

Oxfordshire Local Plans: Progress Report

Purpose of report

- 1) To update the Growth Board with progress towards Local Plans adoption across the county

Recommendation

(i) That the Growth Board note the report

Background- Progress to date

Cherwell

- 2) The council are undertaking a Partial Review of the adopted Cherwell Local Plan 2031, Part 1 to incorporate the Growth Board's apportionment of Oxford's unmet housing needs to Cherwell. The proposed review was approved by Council in March 2018 and submitted to the Planning Inspector. The timeline for completion is uncertain, although the inspector has indicated he hope to be able to hold an examination in the autumn with adoption a few months after.

Oxford

- 3) Oxford are preparing a Local Plan to 2036. The timeline for completion is;
 - a) Consultation on Preferred Options 30 June - 25 August 2017
 - b) Special full Council considers Proposed Submission Oxford Local Plan 2036 – October 2018
 - c) Consultation on Proposed Submission (Regulation 19) document November 2018
 - d) Submission March 2019
 - e) Examination Summer 2019
 - f) Adoption late 2019
- 4) Oxford are also preparing a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule review. The timeline for completion is:
 - a) Consultation Draft CIL Charging Schedule Autumn 2018
 - b) Submission Spring, 2019
 - c) Examination Summer 2019
 - d) Adoption late 2019
- 5) In addition a new Local Development Scheme, which will confirm dates, and will include the Joint Strategic Spatial Plan is to be prepared. The timetable is to be confirmed.

South Oxfordshire

- 6) South Oxfordshire are preparing a Local Plan to 2033 to provide for the district's own housing needs plus an element of Oxford's unmet needs with a commitment to undertake a partial review of its plan once Oxford City have adopted the City Plan. The timeline for completion is subject to assurances from Government, as set out in the council resolution.

7) The Council decision of 15th May was as below

- (a) subject to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government confirming that submission of the South Oxfordshire Local Plan in January 2020 would not significantly impact on the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal or the freedoms and flexibilities proposed as part of it, to ask officers to reassess all sites capable of forming a strategic allocation promoted through the Local Plan (to 2033) process up to the end of the Regulation 19 publication period (including all strategic sites proposed in the October 2017 Regulation 19 document) and to bring a draft Regulation 18/Regulation 19 document (as required) to Cabinet and Council to seek approval for publication for consultation; and
- (b) in the event that such confirmation from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government is not forthcoming to the satisfaction of the Head of Partnership and Insight and the Head of Planning, in consultation with the Leader of the council and the Cabinet members for planning and partnership and insight by no later than completion of the site filtering exercise (expected July 2018), to adopt Option 3, set out in the report of the Head of Planning to Cabinet on 10 May 2018, and to ask officers to bring the Regulation 19 (October 2017) document including proposed additional reserve site(s) to Cabinet and Council to seek approval for publication for consultation would result in a submission of the Local Plan by end December 2018 to include a reserve site(s).

Vale of White Horse:

- 8) Local Plan Part 1 was adopted in December 2016 and the council are now preparing a Local Plan to 2031, Part 2. This will incorporate the Growth Board's apportionment of Oxford's unmet housing needs to the Vale (plus further sites for the district's own needs). The timeline for completion is;
 - a) Examination July-September 2018
 - b) Adoption Dec 2018

West Oxfordshire

- 9) West Oxfordshire are preparing a Local Plan 2031 to provide for the district's own housing needs and the Growth Board's apportionment of Oxford's unmet housing need. The timeline for completion is on course and is:
 - a) Inspector's initial letter – January 2018
 - b) Consultation on further main modifications –February/April 2018
 - c) Inspector's Report - June 2018
 - d) Adoption – July 2018
- 10) Work has also started on a new Area Action Plan (AAP) for the Oxfordshire Cotswolds Garden Village. The indicative proposed timetable is as follows:
 - a) Initial 'issues' type consultation – June 2018
 - b) Further 'preferred approach' type consultation – September 2018
 - c) Formal Regulation 19 publication – January 2019
 - d) Submission – April 2019
 - e) Examination – June 2019
 - f) Adoption – October 2019