



Report of Chief Planning Officer

Report to Full Council

Date: 13th January 2021

Subject: Plans Panels and Development Plan Panel Annual Report

Are specific electoral wards affected? If yes, name(s) of ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Has consultation been carried out?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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? If relevant, access to information procedure rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary

1. Main issues

- Changes to the Council procedure rules in 2016 required that an annual report in respect of the work of Plans Panels (one report to jointly cover the three panels) be prepared and presented to full Council.
- The annual report, covering the period 2019-20 is attached as appendix 1 to this cover report.

2. Best Council Plan implications (see the [latest version of the Best Council Plan](#))

- The Development Management service contributes to all of the Council's Best City Priorities either directly or indirectly through the delivery of high quality homes and through sustainable place-making to deliver safe, strong communities. Its work in delivering planning permissions for social housing and assisted living accommodation as well as delivering permissions for new schools, supports the Council to meet its ambitions. Through working with other Council services, Development Management also facilitates, through the legal agreement process, employment opportunities for local people. The planning process is closely tied with the health and wellbeing and climate change agendas through the implementation of the policies in the Core Strategy.

3. Resource implications

- The report identified no specific resource implications.

Recommendations

- a) Council is asked to receive and note the annual report

1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present to Council the 2019-20 Plans Panel annual report. The annual report is attached as appendix 1.

2. Background information

- 2.1 Following changes to Council Procedure Rules agreed by full Council in May 2016, an annual report was to be prepared covering the work of Plans Panels (one report to jointly cover the three panels) for the consideration of full Council. This annual report, covers the period 2019-20 and describes the activity of the Plans Panels and also of the Development Plan Panel.

3. Main issues

- 3.1 The report describes the work of the Plans Panels and Development Plan Panel within the context of the Panels terms of reference. The report provides information on activity, workloads, delivery of key schemes and projects and considers the contribution of the Panels in taking forward service improvements.

4. Corporate considerations

4.1 Consultation and engagement

- 4.1.1 The Plans Panel annual report for 2019-20 has been prepared by Planning and Sustainable Development in consultation with the three Plans Panel Chairs, Development Plan Panel Chair and the Executive Member for Climate Change, Transport and Sustainable Development.

4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

- 4.2.1 There are no specific Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration issues arising from the report. All decisions on planning applications are made in accordance with the local plan, which has been through the appropriate Equality Impact assessment process.

4.3 Council policies and the Best Council Plan

- 4.3.1 Planning Services contributes to all of the Council's Best City Priorities either directly or indirectly through the delivery of high quality homes and through

sustainable place making to deliver safe, strong communities. Its work in delivering planning permissions for social housing and assisted living accommodation as well as delivering permissions for new schools, supports the Council to meet its ambitions. Through working with other Council services, development management also facilitates, through the legal agreement process, employment opportunities for local people. The planning process is closely tied with the health and wellbeing and climate change agendas and through the implementation of the policies in the Core Strategy.

Climate Emergency

4.3.2 The work of the Plans Panel is balancing all material matters in determining planning applications is key; this includes the existing policies within the Core Strategy which contribute to the challenge of the climate emergency.

4.4 Resources, procurement and value for money

4.4.1 This report has no specific resource implications.

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

4.5.1 This report has no specific legal implications

4.6 Risk management

4.6.1 There are no risk management implications relevant to this report.

5. Conclusions

5.1 At the request of full Council, an annual report has been prepared and presented to Council on the areas of work within the context of the Plans Panels and Development Plans Panel terms of reference.

6. Recommendations

6.1 Council is asked to receive and note the annual report

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.