

Executive Summary of Agenda Item No. 10

Report title: Consultation on 'Towards the Emerging Spatial Strategy' for the West of England Joint Spatial Plan and Joint Transport Study

Wards affected: All

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Recommendation for the Mayor's approval:

1. To endorse consultation on 'Towards the Emerging Spatial Strategy' for the West of England Joint Spatial Plan.
2. To endorse the Joint Transport Study for consultation
3. To agree that a minimum period of six weeks consultation should be undertaken on the 'Towards the Emerging Spatial Strategy' for the West of England Joint Spatial Plan and the Joint Transport Study.

Key background / detail:

a. Purpose of report:

To present the next document in preparation for the WoE Joint Spatial Plan – 'Towards the Emerging Spatial Strategy' as recommended for consultation by the WoE Planning Housing and Communities Board and endorsed by the WoE Strategic Leadership Board.

The Joint Spatial Plan when approved will be a statutory development plan document and will provide the strategic context for development across the four Unitary Authorities of the West of England for the period 2016 to 2036.

To present the Joint Transport Study for consultation

b. Key details:

1. The four West of England unitary authorities are committed to the delivery of a Joint Spatial Plan for the West of England. This will identify the amount and distribution of housing and employment land required in the West of England for the period 2016 to 2036. An Issues and Options paper was consulted on last November. The next document 'Towards an Emerging Spatial Strategy' has been endorsed by the Planning Housing and Communities Board and Strategic Leaders Board of the West of England and is presented here.
2. The preparation of the Joint Spatial Plan is supported by a Joint Transport Study which has identified proposals for future transport investment which complement the strategic planning work.
3. Consultation is proposed for the six week period 7th November to 19th December 2016.
4. The target that the JSP will test and plan up to is currently 105,000 homes between 2016-2036.
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- **Maximising the capacity for urban development** within the Bristol City Council urban area – for Bristol an additional 12,000 above that already proposed and allocated in the Core Strategy giving a total of 33,000 additional homes between 2016 and 2036;
- **Green Belt urban extension proposed** to the developed edge of Bath and North East Somerset adjoining Bristol in the Whitchurch area;
- **Green Belt area in BCC** within the South Bristol Link Road, which has potential for 400 units has been identified as non-strategic development to be considered through the review of the Bristol Local Plan;
- **Scale of proposed growth** in the sub-region expected to have significant impact on the transport network in Bristol which will require a ring of park and ride sites beyond the BCC boundary along with the Callington Road Link, a City Centre package and Metrobus to the east fringe; and
- Within South East Bristol Green Belt, the area up to Hicks Gate has not been identified for growth. However, **a relocation of the Brislington P&R** to B&NES would release the BCC P&R site for development, and enable improved connectivity to and from the site for all modes.

6. The next steps in the preparation are:

- Completion of the JTS strategy for consideration by members by March 2017, taking account of consultation representations;
- Consultation on a publication plan draft JSP in Summer 2017;
- Consideration of the recommendations from the JTS in an updated Joint Local Transport Plan by end 2017;
- Submission of the JSP to the Secretary of State by in early 2018; and.
- Examination in Public and adoption to follow in 2018.

