

Report of the Director of City Development

Report to Council

Date: 14th September 2016

Subject: LDF Aire Valley Leeds Area Action Plan Submission

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| Are specific electoral Wards affected? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, City & Hunslet, Garforth & Swillington, Middleton Park, Rothwell, Temple Newsam | | |
| Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Is the decision eligible for Call-In? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
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Summary of main issues

1. The Aire Valley Leeds Area Action Plan (AVL AAP) will form part of the Local Plan for Leeds, also known as the Local Development Framework (LDF). The scope of the AVL AAP was established by Executive Board in May 2005, to provide the future planning framework to guide the regeneration of an area of the Lower Aire Valley. In July 2010 Executive Board agreed to broaden the objectives of the Plan and to extend the boundary to align it with the Urban Eco-Settlement Programme and wider City-Region ambitions.
2. The Aire Valley Leeds area extends from Leeds City Centre south east to the M1 and beyond. This is a key strategic location for Leeds and the City Region as a whole. The area includes the Leeds City Region Enterprise Zone and a range of major development opportunities including the South Bank of the City Centre. The area contains over 400 hectares of development land which can help meet Leeds' need for housing and provide new jobs as well as ensure an effective network of green spaces. The delivery of the AVL AAP is therefore a significant step in supporting Best Council Plan (2016-17 Update) priorities to support economic growth and access to economic opportunities, enhancing green spaces and providing enough homes of a high standard in all sectors.
3. The AVL AAP has been prepared in accordance with the LDF Regulations (specifically, the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012). This has entailed several rounds of public consultation. The Plan is now ready to be

submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination by a planning inspector. Following earlier consideration by the Development Plan Panel at the meetings of 1st March 2016 and 10th May 2016, Executive Board agreed on the 27th July 2016 to recommend to Council that the Plan be submitted to the Secretary of State for Examination (pursuant to section 20 of the 2004 Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act). The 27th July report to Executive Board is attached as Appendix 1. The appendices to the Executive Board report including the consolidated draft AVLAAP, (comprising Publication Draft Sept 2015 and Pre-Submission Changes), the Pre-Submission Changes Map Book and the Sustainability Appraisal of the Pre-Submission Changes can be viewed using the link in paragraph 7.1 of this report.

Recommendations

4. Following the Executive Board recommendation of 27th July 2016, Council is recommended to:

Approve the submission of the Draft Aire Valley Leeds Area Action Plan and the Sustainability Report to the Secretary of State for independent examination pursuant to Section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to submit the draft Aire Valley Leeds Area Action Plan and the Sustainability Appraisal Report to the Secretary of State for independent examination pursuant to Section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
- 1.2 It should be noted that this is a key stage in the preparation of the Aire Valley Leeds Area Action Plan. Following formal submission to the Secretary of State, an independent Inspector will be appointed to carry out an examination in public. Following the close of the examination and receipt of the Inspector's report, the Plan will need to be formally adopted by the Council.
- 1.3 Appended to this report is a copy of the report to Executive Board of 27th July 2016 which sets out more fully the main issues (Appendix 1). The appendices to the Executive Board report including the consolidated draft AVLAAP, (comprising Publication Draft Sept 2015 and Pre-Submission Changes), the Pre-Submission Changes Map Book and the Sustainability Appraisal of the Pre-Submission Changes can be viewed using the link in paragraph 7.1 of this report.
- 1.4 It should be noted that, all of the technical work in support of the Aire Valley Leeds Area Action Plan (AVLAAP), including the Sustainability Appraisal, Appropriate Assessment and wider evidence base (including the Strategic Housing Market Assessment etc.), has previously been made available via the LDF web pages and considered by the Development Plan Panel..

2 Background information

- 2.1 See AVLAAP Executive Board report 27th July 2016 (Appendix 1). Note that Executive Board agreed for officers to be able to update background papers as required. The Transport Background Paper has been updated to reflect factual changes since the original background paper, including on NGT. This is attached as Appendix 5. There is also a minor change to the notation of Map 13 to reflect the agreed change to Policy SG1 (indicative) to site AV111 Skelton Gate (see Appendix 2, Map Book).

3 Main issues

- 3.1 See AVLAAP Executive Board report 27th July 2016.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 See AVLAAP Executive Board report 27th July 2016.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 See AVLAAP Executive Board report 27th July 2016.

4.3 Council policies and City Priorities

4.3.1 See AVLAAP Executive Board report 27th July 2016.

4.4 Resources and value for money

4.4.1 See AVLAAP Executive Board report 27th July 2016.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 See AVLAAP Executive Board report 27th July 2016.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 See AVLAAP Executive Board report 27th July 2016.

5 Conclusions

5.1 See AVLAAP Executive Board report 27th July 2016.

6 Recommendation

6.1 Following the Executive Board recommendation of 27th July 2016, Council is recommended to:-

- i) Approve the submission of the Draft Aire Valley Leeds Area Action Plan and the Sustainability Report to the Secretary of State for independent examination pursuant to Section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Report to Executive Board of 27th July 2016

Appendix 2: 'Submission Draft' of the Aire Valley Leeds Area Action Plan (including Map Book)

Appendix 3: Schedule of Proposed Pre-Submission changes to the Publication Draft Plan of the Aire Valley Leeds AAP

Appendix 4: Sustainability Appraisal Report Addendum and non-technical summary

Appendix 5: Transport Background Paper Update (September 2016)

7 Background documents¹

7.1 There are no background documents as the relevant associated documentation is all available as published works. The Executive Board report appendices are available at <http://democracy.leeds.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=58879#mgDocuments> and Executive Board background documents at <http://democracy.leeds.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Id=83881>

7.2 Other published work associated with the AVLAAP are available from: www.leeds.gov.uk/ldf (follow the link 'Aire Valley Leeds Area Action Plan')

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.