

REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Date 8th September 2015

RESPONSE TO STRATFORD-ON-AVON DISTRICT COUNCIL CORE STRATEGY PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS

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

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

This report has been prepared to request that the Council approve the response prepared to Stratford-on-Avon's 'Core Strategy Proposed Modifications in response to the Inspector's Interim Conclusions' consultation opportunity.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Executive Committee is asked to **RECOMMEND**

That the Council's response (Appendix 1) prepared to Stratford-on-Avon's Core Strategy Proposed Modifications consultation is endorsed.

3. KEY ISSUES

Financial Implications

3.1 No financial implications.

Legal Implications

3.2 No legal implications.

Service / Operational Implications

3.3 Stratford-on-Avon District Council has been preparing their Core Strategy since 2007. Their Core Strategy will guide development and change in the District up to 2031. It will determine where new homes are built, where new jobs are created and how people can travel to get to the things they need. The Strategy will present a vision of how the District will look and function in future years.

3.4 Since 2007 there has been significant progress and a number of consultations on the Core Strategy, with the strategy being submitted to the Secretary of State in September 2014 for consideration. The Examination Hearing sessions took place in January 2015.

- 3.5 Stratford-on-Avon Council are currently consulting on the 'Core Strategy Proposed Modifications in response to the Inspectors Interim Conclusions'. The period for submitting Representations to this consultation ends on Friday 25 September 2015.
- 3.6 Following consideration at Planning Advisory Panel, Officers have prepared a response to this consultation which considers the document to be legally compliant and sound. This has been completed on the official representations form. However, paragraph 5.2.3 the Core Strategy states that the level of housing development being put forward is required to balance the number of homes with expected number of jobs. However, the migration of additional people to supply this labour force must surely be imported from elsewhere. The response questions the origin of these future residents and wider implications of this. It may or may not be the case that the skills levels of the Redditch workforce would match the type of jobs that Stratford are proposing in the Core Strategy (such as the expansion of JLR) but this information is not currently provided.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.7 The report has been prepared to represent the interests of residents, businesses and stakeholders of Redditch. If neighbouring districts draw in population from Redditch there may be the potential for negative implications on the Borough.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 There are no risks associated with this report.

5. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Core Strategy Proposed Modifications in response to the Inspectors Interim Conclusions – Representation Form

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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