

## Local Plan 17 July 2019

### Report of the Leader of the Council

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To note a letter from the Planning & Housing Policy Manager to the Planning Inspector.

**This report is public.**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (1) That Council notes the letter from the Planning & Housing Policy Manager reconfirming, in writing to the Planning Inspector, the council's position in accordance with advice given by Counsel for Lancaster City Council on Tuesday 23 May 2019.

**1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 Council, on 20 December 2017, resolved to publish its Local Plan and background evidence, obtain formal representations and submit the documents to the government for Independent Examination.
- 1.2 Examination Hearings took place during April and May 2019, including an additional sitting day on Tuesday 21 May 2019. The Inspector is currently deliberating on the soundness of the submitted documents.
- 1.3 On Tuesday 21 May 2019, the council's team advised the Inspector of the change in political administration following the local election of 2 May 2019.
- 1.4 The council's team advised the Inspector that the Leader of the Council and the Portfolio Holder for Economic Regeneration had specifically asked that the Inspector be informed that the council would consider its approach to the ongoing plan preparation process at the first meeting of the newly elected Council on 26 June 2019.
- 1.5 Whilst this matter was not considered on 26 June 2019, this letter has now come to Council for noting.

**RELATIONSHIP TO POLICY FRAMEWORK**

The Local Plan forms a core part of the council's policy framework, setting out how planning applications should be decided, and identifying areas for development and areas which should be protected from development because of their environmental, social and economic value.

**CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

**(including Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, HR, Sustainability and Rural Proofing):**

No direct impact arising from this report.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

No direct implications arising from this report.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

No direct implications arising from this report.

**OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS, such as Human Resources, Information Services, Property, Open Spaces:**

No direct implications arising from this report.

**SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS**

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comment.

**MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS**

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comment.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Council 20 December 2017: minute 88

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