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Report Originator	Head of Development Services	Fwd Plan Ref No:	
Wards Affected	All	1 November 2016	
Title	NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE JOINT CORE STRATEGY (PART 1 LOCAL PLAN) AND SITE SPECIFIC PART 2 LOCAL PLAN PROGRAMME		

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To formally update Members on the adoption of the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy and to agree the programme for progressing the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan; and

To Inform Members on the proposed approach to developing the Spatial Portrait, Vision and Outcomes for the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan.

2. INFORMATION

North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy

- 2.1 Members will recall that at the last meeting of this Committee on 21st July 2016, a verbal update was provided to announce that the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (JCS) had been adopted (Minute 16.PP.12 refers). The JCS was subsequently subject to a six-week period to allow for any High Court challenge. That period has since passed with no legal challenge made.
- 2.2 The JCS is one part of the statutory Development Plan for North Northamptonshire. The Development Plan, as it relates to Kettering Borough, consists of the JCS (Part 1 Local Plan); saved policies of the Kettering Local Plan (1995); and the Kettering Town Centre Area Action Plan (adopted July 2011). To ensure there are planning policies providing borough-wide coverage for development, officers will be advancing the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan. This document will also replace the remaining policies of the 1995 Local Plan.
- 2.3 One consequence of the new JCS being adopted is that a number of these extant local plan policies - 7 in total, which are now deleted as they are covered by more up-to-date JCS policies. (For example, policies relating to affordable housing.) For information, a copy of the remaining saved policies from the Local Plan in list form is attached in Appendix 1.
- 2.4 Following completion of the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan, the Development Plan for the Kettering Borough area will comprise: the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy – Part 1 Local Plan; Kettering Borough Site Specific Part 2

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Local Plan; Kettering Town Centre Area Action Plan (2011); as well as any 'made' (adopted) Neighbourhood Plans.

Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan

- 2.5 Members may recall that the Joint Core Strategy (JCS) is focussed on a set of strategic planning policies, and the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan (SSP2) will cover the whole of the Borough. It will include the identification of sites for housing, employment, gypsy and traveller accommodation, recreation and other land uses.
- 2.6 Members may also recall that on 2nd September 2015, a report was presented to, and agreed by Members updating on the progress and programme for completing the Part 2 Local Plan (Minute 16.PP.09). There has been slippage in the programme, in part due to a delay in adopting the JCS following Examination in November 2015, but also to take account of the need for additional evidence gathering in some areas of the Plan. Particular areas requiring additional resource include Open Space and Recreation provision, Green Infrastructure Strategy, and Employment Land Allocations.
- 2.7 The revised programme for progressing the Part 2 Local Plan is therefore proposed as follow:
- Draft Plan for consultation – March 2017
 - Pre-Submission Plan for consultation – July 2017
 - Submission to Secretary of State – September 2017
 - Examination – December 2017
 - Receipt of Inspector's Report – May 2018
 - Adoption – July 2018

Spatial Portrait, Vision and Outcomes

- 2.8 The Spatial Portrait, Vision and Outcomes for the Part 2 Local Plan will be an opening introductory chapter to the Plan, setting the spatial context for Kettering Borough as an administrative area, and its characteristics and position within the surrounding area. It will describe the relationship between the Part 1 and Part 2 Local Plan, seeking to tie the two together into a cohesive, strong set of policies to take growth forward to 2031.
- 2.9 Taking the agreed JCS vision as a starting point the SSP2 vision will be locally distinctive to Kettering Borough, and will set out how this plan will deliver the wider North Northamptonshire vision within its own context. It will draw upon relevant Kettering Borough Council corporate strategies and plans, including the Sustainable Community Strategy. An initial draft copy of the Spatial Portrait, Vision and Outcomes is provided at Appendix 2.

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3. **CONSULTATION AND CUSTOMER IMPACT**

- 3.1 The draft Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan will be subject to public consultation in due course. Prior to this, Members will be asked to agree the contents of the plan and the format of the consultation to be undertaken.

4. **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan will form part of the Development Plan for Kettering Borough and will guide the provision of sustainable growth in Kettering Borough.

5. **USE OF RESOURCES**

- 5.1 The preparation of the various documents to make up the Development Plan for Kettering Borough will be met within the existing Development Services Planning Policy budget.

6. **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Members:

- 1) Note the update on the adoption of the Joint Core Strategy;
- 2) Agree the timescales for the preparation of the Site Specific Proposals Local Development Document at paragraphs 2.5 to 2.7; and
- 3) Note and agree to the proposed approach to work on the draft Spatial Portrait, Vision and Objectives for the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan at paragraph 2.8 to 2.9.

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Previous Reports/ Minutes:

Joint Core Strategy:

Ref: North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Consultation on Main Modifications
Date: 15 March 2016

Ref: North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Consultation on Focused Changes
– June 2015
Date: 23 June 2015

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Ref: North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Pre-submission Consultation
January 2015
Date: 3 March 2015

Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan:

Ref: Site Specific Proposals Local Development Document – Update
Date: 2nd September 2015

Ref: Site Specific Proposals Local Development Document – Housing Allocations
Assessment of Additional Sites and Update Consultation
Date: 30th January 2014

Ref: Site Specific Proposals Local Development Document – Housing Allocations
Paper
Date: 30th September 2013

Ref: Site Specific Proposals Local Development Document – Options Paper
Date: 13th September 2012

Ref: Site Specific Proposals Local Development Document – Options Paper
Date: 4th September 2012

Ref: Site Specific Proposals Local Development Document – Options Paper
Consultation
Date: 22nd February 2012