

(Approved by Council on 16 July 2013)

**EXECUTIVE – SPECIAL MEETING**

**MONDAY 17 JUNE 2013 AT 4.00 PM**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Glover (Deputy Leader; and Economy and Enterprise Portfolio Holder)  
Councillor Ms Quilter (Culture, Health, Leisure and Young People Portfolio Holder)  
Councillor Mrs Riddle (Communities and Housing Portfolio Holder)  
Councillor Mrs Martlew (Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder)  
Councillor Dr Tickner (Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder)

**OFFICERS:**

Town Clerk and Chief Executive  
Deputy Chief Executive  
Director of Economic Development  
Director of Governance  
Director of Resources  
Director of Community Engagement  
Director of Local Environment

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Councillor Allison (Observer)

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest affecting the business to be transacted at the meeting.

**EX.64/13      LOCAL PLAN – LAND ALLOCATIONS**  
(Key Decision – KD.014/13)

**Portfolio**      Economy and Enterprise

**Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel**      Environment and Economy

**Subject Matter**

The Deputy Leader; and Economy and Enterprise Portfolio Holder reported (ED.14/13) on the Carlisle District Local Plan land allocations.

The Deputy Leader; and Economy and Enterprise Portfolio Holder outlined the background to the matter, reminding Members that the development management and strategic policies and vision had been brought before the Executive on 31 May 2013 (Minute EX.55/13) and considered by the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel

on 13 June 2013 (Minute EEOSP.38/13). Together with the site allocations for development identified in report ED.14/13, they would form the Carlisle District Local Plan 2015 – 2030. He added that the Plan would provide a statutory planning policy framework for Carlisle District which would in turn provide developer and community confidence in decision making.

The report identified the Preferred Options for sites to be allocated for a range of development including housing, employment and community uses up to 2030. The allocations would help to meet the objectives of the strategic housing and employment policies. Following the findings in the retail study that by 2021 Carlisle could accommodate an additional 16 900sq m of retail floor space, work was also currently being undertaken on a City Centre Master Plan.

Maps showing the preferred locations for a range of housing to meet the needs of current and future population, employment sites and a health centre at Brampton were appended to the report.

The Deputy Leader; and Economy and Enterprise Portfolio Holder informed Members that the Preferred Options site allocations had been identified through a variety of sources, including:

- sites previously assessed and consulted on through the SHLAA
- sites recently submitted to the Council
- a review of land allocations in the current Local Plan
- a review of sites in other corporate strategic documents, such as the Asset Management Plan
- Carlisle Employment Land Study
- Carlisle Retail Study

In terms of housing, and in response to representations received from villages wishing to see protection and managed growth, an urban / rural split of 70 / 30% was proposed. All of the Preferred Options site allocations put forward in the report were required in order for the Council to meet its proposed annual housing target of 550 – 650 per year, with an urban / rural split of 70 / 30%. Although no firm decisions had yet been taken, it should be noted that the effect of removing a site would be the need to allocate an equivalent alternative elsewhere.

The Deputy Leader; and Economy and Enterprise Portfolio Holder emphasised that the Executive wished to grow the City and the economy in a managed way, ensuring that sufficient capacity existed to attract inward investment and jobs. That course of action would clearly demonstrate that they had ambition for the City.

As the Council could currently demonstrate a five year housing supply with an additional buffer of 20%, it was not considered necessary to allocate sites for development in the first five years of the Plan period. The Preferred Options site allocations were therefore intended to come forward in years 6 – 10. For years 11 -15 (i.e. 2025 – 2030) a broad location for growth had been identified in the area of Carlisle south, spreading westwards from junction 42 of the M6 to Durdar, with potential to expand further in a later plan period. The ultimate aim of that area of development would be to enable the construction of a southern relief road linking Junction 42 with the newly opened western relief road (CNDR).

Details of the Strategic Housing Policy and next stages were also provided.

In conclusion, the Deputy Leader; and Economy and Enterprise Portfolio Holder moved the recommendation that the Preferred Options stage of the Carlisle District Local Plan 2015 – 2030 (Site Allocations) be made available for consideration by the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel and, subject to any issues arising from the Panel, be reported back to the Executive on 15 July 2013, with a recommendation to refer to Council on 16 July 2013 for approval for public consultation for a six week period.

The Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder seconded the recommendation.

**Summary of options rejected**    None

## **DECISION**

That the Preferred Options stage of the Carlisle District Local Plan 2015 – 2030 (Site Allocations) be made available for consideration by the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel and, subject to any issues arising from the Panel, be reported back to the Executive on 15 July 2013, with a recommendation to refer to Council on 16 July 2013 for approval for public consultation for a six week period.

## **Reasons for Decision**

Approval of the Preferred Options Site Allocations would enable the whole Local Plan, (policies and allocations), to meet the timescale set out in the Planning Service Project Plan. Having an up to date Local Plan was a central requirement of Government Planning policy, and provided an effective Policy Framework to guide development over the Plan period, and on which to make decisions on planning applications. It also gave certainty and confidence to developers and the community

(The meeting ended at 4.12 pm)