet would have responsibility for designating or amending Conservation Area boundaries rather than Planning Committee, consistent with the decision-making route for other planning policy documents such as Local Plans and Supplementary Planning Documents. A Cabinet meeting the following day approved the addition of Conservation Area Appraisals to the policy documents for consideration by Cabinet, along with Article 4 Directions and Neighbourhood Plans. The decision is one of several adjustments to which planning policy documents need to be approved by the Planning Policy Advisory Group (PPAG), Cabinet and Council, which have been the subject of Cabinet reports in January 2016, May 2013 and March 2012. The purpose of this report is to bring a number of changes under one report and correct some anomalies between them, in the interests of clarity.
- 1.2 Local Plans which include strategic site allocations require separate Cabinet meetings in Tiverton, Cullompton and Crediton. These took place for the Local Plan Review on 27th November 2014 (Crediton), 4th December 2014 (Tiverton) and 11th December (Cullompton), followed by a Council meeting on 17th December 2014. The Local Plan was approved for consultation and submission, with delegated authority granted to the Head of Planning &

Regeneration in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning to make minor changes.

1.3 Submission of the Local Plan has been delayed while further evidence is prepared to support the proposed strategic allocation at East Cullompton. A report will return to Cabinet and Council before the Local Plan is submitted for examination, to update members on the outcomes of this work, summarise the responses received to the consultation which took place February-March 2015 and make recommendations on any modifications to the plan. In accordance with a Council motion carried on 27th April 2016, the report will set out the implications of making a major modification to the Local Plan Review to include a commercial site allocation at Junction 27. As the purpose of the Local Plan's return to Cabinet and Council is to update and inform members in this way, rather than to reconsider the principle of strategic allocations already proposed in the plan and approved by the Council, it is not intended to hold a further set of separate meetings in each of the towns.

1.4 The proposed decision-making procedure is set out at Appendix I.

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Circulation of the Report: Cabinet Member for Planning & Regeneration;
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List of Background Papers: Previous Cabinet Reports regarding the decision-making route for planning policy documents are available at:

<https://democracy.middevon.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Act=earlier&CId=133&D=201507301415&MD=ielistmeetings>

APPENDIX I

Type of Policy Document	Planning Policy Advisory Group	Cabinet	Council for approval of submission document or adoption	Requires separate meeting of Cabinet in each of the main towns
Local Development Scheme	No	Yes	No	No
Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Local Plans	Yes	Yes	Yes	No (unless it includes reference to strategic site allocations)
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD)	Yes	Yes	No (except Masterplans)	No
Introduction of new Conservation Areas	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Conservation Area Appraisals (Changes to Conservation Area Boundaries Proposed)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Conservation Area Appraisals (Technical assessments with no boundary changes proposed)	Yes	Delegated approval by the Head of Planning, Ward Member(s) & Cabinet Member (P&R).	No	No
Article 4 Directions	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Neighbourhood Plans	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Neighbourhood Plan Area Designations	If approved and the proposed areas adhere to parish boundaries then decisions made by the Head of Planning in consultation with the Cabinet Member (P&R). If not approved, or does not follow Parish Boundaries, then decision referred to Cabinet.			

Area of Special Control for Advertisements	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Annual Monitoring Report	No	No	No	No