

Report of the Director of City Development

Report to Council

Date: 14 November 2012

Subject: LDF Core Strategy – Submission to the Secretary for State for independent examination

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	All	
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
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number:		
Appendix number:		

Summary of main issues

1. In aspiring to be the 'best city in the UK', the Core Strategy takes forward the spatial and land use aspects of the Vision for Leeds. Central to this approach is to plan for anticipated population changes and the homes, jobs, education and needed across the District in a sustainable manner.
2. At its February meeting, Executive Board approved the release of the draft Core Strategy for a 6 week period of public consultation to invite representations on the soundness of the plan. Following the close of the consultation and the analysis of representations received, the Executive Board (7th November 2012) has approved the pre-submission changes to the Publication draft Core Strategy, together with the sustainability report (addendum) and further changes to the pre – submission material (including the Key Diagram), arising from recommendations made by the Sustainable Economy and Culture and Health & Wellbeing & Adult & Social Care Scrutiny Boards (see attached Executive Board covering report, pre-submission changes and further changes). The proposed changes to include Colton (Selby Road) as a town centre was not agreed.
3. Within this context, Executive Board has recommended to Council that it approves the Publication draft Core Strategy and the sustainability report for submission to the Secretary of State for independent examination pursuant to Section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. Executive Board also agreed that a

further period for representations is provided on the pre-submission changes and that any further representations received are submitted to the Secretary of State at the time the Publication draft Core Strategy is submitted for independent examination.

Recommendations

Following the agreed Executive Board recommendations (7th November) Council is recommended to:-

- 1 Approve the Publication draft Core Strategy and the sustainability report for submission to the Secretary of State for independent examination pursuant to Section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
- 2 Agree that a further period for representations is provided on the pre-submission changes and that any further representations received are submitted to the Secretary of State at the time the Publication draft Core Strategy is submitted for independent examination.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to submit the Publication draft Core Strategy and the sustainability report (including the pre-submission changes, sustainability report addendum and further changes agreed at Executive Board 7th November) to the Secretary of State for independent examination.
- 1.2 In aspiring to be the 'best city in the UK', the Core Strategy takes forward the spatial and land use aspects of the Vision for Leeds. Central to this approach is to plan for anticipated population changes and the homes, jobs, education and needed across the District in a sustainable manner. At its February meeting, Executive Board approved the release of the draft Core Strategy for a 6 week period of public consultation to invite representations on the soundness of the plan. Following the close of the consultation and consideration of representations received via the Development Plan Panel, the Executive Board (7th November 2012) has approved the pre-submission changes to the Publication draft Core Strategy, together with the sustainability report (addendum) and further changes to the pre – submission material (including the Key Diagram), arising from recommendations made by the Sustainable Economy and Culture and Health & Wellbeing & Adult & Social Care Scrutiny Boards (see attached Executive Board covering report, pre-submission changes and further changes).
- 1.3 It should be noted that this is a key stage in the preparation of the Core Strategy and will be followed by formal submission to the Secretary of State for independent examination. Following the close of the examination and receipt of the Inspectors report, this will need to be formally adopted by the Council.

2 Background information

- 2.1 See Core Strategy Executive Board report 7th November 2012.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 See Core Strategy Executive Board report 7th November 2012.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 See Core Strategy Executive Board report 7th November 2012.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 See Core Strategy Executive Board report 7th November 2012.

4.3 Council policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 See Core Strategy Executive Board report 7th November 2012.

4.4 Resources and value for money

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5 Risk Management

4.5.1 See Core Strategy Executive Board report 7th November 2012.

5 Conclusions

5.1 See Core Strategy Executive Board report 7th November 2012.

6 Recommendation

6.1 Following the agreed Executive Board recommendations (7th November) Council is recommended to:-

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2. Agree that a further period for representations is provided on the pre-submission changes and that any further representations received are submitted to the Secretary of State at the time the Publication draft Core Strategy is submitted for independent examination.

7 Background documents¹

7.1 none

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.