

Committee(s)	Dated:
Local Plans Sub (Planning and Transportation) Committee	08/12/2017
Subject: City of London Local Plan Review: Proposed draft policies	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. Appendices 1-3 of this report contain the proposed policy wording in relation to three sections of the Local Plan, namely Culture, Visitors and the Night-Time Economy; Circular Economy and Waste; and Smart Infrastructure and Utilities.

The report also informs Members of the recent publication of the draft London Plan and advises that officers will present a verbal briefing to the Sub-Committee on the key implications of the draft London Plan for the City's Local Plan review.

Recommendations

Members are recommended to:

- Agree the proposed draft policies set out at Appendices 1-3 of this report.

Main Report

Background

1. At the meetings of this Sub-Committee on 22nd September and 6th October, Members agreed the broad structure of the draft Local Plan and considered policy directions for several key policy areas, including for offices, housing, visitors and culture, transport and environmental responsibility. Officers have now started to prepare 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.

Draft policies

2. The following sections of the new Local Plan have been drafted and are attached as appendices 1-3 of this report:

- Culture, Visitors and Night-Time Economy;
 - Circular Economy and Waste; and
 - Smart Infrastructure and Utilities.
3. Members should note that the Local Plan is not being drafted in the order that policies will appear in the final version, other than the City-wide policies which are being prepared ahead of the area-specific policies. The attached policies regarding visitors and culture therefore do not specifically relate to the Culture Mile as this will be included within the area policies to be presented to future meetings.
 4. 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.
 5. 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.

Draft London Plan

6. The draft London Plan was published by the GLA on 29th November, the day before the report deadline for this meeting. Formal consultation on the draft London Plan will take place between 1st December 2017 and 2nd March 2018.
7. Officers will present a verbal briefing to the Sub-Committee on the key implications of the draft London Plan for the City's Local Plan review. In the meantime, Members may be interested to look at the draft London Plan, especially policies SD4 and SD5 relating to the Central Activities Zone within Section 2 (Spatial Development Patterns). A link to the draft document is reproduced here:
<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/planning/london-plan/new-london-plan/download-draft-london-plan>
8. Based on an initial assessment, officers consider that the draft Local Plan policies at appendices 1-3 of this report would be in general conformity with the emerging London Plan. If more detailed analysis reveals the need for any changes to these policies to reflect the London Plan, officers will advise the Sub-Committee verbally at the meeting.

Next steps

9. Officers are in the process of drafting further sections of the draft Local Plan, including policies on key land use issues such as offices and housing which are likely to be the most affected by the emerging London Plan. These

policies will be presented to the Sub-Committee at meetings to be arranged early in the new year.

Corporate and Strategic Implications

The review of the Local Plan is being informed by the emerging draft Corporate Plan, 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 Culture, Visitors and the Night-Time Economy;
- Appendix 2 – draft policies on Circular Economy and Waste;
- Appendix 3 – draft policies on Smart Infrastructure and Utilities.

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