

Delegated Decision Notice (DDN)

This form is the written record of a key, significant operational or administrative decision taken by an officer.

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| Decision type | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Key Decision | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Operational Decision | <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Decision |
| Approximate value | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Below £500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £500,000 to £1,000,000 <input type="checkbox"/> over £1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> below £25,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £25,000 to £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £100,000 to £500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Over £500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> below £25,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £25,000 to £100,000 |
| Director¹ | Chief Planning Officer | | |
| Contact person: | Samuel Lewis | Telephone number: Tel: 0113 3786965 | |
| Subject²: | Leeds Innovation Arc (North) SPD adoption | | |
| Decision details³: | <p>What decision has been taken? (Set out all necessary decisions to be taken by the decision taker including decisions in relation to exempt information, exemption from call-in etc.)</p> <p>The Chief Planning Officer has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Noted the public consultation and engagement that has been undertaken and the positive response to the principles and proposals contained in the Innovation Arc (North) SPD B. Noted the key comments received during public consultation and the updates and amendments made to the document in response to these comments C. Formally adopted the Innovation Arc (North) SPD <p>A brief statement of the reasons for the decision (Include any significant financial, procurement, legal or equalities implications, having consulted with Finance, PACS, Legal, HR and Equality colleagues as appropriate)</p> <p>(Background to the development of the Leeds Innovation Arc (North) SPD is contained in the Delegated Decision Report appendix)</p> <p>Over the past two years Leeds City Council, working closely with public and private partners in the city, have developed a supplementary planning document for the</p> | | |

¹ Give title of Director with delegated responsibility for function to which decision relates.

² If the decision is key and has appeared on the list of forthcoming key decisions, the title of the decision should be the same as that used in the list

³ Simply refer to supporting report where used as these matters have been set out in detail.

west of the city centre. This document encompasses 132 hectares of the urban centre including major strategic estates of the Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust, the University of Leeds, Leeds Beckett University, Leeds Arts University and Leeds City Council. The area also contains the most significant concentration of employment in the region in the city's West End.

The Leeds Innovation Arc (North) Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) is a non-statutory document which expands upon existing policies in the Adopted Core Strategy, and explains how policies in the Local Plan are to be implemented in the context of the SPD area. It will form a material consideration in the determination of planning applications which fall within the area of the SPD.

Two stages of public consultation and engagement have been undertaken to inform the development of the Leeds Innovation Arc (North) SPD. During each phase of consultation the document has been updated appropriately in response to comments and representations received.

A screening has been undertaken to assess Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Inclusion impacts and this has been appended to this Decision Notice. The SPD is a guidance document which amplifies existing policies which have been appropriately considered and assessed during the production of the Local Plan. The document does not set out detailed proposals for the implementation of schemes and EDCI screenings and possibly impact assessments may be required as schemes are brought forward in the future.

The Document has been reviewed by Leeds City Council's Legal Services. There are no financial, legal, procurement or resources implications arising from this decision.

Brief details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the decision maker at the time of making the decision

Leeds City Council officers considered a range of approaches to developing spatial guidance for this area of the city. This included:

- More tightly bound and specific guidance at site level. This may have been adopted as a Planning Brief focused on the Leeds Teaching Hospitals General Infirmary site. This would have not provided the same benefits as the SPD in enabling the knitting-together of sites across the area, or setting out ambitious proposals outside of single site boundaries.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A 'Regeneration Framework' or similar strategic document which could have provided an economic narrative and a set of proposals for the regeneration of the area. This could have set out proposals beyond existing Policy but on this basis would not have carried the same weight in planning and would not have formed a material consideration in the determination of planning applications. - Proposals could have been developed in isolation and over a period of time with no single document capturing all proposals. This would not have enabled a coherent and cohesive approach. |
| Affected wards: | Little London & Woodhouse Hunslet & Riverside |
| Details of Consultation Undertaken | <p>Extensive public consultation and engagement has been undertaken, alongside internal consultation with Executive Members, Plans Panel Chairs, Development Plans Panel, and cross-service officers.</p> <p>Details of the consultation exercises, responses received and how these have been addressed through the drafting of the document are appended to this DDN in the Adoption Statement</p> |
| Implementation | <p>Officer accountable, and proposed timescales for implementation</p> <p>Principal Regeneration Officer – Samuel Lewis</p> <p>Adoption – 30 October 2023</p> |
| List of Forthcoming Key Decisions⁴ | Date Added to List:- 15 September 2023 |
| | If Special Urgency or General Exception a brief statement of the reason why it is impracticable to delay the decision |
| | <p>If Special Urgency Relevant Scrutiny Chair(s) approval</p> <p>Signature _____ Date _____</p> |
| Publication of report⁵ | If not published for 5 clear working days prior to decision being taken the reason why not possible: |
| | <p>If published late relevant Executive member's approval</p> <p>Signature _____ Date _____</p> |

⁴ See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 2.4 - 2.6. Complete this section for key decisions only

⁵ See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 3.1. Complete this section for key decisions only

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| Call-in | Is the decision available ⁶ for call-in? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | If exempt from call-in, the reason why call-in would prejudice the interests of the council or the public: | | |
| Approval of Decision | Authorised decision maker ⁷ | | |
| | David Feeney, Chief Planning Officer | | |
| | Signature | Date | |
| | <i>David Feeney</i> | 30 October 2023 | |

⁶ See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 5.1. Significant operational decisions taken by officers are never available for call-in. Key decisions are always available for call-in unless they have been exempted from call-in under rule 5.1.3.
⁷ Give the post title and name of the officer with appropriate delegated authority to take the decision.