

## Record of operational decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	Herefordshire Local Plan 2021-2041 Policy Options public consultation
<b>Date of decision:</b>	29 March 2022
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Interim Service Director Economy and Environment
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	<p>Economy and Place Scheme of Delegation</p> <p>Preparation of development plan documents (part 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004) Preparation of and consultation upon issues and options documents is delegated to Interim Service Director for Economy and Regulatory Services</p> <p>Budget for public consultation during preparation was agreed through the approval of the Local Plan Project Plan on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021.  <a href="https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=7726">https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=7726</a></p>
<b>Ward:</b>	Countywide
<b>Consultation:</b>	<p>Local Plan Cabinet member group briefing was held on 8<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p>Copies of the draft policy topic papers were distributed to Cabinet Member Group, Service Director and Lead Development Manager on 14<sup>th</sup> March with a request for comments to be returned by 21<sup>st</sup> March.</p>
<b>Decision made:</b>	To undertake a 6 week public consultation upon the summarised context around each of the proposed policy topics for the Herefordshire Local Plan
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Herefordshire Local Plan - Core Strategy was adopted in 2015. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) requires that local authorities should review their local plan every five years to determine if an update is required. Herefordshire Council resolved in November 2020 that an update of the Local Plan would be required.</li> <li>• Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) requires that public consultation takes place at key stages during the preparation of a Local Plan.</li> <li>• The new Local Plan will help shape growth and development across the county over the period from 2021 to 2041. The Plan will seek to ensure that we deliver the required homes, jobs, infrastructure and services to support growth in a way that is appropriate for the rural and historic character of the County.</li> <li>• As part of the preparation of the new Local Plan for Herefordshire the existing County-wide planning policies need to be reviewed, to determine their effectiveness, consistency with national planning policy and whether they would help to deliver key aspirations of the Herefordshire County Plan.</li> <li>• The document includes suggested policy approaches on a number of topic areas, including Infrastructure, Climate Change, Health &amp; Community and Tourism.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is proposed to undertake the public consultation from 4 April until 16 May 2022. The Policy Options paper will be available to download from the Herefordshire website and view via an online consultation platform. Printed copies will be made available on request. It is intended to send posters to every town and parish council to post on their noticeboards and local parish magazines. A presentation for parish councils will also take place during the consultation period. Email notifications will be sent to all consultees and individuals registered on the Local Plan consultation database.</li> <li>• Information points, including Talk Community Hubs and Libraries will be used to spread information about the consultation.</li> <li>• The Policy Options consultation results will help form the preferred options for the final set of policies presented in the draft Plan.</li> <li>• This is the second of a series of Local Plan consultations undertaken over the next few months as options for the Local Plan are developed.</li> </ul>
<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	Sufficient funding is available budget within the Local Plan budget to undertake the consultation, including the development of a digital consultation platform.
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	<p>There is no alternative to undertaking consultation as this is part of the regulatory plan making process.</p> <p>An alternative to consulting solely on the policy options would be to prepare a single Regulation 18 consultation document. This would take longer to prepare and consultation would not have been able to take place until later in the year. This initial consultation gives consultees and residents early engagement in the development of the plan.</p>
<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	No officers or members involved or consulted in the decision-making have declared an interest.

I am an officer delegated to make the decision

Signed:

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