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## **CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND FORWARD PLANNING DECISION MAKING MEETING**

A meeting of the Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Forward Planning Decision Making Meeting will be held at virtually on **Monday, 24 January 2022 at 3.30 pm.**

Rob Weaver  
Chief Executive

To: Members of the Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Forward Planning Decision-Making Meeting  
(Councillors Rachel Coxcoon)

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# AGENDA

1. **Local Plan Regulation 18 - Amendments** (Pages 3 - 10)  
This report asks the Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Forward Planning to consider and approve amendments to the Local Plan Issues and Options (Regulation 18) Consultation Document approved by Cabinet on 6 December 2021.

Reporting Officer: James Brain (01285 623 549)

DATE OF DECISION: NO EARLIER THAN MONDAY 24 JANUARY 2022

DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS: NOON ON FRIDAY 21 JANUARY 2021

Note: Any Member who wishes to comment on an item is requested to send those comments (preferably by e-mail) to the Reporting Officer, copied to Democratic Services, by the deadline identified.

Any comments received will be reported to the Decision-Maker prior to the decision(s) being taken.

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Council name	COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL
Name and date of Committee	CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND FORWARD PLANNING DECISION MAKING MEETING - 24 JANUARY 2022
Report Number	AGENDA ITEM 1
Subject	LOCAL PLAN REGULATION 18 – AMENDMENTS
Wards affected	All
Accountable member	Cllr Rachel Coxcoon, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Forward Planning Email: <a href="mailto:rachel.coxcoon@cotswold.gov.uk">rachel.coxcoon@cotswold.gov.uk</a>
Accountable officers	James Brain, Forward Planning Manager Email: <a href="mailto:james.brain@cotswold.gov.uk">james.brain@cotswold.gov.uk</a>
Summary/Purpose	Consider and approve amendments to the Local Plan Issues and Options (Regulation 18) Consultation Document approved by Cabinet on 6 December 2021.
Annexes	ANNEX A – List of amendments to the Cotswold District Local Plan Regulation 18 Consultation Document.
Recommendation(s)	<i>That the Cabinet Member approves amendments listed in Annex (A).</i>
Corporate priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making the Local Plan green to its core;</li> <li>• Responding to the challenges presented by the climate crisis;</li> <li>• Providing good quality social rented homes; and</li> <li>• Rebuilding trust and confidence in the council by promoting a culture of openness and transparency.</li> </ul>
Key Decision	NO
Exempt	NO
Consultees/ Consultation	Legal department



## **I. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Cotswold District Council has committed to update its adopted Local Plan to make it green to the core. This also includes responding to priorities identified in the Council's Corporate Plan (e.g. delivering more affordable housing) and modifications required as a result of recent changes to national policy, guidance and housing need calculations.
- 1.2 Cabinet approved a Local Plan Issues and Options document for public consultation on the 6 December 2021. This is the first of two formal public consultations in the local plan making process prior to a Public Examination of the updated Local Plan.
- 1.3 At the 6 December Cabinet meeting, delegated authority was granted to the Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Forward Planning to agree any minor amendments, including refining consultation questions, and typographical changes ahead of the public consultation.
- 1.4 Modifications and their justification are listed in Appendix (A) and they all relate to consultation questions. The principal reasons for requiring a modification include needing to modify or include new questions to reflect updated evidence and needing to alter questions to better reflect the capabilities of the new digital consultation system, Commonplace.

## **2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 2.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

## **3. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

## **4. RISK ASSESSMENT**

- 4.1 The adopted Local Development Scheme<sup>1</sup> includes a risk assessment which contains commentary on measures that have been or can be taken to mitigate identified risks of partially updating the adopted Local Plan.
- 4.2 There are no additional risks arising directly from this report.

## **5. EQUALITIES IMPACT**

- 5.1 The Integrated Impact Assessment will include an Equalities Impact Assessment.
- 5.2 There are impacts arising directly from this report.

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<sup>1</sup> Cotswold Local Development Scheme (2021-2024) <https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/media/fmtasbbs/local-development-scheme-may-2021.pdf>



## **6. CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The Council has declared climate and ecological emergencies. The Council has also prepared an action plan to show how it will support the District to become carbon neutral. The Council has also committed to make the Local Plan green to its core. An update to the Local Plan will directly support local communities and businesses to mitigate and adapt to climate change.
- 6.2 There are no specific implications arising directly from this report..

## **7. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 7.1 The Cabinet Member could choose not to accept the changes. However, this approach would directly affect the Council's ability to fully utilise the new digital consultation system's capabilities.

## **8. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 8.1 None

(END)



ANNEX A – AMMENDMENTS TO THE COTSWOLD  
UPDATE REGULATION 18 CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

Topic Theme Name	Change Undertaken
Biodiversity	<p>New question to respond to Cllr Rachel Coxcoon's comment: "Should the topic paper consider the 30 year maintenance timetable (as set out in Environment Act) and whether the plan could/should go beyond that? What happens to new BNG habitat after 30 years when the developer is no longer responsible for it?"</p> <p>Q4: Biodiversity Net Gain measures are would have a minimum 30 year maintenance plan that is linked to the planning permission. Should the Local Plan require a longer maintenance plan?</p>
Biodiversity	<p>New question:</p> <p>Do you agree with the suggested options?</p> <p><b>Yes / No / Unsure</b></p>
Biodiversity	<p>Following feedback from LUC on the Habitats Regulation Assessment, the following questions have been added to the Biodiversity Topic Paper. These refer to the HRA Scoping Report. A new paragraph has also been added to the topic paper to tie in with/explain the questions;</p> <p>I. The purpose of Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) of strategic plans such as the Local Plan is to make sure the plans do not harm such internationally designated sites. An update to the current Local Plan HRA is being undertaken. <b>[INSERT HYPERLINK TO HRA SCOPING REPORT BEFORE PAPER GOES LIVE]</b></p> <p>Q5a: Have we correctly identified the European sites that should be scoped-in to the HRA of the Local Plan Partial Update (see Chapter 3 and Appendix A)?</p> <p><b>Yes / No / Unsure</b></p> <p>Q5b: If no, please explain.</p>



