

<b>Committee(s)</b>	<b>Dated:</b>
Local Plans Sub (Planning and Transportation) Committee	6 <sup>th</sup> October 2017
<b>Subject:</b> City of London Local Plan Review: Draft City Plan 2036	<b>Public</b>
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## Summary

This report sets out a series of short discussion papers relating to key policy issues that will need to be addressed in the Local Plan. The views expressed by the Sub-Committee will be used to help inform the development of detailed policies on these topics. Further meetings of the Sub-Committee will be arranged later in the autumn to consider the proposed vision, objectives and policies for the Draft Local Plan.

## Recommendations

Members are recommended to:

- Note the contents of this report and appendices; and
- Advice on the questions and proposals set out in appendices 1-6 to inform the preparation of the Draft City Plan 2036.

## Main Report

### Background

1. The previous meeting of the Sub-Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017 heard an update on progress with the Local Plan review and agreed the broad approach that the Sub-Committee would take to the task of scrutinising the emerging Draft Local Plan. The Sub-Committee agreed that the structure of the Draft Local Plan should be based on the structure of the Draft Corporate Plan, and it reached some initial conclusions about the areas of the City which should be subject to spatial policies in the Draft Local Plan.
2. At the meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017, the Sub-Committee also considered a paper which summarised in broad terms the potential policy approaches which could be taken in relation to office development and the protection of offices in the Draft Local Plan. The main purpose of this meeting is to consider a series of further papers relating to key policy issues that will need to be addressed in the Local Plan.

## **Key policy issues**

3. Attached to this report as Appendices 1-6 are a series of short discussion papers that relate to the following topics:
  - Visitors and Culture;
  - Housing;
  - Public Transport, Movement and Healthy Streets;
  - Environmental Responsibility and City Greening;
  - Smart City and Utilities; and
  - Resilience
4. Each paper highlights a small number of key questions for consideration by the Sub-Committee. The views expressed by the Sub-Committee will be used to help inform the development of detailed policies on these topics.

## **Public Consultation**

5. At the previous meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, some concern was expressed about the relatively low level of response to the public consultation carried out at the Issues and Options stage of the Local Plan review in autumn 2016. It was pointed out that on past experience, there is likely to be a greater level of response when the Draft Plan is published, as this is the stage when individuals and organisations can see what the City Corporation is proposing and comment accordingly.
6. Nonetheless, officers are keen to explore some more innovative forms of consultation at the Draft Plan stage with the aim of reaching out to a wider audience. A report setting out a proposed consultation strategy for the Draft Plan will be presented to a future meeting of this Sub-Committee.
7. Members also expressed a desire to hold one or more of the future meetings of the Sub-Committee in a workshop format, potentially inviting key stakeholders when issues of interest to them are being discussed. Officers are considering how this might work and will update Members verbally at the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> October.

## **Next steps**

8. Further meetings of the Sub-Committee will be arranged to consider the proposed vision, objectives and detailed policies for the Draft Local Plan. It is likely that these meetings will take place in November and December, and potentially early in the New Year. The full Draft City Plan 2036 will then be reported to the Grand Committee and to the Policy and Resources Committee for approval to publish for consultation during the early months of 2018.

## **Corporate and Strategic Implications**

9. The review of the Local Plan is being informed by the emerging draft Corporate Plan, as set out in this report, and will provide an opportunity to

complement key corporate objectives, such as developing Culture Mile and progressing the Future City agenda.

## **Implications**

10. The costs of preparing and consulting upon the Draft City Plan 2036 will be met from existing staff resources and the Department's Local Risk Budget. The further preparation of the Plan beyond the Draft Plan stage, including the Public Examination, may require additional financial resources. This will be addressed in future reports to the Sub-Committee and Grand Committee.
11. Production of the Draft Plan will be supported by the production of an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA). An IIA combines a number of assessment processes into a single document:
  - Sustainability Appraisal, including a Strategic Environmental Assessment and a Habitats Regulation Assessment;
  - Equalities Impact Assessment; and
  - Health Impact Assessment.
12. The IIA is an integral part of the plan making process and will help inform the detailed policies. A Draft IIA report will be produced to support the Draft City Plan 2036.

## **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – paper on Visitors and Culture
- Appendix 2 – paper on Housing
- Appendix 3 – paper on Public Transport, Movement and Healthy Streets
- Appendix 4 – paper on Environmental Responsibility and City Greening
- Appendix 5 – paper on Smart City and Utilities
- Appendix 6 – paper on Resilience

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