

**REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL RESPONSE TO THE GREATER BIRMINGHAM
AND SOLIHULL LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP SPATIAL PLAN FOR
RECOVERY AND GROWTH CONSULTATION DRAFT (SEPTEMBER 2013)**

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Greg Chance
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
Relevant Head of Service	Ruth Bamford
Ward(s) Affected	All Wards
Non-Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

This Report seeks approval of the Redditch Borough Council response to the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership (GBSLEP) Spatial Plan for Recovery and Growth Consultation Draft (September 2013) (App. 1).

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Committee is asked to RECOMMEND that

the Redditch Borough Council response to the GBSLEP Spatial Plan for Recovery and Growth Consultation Draft (September 2013) (Appendix 1) be approved.

3. KEY ISSUES

Financial Implications

3.2 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Legal Implications

3.3 The Localism Act 2011 requires each Local Authority to discharge the Duty to Cooperate. The Duty to Cooperate is a legal requirement to ensure cooperation between Local Planning Authorities, County Councils and prescribed bodies. One way of discharging the duty is for collaborative working within the LEP. This report ensures continuous involvement in the activities of the LEP and therefore will assist in discharging the Duty to Cooperate.

Service / Operational Implications

3.4 The Draft Spatial Plan being consulted upon is the strategic spatial framework plan for the LEP area. It looks at the scale, broad distribution and directions of growth and the component elements which make up that growth. It is intended that once finalised it will provide a strategic steer and coherence to the individual development plans across the LEP area.

- 3.5 Redditch is part of the GBSLEP and are fully supportive of the principles contained within the Spatial Plan. This Spatial Plan for Recovery and Growth Consultation Draft seeks to provide a steer to the growth needed in the LEP area. The Borough Council is supportive of this but aware that further work is currently being completed regarding the scale of growth required for Birmingham and understands this work will need to inform the emerging plan. This work will also inform the options available for dealing with this growth. Therefore at this stage no response can be provided on the best approach for dealing with the growth until more information regarding the scale of growth is known.
- 3.6 A positive response to the GBSLEP Spatial Plan for Recovery and Growth Consultation Draft (Appendix 1) has been prepared by Officers. This response is considered appropriate at this time as Redditch is a member of and supports the role of the GBLEP and is fully supportive of the principles contained within the Spatial Plan as they accurately reflect the Councils emerging Local Plan.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.7 It is important for the development of Local Plan No.4 for there to be continuous involvement in the work of the GBSLEP as this will ensure that the development of the Local Plan is appropriate for the community of Redditch.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

If the response is not submitted this could potentially appear unsupportive of GBSLEPs continuing work, this could jeopardise future working relationships.

5. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Redditch Borough Council response to Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership Spatial Plan for Recovery and Growth Consultation Draft (September 2013)

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership Spatial Plan for Recovery and Growth Consultation Draft (September 2013)

7. KEY

GBSLEP - Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership

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