

Plans Panel and Development Plan Panel Annual Report, 2022-23

Date: 15 November 2023

Report of: Chief Planning Officer

Report to: Full Council

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

What is this report about?

Including how it contributes to the city's and council's ambitions

- The annual report, covering the period 2022-23 is attached as appendix 1 to this report.
- The annual report describes the work of the three Plans Panels and Development Plan Panel, within the context of the terms of reference for each Panel. The report is not intended to describe the work of the Planning and Sustainable Development service as a whole but provides information on activity, workloads, delivery of key schemes and projects. The report looks back on the year, as well as considering the challenges to come. At the time of preparing this covering report it should be noted that the long-awaited Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill was enacted on 26 October 2023. This recent event falls outside of the reporting period of this annual report, but the implications arising from this new Act will be reflected in next year's annual report.
- The work of the Plans Panels and Development Plans Panel is key in the delivery of Best City Priorities, either directly or indirectly through the delivery of high-quality homes, employment land (inclusive growth), health and wellbeing, responding to the Climate Emergency and through sustainable place-making, to deliver safe, strong communities.

Recommendations

- a) Council is asked to receive and note the Annual Report.

Why is the proposal being put forward?

- 1 Following changes to Council Procedure Rules agreed by full Council in May 2016, an Annual Report reporting the work of Plans Panels (one report to jointly cover the Panels) for the consideration of full Council. This Annual Report covers the period 2022-23.

What impact will this proposal have?

Wards affected:

Have ward members been consulted? Yes No

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

- 2 The Executive Member for Infrastructure and Climate, the three Plans Panel Chairs and Development Plan Panel Chair have been consulted on this report. This report is presented for information and comment.

What are the resource implications?

- 3 This report has no specific resource implications.

What are the legal implications?

- 4 This report has no specific legal implications.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

- 5 The Plans Panels and Development Plan Panel operate within formal Terms of Reference and other protocols as set out in the Council's Constitution, therefore there are no specific risks identified.

Does this proposal support the council's three Key Pillars?

Inclusive Growth Health and Wellbeing Climate Emergency

- 6 The work of the Plans Panels and Development Plan Panel 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 the Section 106 legal agreement process, employment opportunities for local people can be delivered. 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 and the role of the Development Plan Panel is key in policy development. Through the Local Plan Update, as a priority - policies to tackle the scale and urgency of the Climate Emergency are being updated and refreshed (pre-submission changes were agreed by Executive Board for public consultation (for 6 weeks, closing on 11th December) on 18th October).

Options, timescales and measuring success

What other options were considered?

- 7 Not applicable

How will success be measured?

- 8 There is ongoing monitoring of systems and processes as well as an annual review of the Panels terms of reference to ensure they remain fit for purpose and are robust.

What is the timetable for implementation?

- 9 Not applicable

Appendices

- 10 Plans Panel and Development Plan Panel Annual Report, 2022-23

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