

Committee(s)	Dated:
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Subject: City of London Local Plan Review: Draft Vision and Objectives	Public
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Summary

At the Sub-Committee in September and October, Members discussed a series of key policy issues for the Local Plan as the first step in the preparation of the draft Local Plan. Members requested that further papers setting out draft policies be brought to future meetings of the Sub-Committee for discussion and agreement prior to the consideration of the full draft Local Plan by the Grand Committee in spring 2018. This report is the first of a series of more detailed policy reports and deals with the draft Vision and Objectives of the Local Plan.

Appendix 1 sets out the draft Vision and Objectives, reflecting the three strategic objectives set out in the draft Corporate Plan, together with a Vision and Objective for the Key Areas for Change. The Visions and Objectives will provide the strategic framework for the Local Plan, linking it to other key Corporate ambitions and provide the context for the detailed working of individual policies which will be brought to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

Recommendations

Members are recommended to:

- Agree the draft Vision and Objectives document at Appendix 1 to inform the further development of the Local Plan.

Main Report

Background

1. At its 22 September 2017 meeting, the Sub-Committee agreed that the structure of the Draft Local Plan should reflect the structure of the emerging Corporate Plan and particularly the three strategic objectives of Grow the Economy, Shaping the City of the Future and Contribute to a Flourishing Society. At this meeting, and the subsequent meeting on 6 October 2017, Members considered policy directions for a number of key policy areas, including for offices, housing, visitors and culture, transport and environmental responsibility.

Draft Vision and Objectives

2. Attached as Appendix 1 are the draft Vision and Objectives for the Local Plan, structured around the three strategic objectives in the draft Corporate Plan with an additional Vision and Objective for the Key Areas for Change. The Appendix sets out for each objective a vision of how the City of London will look in 2036. The Vision reflects the key directions set out in the draft Corporate Plan, but also takes on board Member comments at previous meetings of the Sub-Committee, particularly comments relating to the direction of key policy issues. The draft Vision and Objectives have been considered and agreed in principle by Chief Officers at Summit Group at the end of October.
3. The Vision and Objectives will form a key part of the Local Plan and, although they will not have the statutory weight of agreed planning policies, they will provide the overall context for the direction of the Plan.
4. The Vision and Objectives follow the order set out in the draft Corporate Plan, although the intention is that the Local Plan should be read as a whole, with applications for planning permission considered against all relevant policies (and strategic objectives) in the Plan, alongside the London Plan and national policy in the National Planning Policy Framework.
5. Members are asked to consider the detail of the Vision and Objectives set out in the appendix and comment on the overall approach and structure of this section of the draft Local Plan.

Next steps

6. Comments received on the draft Vision and Objectives will be used, alongside previous comments and discussion on key policy issues, to develop detailed policy wording for consideration at future Sub-Committee meetings.

Corporate and Strategic Implications

7. 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.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Local Plan draft Vision and Objectives

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