

**Report of Chief Planning Officer**  
**Report to Development Plan Panel**  
**Date: 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019**  
**Subject: Housing Delivery Plan**

Are specific electoral wards affected? If yes, name(s) of ward(s): ALL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Has consultation been carried out?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Will the decision be open 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

**Summary**

1. The Leeds Local Plan comprising the Adopted Site Allocations Plan, adopted Aire Valley Leeds Area Action Plan and Core Strategy (as reviewed by the Core Strategy Selective Review, 2019) has a key role in delivering the Best Council Plan priorities for regeneration and high quality housing, which together support the Inclusive Growth, Health and Wellbeing and Climate Emergency agendas. The Local Plan focuses development on the main urban area and major settlements with a strategic aim to reduce the need to travel by making best use of existing infrastructure and has over 60% of the land supply on brownfield land.
2. Leeds has delivered more housing than any of the other core cities in recent times and has proactively put in place a number of measures and incentives to promote the delivery of regeneration and housing growth in these places. It is timely to prepare a Housing Delivery Plan which sets out how the housing and regeneration ambitions can be delivered by working collaboratively both across and outside the Council.
3. A delivery plan helps provide certainty to investors about the opportunities for housing growth that are available in Leeds and helps ensure that investors in the city can align their plans with those of the Council to deliver inclusive growth

**Recommendations**

4. Note and comment on the Housing Delivery Plan at **Appendix 1**.

## **1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is ask Members to note and comment on a draft Housing Delivery Plan (HDP) for Leeds.

## **2 Background information**

- 2.1 This HDP has been prepared with involvement of the Executive Member for Communities and officers from planning, regeneration, housing and asset management. It is an implementation document and does not set new policy.

## **3 Main issues**

- 3.1 The purpose of the HDP is to present the Council's strategic approach to policy implementation of the Local Plan as it relates to Best Council Plan priorities for housing growth alongside inclusive growth, health and well-being and the climate emergency.
- 3.2 The Housing Delivery Plan is included at **Appendix 1** of this report.
- 3.3 Members are invited to comment on the draft document before it is finalised and placed on the Council's web-site. An Executive Summary will also be prepared.

## **4 Corporate considerations**

### **4.1 Consultation and engagement**

- 4.1.1 The HDS is a non-statutory action plan which articulates how existing plans and programmes are being delivered together to achieve positive Best Council Plan outcomes for housing and regeneration; it therefore does not require formal consultation. The HDP has been prepared with involvement of the Executive Member for Communities and officers from planning, regeneration, housing and asset management.

### **4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration**

- 4.2.1 Equality has been an integral part of the preparation of the Local Plan and the Council's housing growth programmes.

### **4.3 Council policies and the Best Council Plan**

- 4.3.1 Housing of the right quality, type, tenure and affordability in the right places is an objective of the Best Council Plan. The Best Council Plan (2019/20 – 2020/21) is also relevant in terms of its priorities for Inclusive Growth, Health & Wellbeing, Sustainable Infrastructure, Child-friendly Leeds, Age-friendly Leeds, and Safe & Strong Communities.
- 4.3.2 The quantity of homes that Leeds plans for will have ramifications for inclusive economic growth by ensuring that Leeds is supported by the right number of new homes of the right type to meet the needs of a growing population.

#### Climate Emergency

- 4.3.3 A Climate Emergency was declared by the City Council on 27th March 2019. It is therefore critical that the implementation of the Local Plan and operation of the

Council's policies and programmes mitigate and adapt to the consequences of climate change (including the need for carbon reduction to meet agreed targets).

- 4.3.4 The HDP will assist the Council in delivering the housing requirements of the Local Plan, which includes large numbers of houses in the inner area and city centre on previously developed land and provide a basis for continued regeneration. In so doing this implementation will help ensure a rolling 5 year supply and resist speculative development in inappropriate locations.

#### **4.4 Resources, procurement and value for money**

- 4.4.1 None arising from this report.

#### **4.5 Legal implications, access to information, and call-in**

- 4.5.1 None arising from this report.

#### **4.6 Risk management**

- 4.6.1 In addressing a number of key issues set out in the HDP, there is a need for the Council to continue to engage in the implementation of the housing requirement for Leeds. There are wider national risks set out in the action plan at page 34 of the HDP. The HDP helps ensure that Leeds maintains a five year land supply of deliverable sites which in turn assists in defending against speculative development.

### **5 Conclusions**

- 5.1 The Housing Delivery Plan (HDP) seeks to bring together information about a range of projects, programmes and strategies that are in place to help boost the delivery of new housing across the City.
- 5.2 The HDP highlights the significant opportunities that are on offer across the City for those with an interest in contributing to the delivery of housing, and how it will be ensured that the homes delivered will meet the needs of the City's existing and future residents.
- 5.3 It sets out the role that the Council will play in delivering these new homes, and what support it can offer to other stakeholders in the planning, investment and development process.

### **6 Recommendations**

- 6.1 Note and comment on the Housing Delivery Plan at **Appendix 1**.