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| Committee(s) | Dated: |
| Local Plans Sub (Planning and Transportation) Committee | 23/11/2017 |
| Subject: City of London Local Plan Review: Proposed consultation arrangements and format of future meetings | Public |
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Summary

At previous meetings of this Sub-Committee, Members have expressed a desire to consider ways to increase the level of response to consultations on the Local Plan, and to consider how the Sub-Committee itself might be able to engage directly with key stakeholders by holding one or more meetings in a different format.

Appendix 1 of this report sets out the proposed public consultation arrangements for the Draft Local Plan, while Appendix 2 puts forward two options in relation to a potential Sub-Committee workshop event. Appendix 2 also seeks confirmation of whether the Sub-Committee wishes to undertake a site visit to inform its consideration of the emerging Draft Local Plan.

Recommendations

Members are recommended to:

- Agree the proposed public consultation arrangements set out at Appendix 1; and
- Consider and advise on the format of future meetings of the Sub-Committee in light of the options presented at Appendix 2.

Main Report

Public consultation

1. At the meeting of this Sub-Committee on 22nd 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.
2. 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. Attached to this report as Appendix 1 is a paper setting out the

proposed public consultation arrangements for the Draft Local Plan in spring 2018. Members are asked to agree the proposed arrangements, and to suggest any amendments or additions if considered appropriate.

Format of future meetings of the Local Plans Sub-Committee

3. At the meeting on 22nd September, Members 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. Attached as Appendix 2 is a paper setting out two options for how such a workshop might work. Members are asked to indicate which of these options is preferred, or alternatively to suggest a different approach if neither of these options is considered suitable.
4. At previous meetings, reference was also made to conducting a Member site visit to the Silver Vaults in Chancery Lane, and potentially to other sites of relevance to the emerging Local Plan. The Sub-Committee is asked to indicate whether or not it wishes to undertake a site visit, and if so which sites and/or areas should be included in such a visit.

Next steps

5. Officers will plan the public consultation arrangements and the future meetings of this Sub-Committee based on the feedback received from Members at this meeting. It will be necessary to liaise with colleagues in Committee Services and Legal Services to ensure that the format of any workshop event held by this Sub-Committee complies with relevant statutory legislation and corporate procedures.

Corporate and Strategic Implications

- 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 – paper on proposed public consultation arrangements for the Draft Local Plan
- Appendix 2 – paper on the format of future meetings of the Local Plans Sub-Committee

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