

**RBC RESPONSE TO BDC'S ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION**

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Cllr M Dormer
Portfolio Holder Consulted	YES
Relevant Head of Service	Ruth Bamford
Ward(s) Affected	All
Ward Councillor(s) Consulted	Yes via Planning Advisory Panel

**1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS**

- 1.1 Bromsgrove District Council (BDC) has been consulting on the Bromsgrove District Plan Review, Issues and Options document, which sets out potential strategic options for the District and potential issues within the District which need to be addressed in the Local Plan Review. BDC sought comments on all aspects of the document. BDC also consulted on the draft Green Belt Purposes Assessment Methodology and Site Selection Methodology as part of the same consultation. The consultation ran between 24<sup>th</sup> September and 19<sup>th</sup> November.
- 1.2 Appendix A is the informal officer response submitted to the consultation, due to the scheduling of meetings it has not been possible to have this response considered by members in advance of the deadline for comments. The consultation is non statutory and should a further or different response need to be submitted it is possible to do this.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that**

**the report be noted.**

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

**the draft Officer Response to Bromsgrove District Plan Review Issues and Options (as attached at Appendix A) be approved by Council and submitted to Bromsgrove District Council as a formal consultation response.**

**3. KEY ISSUES**

**Financial Implications**

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

**Legal Implications**

- 3.2 BDC is carrying out the consultation in accordance with Regulation 18 of the Town & Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. It is important that Redditch Borough Council engages at the appropriate stages in planning process, this is the first substantive opportunity to respond to the proposals.

**Service / Operational Implications**

**Summary of Response**

- 3.3 The Bromsgrove District Plan Review Issues and Options consultation is the first consultation stage of the planning strategy for BDC, this plan once adopted will replace the extant Bromsgrove District Local Plan 2011-2030 (BDP) which was adopted in 2017. The Issues and Options document is asking opinions on a variety of topics: strategic issues; housing; employment; transport; town centre and local centres; social infrastructure; natural and historic environments and climate change and water resources.
- 3.4 Within the Strategic Issues part of the plan, *Strategic Issues 4: Board options for development distribution and allocating land uses* proposes nine broad options for development distribution. Option 6 *Focus development on the edge of Redditch*, would require a close working relationship with BDC to ensure services and facilities within RBC are fully supported. Option 8 *Reconsideration of existing unconsented allocations on the boundary with Redditch Borough* could adversely impact RBC as these sites are currently allocated in the BDP for Redditch's housing need.
- 3.3 The full representation in relation to the strategic issues is contained in the response at Appendix A.

**Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications**

- 3.4 There are no Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications associated with this report.

**4. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 4.1 The risks associated with not responding to this consultation is that RBC's views will not be taken into account by BDC. Specifically, if further responses and attendance at future examinations are required it is essential that the Council's views are expressed as clearly and early as possible.

**5. APPENDICES**

Appendix A - RBC response to Bromsgrove District Plan Review Issues and Options consultation

**6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Bromsgrove District Council Issues and Options Consultation document

**7. KEY**

RBC – Redditch Borough Council

BDC – Bromsgrove District Council

BDP – Bromsgrove District Plan 2011-2030

BORLP4 – Borough of Redditch Local Plan 4 (2011-2030)

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