

**Report of Chief Planning Officer**

**Report to Full Council**

**Date: 13 November 2019**

**Subject: Plans Panels Annual Report, 2018-19**

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 financial year 2018-19 is attached as appendix 1 to this cover report.

**2. Best Council Plan Implications** (click [here](#) for the latest version of the Best Council Plan)

- The annual report illustrates those areas of work undertaken by the Plans Panel which contribute to the delivery of the Council's Best Council Plan

**3. Resource Implications**

- This report has 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 financial year 2018-19 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 is the third annual report, covering the period 2018-19.

## **3. Main issues**

- 3.1 The report examines the contribution of the Plans Panels and the Development Plan Panel to the Council's Best City Priorities, describes the workload and activity in 2018-19, 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 2018-19 has been prepared by Planning Services 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.

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 working on the Plans Panels.

### **6. Recommendations**

6.1 Council is asked to note this report

### **7. Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

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<sup>1</sup> 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.