

NOTICE OF DELEGATION OF DECISION TO CABINET MEMBER BY STRONG LEADER

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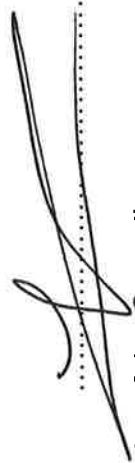
I, J-P Champion, as Strong Leader, delegate the decisions Publication Bromsgrove District Plan and Publication Borough of Redditch Local Plan No.4 detailed in the Forward Plan to the Cabinet Member/Officer detailed below:

Cabinet Member/Officer: Councillor Anne Hingley

Dated:

30th Oct 2013

Signed:



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Leader of the Council

NOTICE OF DECISION OF CABINET MEMBER

Pursuant Section 15(4) of the Local Government Act 2000, as amended by section 63 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the senior executive member may discharge any of the functions that are the responsibility of the Cabinet or may arrange for them to be discharged by another member of the Cabinet or Officer. On 1st December 2010, the Council adopted the Strong Leader Model for Corporate Governance 2011 as required under Part 3 of The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (The 2007 Act).

In accordance with the authority delegated to me by the Leader, I have made the following decision:

| Subject | Decision | Reason for decision | Date for Decision to be taken |
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| Publication Bromsgrove District Plan and Publication Borough of Redditch Local Plan No.4 – Consultation Responses | To approve the responses as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 to the delegated Cabinet Report. | To facilitate cross-boundary working in accordance with the Duty to Cooperate. | For submission by 11 th November 2013 |

I confirm that the appropriate statutory officer consultation has taken place with regard to this decision.

Dated: 30.10.2013
 Signed: *Anne Hingley*
 Councillor: ANNE HINGLEY
 Cabinet Member

To: Cabinet Member for Place Shaping, Councillor Anne Hingley

From: Mike Parker
Director of Economic Prosperity and Place

31st October 2013

Bromsgrove District and Redditch Borough – Proposed Submission Versions of Bromsgrove District Plan 2011-2030 and Redditch Local Plan No.4

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek the approval from the Cabinet Member for Place Shaping to submit the representations set out at Appendix 1 in response to the Publication versions of the Bromsgrove District Plan and Redditch Borough Local Plan No.4.

2. RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet Member for Place Shaping is asked to AGREE:

- 2.1 That the responses set out at Appendices 1 and 2 to this report be submitted to Redditch Borough and Bromsgrove District Councils as Wyre Forest District Council's representations on the Publication Redditch Borough Local Plan No.4 and the Publication Bromsgrove District Plan.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Bromsgrove District Council and Redditch Borough Council are both undertaking consultation on the proposed submission versions of their Local Plans. Although each authority has produced a separate plan, cross-boundary working has taken place because Redditch Borough Council needs to allocate land in Bromsgrove District Council in order to meet their identified need for housing growth.
- 3.2 Wyre Forest District, Bromsgrove District and Redditch Borough all sit within both the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and the Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP). The Duty to Cooperate also requires that neighbouring planning authorities work together on strategic planning issues in the absence of regional planning.
- 3.3 Wyre Forest District Council has already submitted supporting representations on the proposed housing growth for Redditch in May 2013 followed by supporting comments to Bromsgrove under Duty to Co-operate procedures in July 2013.

4. KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 Bromsgrove District Council has a requirement for 7,000 dwellings and 28ha of employment land up until 2030. It is envisaged that 4,500 dwellings can be accommodated without the need for any Green Belt release. It is intended to submit the Bromsgrove District Plan with the understanding that an early review including a Green Belt review will be required in order to allocate sites for a further 2,500 dwellings. Wyre Forest District has confirmed under the Duty to Co-operate procedures that there are no strategic issues needing detailed cooperation at this time. Wyre Forest District Council also intends to undertake a Green Belt boundary review to inform the Core Strategy review, which will commence in 2015. .
- 4.2 Redditch Borough Council consulted April/May 2013 on proposals to allocate land within Bromsgrove District as sustainable urban extensions to Redditch. Wyre Forest District Council supported this proposal.
- 4.3 The Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP is currently undertaking work to assess housing needs within the LEP area, particularly the need arising within Birmingham and how much of Birmingham's housing growth can be accommodated within its administrative boundary and the level of growth which needs to be accommodated elsewhere under the Duty to Cooperate requirements. Both the Bromsgrove Plan and the Redditch Plan include a commitment to an early review, if necessary, to accommodate some of the growth associated with Birmingham's housing needs, should it not be possible to accommodate this entirely within the Metropolitan area. It should be noted that Wyre Forest District's own plan review will also need to take account of this issue.
- 4.4 The 6 week consultation periods on the Redditch Borough Local Plan No.4 and the Bromsgrove Development Plan 2011-2030 proposed submission versions are running in tandem until 11th November 2013. Wyre Forest District Council has no objections to either plan in relation to legal compliance or soundness and wishes to submit supporting representations.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no financial implications to the Council arising out of this report.

6. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report. The recommended policy responses are in accordance with the Council's established priorities.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 There are no risk management issues arising from this report.

8. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 8.1 Redditch Borough and Bromsgrove District Councils will be required to undertake Equality Impact Assessment on the proposals.

9. CONCLUSION

- 9.1 Officers have considered both the Publication Bromsgrove District Plan and the Publication Borough of Redditch Local Plan No.4 and have concluded that there are no specific issues requiring partnership working under the Duty to Cooperate at this stage. The representations outlined within the appendices to this report support the progression of both plans and the commitment from each authority to consider accommodating housing need arising within Birmingham as apart of the plan review process.

10. CONSULTEES

- 10.1 None

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- <http://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/cms/environment-and-planning/planning/strategic-planning/bromsgrove-district-plan.aspx>
- www.redditchbc.gov.uk/localplan

Appendix 1 - Bromsgrove District Plan Publication – Draft Response

Thank-you for consulting Wyre Forest District Council on the Publication Bromsgrove District Plan. Wyre Forest District Council notes the timetable for progressing the Plan. The comments set out within this letter have been approved by the Cabinet Member for Place-Shaping.

Wyre Forest District Council, recognises the importance of the Duty to Cooperate in plan preparation. Bromsgrove District Council have consulted Wyre Forest District Council at each stage of the plan's preparation and have actively sought to engage under the Duty to Cooperate.

Wyre Forest District Council confirms that the majority of sites allocated within the Publication plan do not have a strategic impact on Wyre Forest District and appear to be well related to the existing settlements within Bromsgrove District. Wyre Forest District Council confirms that the Plan does not present any strategic issues which need detailed co-operation.

Wyre Forest District Council also falls into two Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) areas. Whilst it is widely recognised within the Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP area that there may be a need to consider assisting Birmingham to meet its objectively assessed housing need under the Duty to Cooperate, there is no evidence available at this time to demonstrate what that need is or where it could be accommodated. Therefore, Wyre Forest District Council welcomes the commitment to an early plan review, including a Green belt boundary review, to accommodate both Bromsgrove's outstanding need and to work with the GBSLEP to accommodate cross-boundary growth if necessary. Wyre Forest District Council continues to have active and positive dialogue with all our neighbours, including Bromsgrove District Council, through a number of well established groups and working parties. Additionally, we have a shared interest in the regeneration of our areas through the North Worcestershire Economic Development and Regeneration Service. This continued, pro-active collaboration between the two Councils helps to ensure that both authorities work together in a positive manner for the good of the area as a whole.

Wyre Forest District Council supports the progression of the Bromsgrove District Plan as it will provide a clear planning framework for the location of future development within Bromsgrove's Local Authority area. The progression of the plan to adoption will avoid the threat of planning by appeal which would have more significant implications for the District.

Appendix 2 - Borough of Redditch Local Plan No.4 Publication – Draft Response

Thank-you for consulting Wyre Forest District Council on the Borough of Redditch Local Plan No.4. Wyre Forest District Council notes the timetable for progressing the Plan. The comments set out within this letter have been approved by the Cabinet Member for Place-Shaping.

Wyre Forest District Council recognises the importance of the Duty to Cooperate in plan preparation. Redditch Borough Council have consulted Wyre Forest District Council at each stage of the plan's preparation and have actively sought to engage under the Duty to Cooperate.

Wyre Forest District Council confirms that the sites allocated within the Publication plan do not have a strategic impact on Wyre Forest District and appear to be well related to the existing settlements within Redditch Borough. Wyre Forest District Council has previously made representations supporting the allocation of sites within Bromsgrove District to meet the growth needs of Redditch Borough. Wyre Forest District Council confirms that the Plan does not present any strategic issues which need detailed co-operation.

Wyre Forest District Council also falls into two Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) areas. Whilst it is widely recognised within the Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP area that there may be a need to consider assisting Birmingham to meet its objectively assessed housing need under the Duty to Cooperate, there is no evidence available at this time to demonstrate what that need is or where it could be accommodated. Therefore, Wyre Forest District Council welcomes the commitment to addressing this issue through either the next plan review, or an early plan review if evidence dictates that this is necessary. Wyre Forest District Council continues to have active and positive dialogue with all our neighbours, including Redditch Borough Council, through a number of well established groups and working parties. Additionally, we have a shared interest in the regeneration of our areas through the North Worcestershire Economic Development and Regeneration Service. This continued, pro-active collaboration between the two Councils helps to ensure that both authorities work together in a positive manner for the good of the area as a whole.

Wyre Forest District Council supports the progression of the Borough of Redditch Local Plan No.4 as it will provide a clear planning framework for the location of future development within Redditch's Local Authority area. The progression of the plan to adoption will avoid the threat of planning by appeal.