	<p><b>[INSERT COMMENT BOX]</b></p> <p>Q6a: Have we correctly identified the sensitivities of the scoped-in European sites to potential impacts from the Local Plan Partial Plan Update (see Chapter 4 and Appendix B)?</p> <p><b>Yes / No / Unsure</b></p> <p>Q6b: If no, please explain.</p> <p><b>[INSERT COMMENT BOX]</b></p> <p>Q7a: Is the proposed approach to HRA of the Local Plan Partial Update reasonable (see Chapters 2 and 4)?</p> <p><b>Yes / No / Unsure</b></p> <p>Q7b: If no, please explain.</p> <p><b>[INSERT COMMENT BOX]</b></p>
Green Infrastructure	<p>Additional question</p> <p>Q5: Do you agree with the proposed options?</p> <p><b>Yes / No / Unsure</b></p>
Green Infrastructure	<p>Additional question which was accidentally taken out of the Cabinet Paper</p> <p>Q4: What mechanisms do you think can help to better provide for the long-term management of open spaces? Pick all that apply.</p> <p><b>A new criteria-based local plan policy to ensure the Council can influence the future management mechanism for a site (e.g. this could include a requirement for community participation in open space management, positive contribution towards the climate change and ecological emergencies, minimisation of maintenance requirements for public organisations, etc.)</b></p>



	<p>Town or parish councils managing new open spaces from the outset</p> <p>Cotswold District Council managing new open spaces from the outset</p> <p>Management undertaken by third parties, such as environmental charities</p> <p>Greater use of private management companies</p> <p>The design of open spaces minimising the maintenance burden</p> <p>Longer-term funding plans for open spaces within the planning permission for housing developments</p> <p>Providing more stringent management requirements / standards for each open space</p> <p>Further good practice guidance for the management of open spaces</p> <p>I think existing schemes of management are working effectively</p> <p>Other (please specify)</p>
Health, Social and Cultural Wellbeing	<p>New question to respond to Cllr Rachel Coxcoon's comment.</p> <p>Q1: Which new facilities in your local area could most help improve your health and wellbeing (rank 1 to 5 with 1 being not needed and five being very needed)? <b>[INSERT LIST OF OPTIONS]</b> better access to parks / green space; better access to health care facilities; better air quality; being able to grow your own food; being able to walk or cycle to access to services, facilities, employment or social events; your house being cool in summer and warm in winter; Other [please specify]</p>
Housing Need, Requirement, Land Supply and Delivery	<p>Additional part to question, as shown in <b>bold font</b> and question deleted in <del>strike through font</del></p> <p>Q3: The Cotswold District Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment Review (2021) identifies a shortlist of potential residential development sites.</p> <p>i) <del>Do you support the findings?</del></p> <p>i) Are there any factual inaccuracies or missing information within the site assessments? Please include the SHELAA site reference number in your response</p>





	<p>ii) What are the three most important opportunities that you would want to deliver on sites in your area. Please include the SHELAA site reference number(s) in your response where relevant</p> <p>iii) Are you aware of any additional land not already assessed in the SHELAA that is available for development?</p>
Housing Need, Requirement, Land Supply and Delivery	New question added: Q4: Is the Local Plan currently working well with providing for the specialist accommodation needs of older people? If not, how could the Local Plan be improved?
Housing Need, Requirement, Land Supply and Delivery	New question added: Q5: Is the Local Plan currently working well with providing for the accommodation needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople? If not, how could the Local Plan be improved?
Natural Capital and Ecosystem Services	<p>Having discussed the questions with Commonplace, Q1 is too ambiguous, will generate a low response rate and will require more analysis from CDC offers due to the free text nature of the response. It would be better to pick a preferred method for assessing natural capital and ecosystem services and ask people if they agree with it.</p> <p>Delete this question: Q1a: How should natural capital and ecosystem services be assessed on development sites in Cotswold District before and after development has taken place?</p> <p>Insert this question: Q1a: Our preferred approach to assessing natural capital and ecosystem services before and after development is the <a href="#">Environment Agency's Natural Capital Register and Account Tool</a> (see Section 5 within the website link). Do you agree with this approach?</p> <p><b>Yes / No / Unsure</b></p> <p>Q1b: Please explain why if you do not agree and, if possible, suggest an alternative method.</p> <p><b>[INSERT COMMENT BOX]</b></p>



Sustainable Tourism	<p>Question updated for clarification</p> <p>Original question said: Q4: Should there be more places or direction in the Local Plan, for example, identifying areas and/or routes to facilitate sustainable tourism growth?</p> <p>Clarified question says: Q4: Should the Local Plan designate broad areas or corridors for tourism development? For example, parts of Cotswold Water Park or former railway or canal routes.</p>
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