

Committee(s)	Dated:
Local Plans Sub (Planning and Transportation) Committee	19/09/2018
Subject: City of London Local Plan Review: Proposed draft policies	Public
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Summary

At previous meetings of this Sub-Committee, Members have considered emerging draft policies for the new Local Plan. Members made several comments and suggestions, which will inform the final version of the draft Plan that is presented to this Sub-Committee and to the Grand Committee. Four final sets of draft policies are attached to this report for discussion and agreement. Appendices 1-4 contain the proposed policy wording in relation to Planning Contributions; Vehicular Transport and Servicing; Walking, Cycling and Healthy Streets; and the Key Areas of Change.

Recommendations

Members are recommended to:

- Agree the proposed draft policies set out at Appendices 1-4 of this report;

Main Report

Background

1. At the meetings of this Sub-Committee on 22nd September 2017 and 6th October 2017, Members agreed the broad structure of the draft Local Plan and considered policy directions for key policy areas. Officers are currently preparing draft policies, informed by the steer from Members and a range of other factors such as national policy, the London Plan, the evidence base and the outcome of the Issues and Options consultation.
2. Thirteen sets of policies have so far been considered at previous meetings of this Sub-Committee, namely Culture, Visitors and the Night-Time Economy; Circular Economy and Waste; Smart Infrastructure and Utilities; Climate Resilience and Flood Risk; Historic Environment; Healthy and Inclusive City; Housing; Safe and Secure City; Open Spaces and Green Infrastructure; Retailing; Offices; Tall Buildings and Protected Views; and Design.
3. Members made various comments and suggestions, which will be reflected in the amended versions of those policies when the full draft Local Plan is reported to this Sub-Committee and to the Grand Committee in October 2018.

Draft policies

4. The following sections of the Local Plan have now been drafted and are attached as Appendices 1-4 of this report:
 - Planning Contributions;
 - Vehicular Transport and Servicing;
 - Walking, Cycling and Healthy Streets; and
 - Key Areas of Change
5. Members are asked to consider the proposed policy wording and to advise of any additions, deletions or other amendments that should be made before the relevant policies are presented to the Grand Committee.
6. The Sub-Committee previously indicated that it wished to consider the detailed wording of all the policies in the draft Local Plan but not the supporting text. Members are therefore asked to focus comments on the wording in the policy boxes. However, the supporting text is also presented to help explain the reasoning behind the proposed policies, and may assist with understanding the terminology used in some of the draft policies.
7. The draft Local Plan is being written at the same time as the draft Transport Strategy, and officers are working to ensure that these two important strategic documents are aligned as closely as possible. The draft Local Plan policies relating to Vehicular Transport and Servicing and Walking, Cycling and Healthy Streets have been informed by early working versions of the draft Transport Strategy, and may need to change to reflect any changes made to the draft Transport Strategy as it goes through the committee approval process.
8. At the last meeting of this Sub-Committee held in July 2018, Members considered and agreed vision papers for the following six Key Areas of Change (KAoC) in the new Local Plan:
 - Aldgate and Tower;
 - Blackfriars;
 - City Cluster;
 - Fleet Street;
 - Pool of London; and
 - Smithfield and Barbican
9. Following that meeting, a Member suggested that consideration be given to including another KAoC around Liverpool Street station to address changes likely to arise from the opening of the Elizabeth Line. Officers consider that the case for including this as a KAoC is finely balanced as most of the proposed developments in the area have either already gone through the planning process or will have done so by the time the new Plan is adopted. On the other hand, there are a number of wider planning and transport issues in this part of the City, including physical, social and economic linkages to Culture

Mile and the ‘Tech City’ area focused on Old Street, Shoreditch and Spitalfields. Accordingly, officers have drafted a KAoC policy and Members are asked to decide if they wish this to be included in the draft Local Plan.

10. Illustrative diagrams of each proposed KAoC are being prepared and will be circulated at the meeting.

Next steps

11. The draft policies presented to this meeting are the final ones to be considered by the Sub-Committee. Following this meeting, officers will prepare a full version of the draft Local Plan, to be known as City Plan 2036, including the amendments requested by the Sub-Committee at previous meetings over the past year. It is intended to bring the full Plan back to the Sub-Committee for approval on 9th October before it is reported to the Grand Committee on 30th October so that it can be published for public consultation alongside the draft Transport Strategy in November 2018.
12. Comments received during the consultation period will be considered and changes made to the Plan as appropriate. A final version of City Plan 2036 will be published for a further round of consultation in summer/autumn 2019, following which there will be a statutory examination conducted by an independent planning Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government. The new Plan is expected to be adopted in 2020.

Corporate and Strategic Implications

13. The review of the Local Plan is being informed by the new Corporate Plan (2018-23) and will provide an opportunity to complement key corporate objectives, such as developing Culture Mile and progressing the Future City agenda.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – draft policies on Planning Contributions
- Appendix 2 – draft policies on Vehicular Transport and Servicing
- Appendix 3 – draft policies on Walking, Cycling and Healthy Streets
- Appendix 4 – draft policies on the Key Areas of Change

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