

LATE BUSINESS SHEET

Cabinet 13 October 2020

Title: New Local Plan: First Steps Engagement

Item 10

Comments of the Regulatory Committee

The proposals which are the subject of the New Local Plan: First Steps Engagement Cabinet report were considered by Regulatory Committee on 5 October 2020.

Key discussion points were as follows:

- Regulatory Committee recommended that various text, layout and design changes are made to the First Steps Engagement document and the Integrated Impact Assessment Scoping Report to address errors or other issues, provide clarification and improve general presentation. Officers advised that recommendation 2 of the Cabinet report will enable the changes to be made before the documents are published for public consultation.
- Concern was raised regarding the accessibility of the First Steps Engagement document for consultation purposes having regard to the length of the document and the complexity of some of the language. Officers advised that a visual-based 20-30 page summary document will be produced as part of the consultation materials and a dedicated website will be set up splitting the document into key sections.
- Regulatory Committee asked who would be leading on the consultation. It was advised that the Planning Policy Team will be leading on the consultation with input and assistance from the corporate communications team and community engagement officers within the Housing, Planning and Regeneration Directorate.
- Issue was raised with the lack of detail in the Communications and Engagement Plan. Officers advised that the published version was an abridged version of the Plan and that a detailed implementation strategy is being worked up by the Planning Policy Team to support the delivery of the sought outcomes.

Following their noting and comment, Regulatory Committee agreed to recommend to Cabinet the approval for public consultation of the New Haringey Local Plan: First Steps Engagement consultation document.

Reason for lateness and reason for urgent consideration

This appendix is considered urgent pursuant to section 100B (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972. That provision states *“An item of business may not be considered at a meeting of a principal council unless ... by reason of special circumstances, which shall be specified in the minutes, the chairman of the meeting is of the opinion that the item should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency”*.

The Regulatory Committee considered this report on 5 October, after publication of the Cabinet agenda for 13 October 2020. The Regulatory Committee considered the information contained in the report and resolved to recommend the report to the Cabinet for approval.

The terms of reference for Regulatory Committee set out in Part three section B of the Council Constitution requires the cabinet to consider informal recommendations on local development documents, development plan documents, the local development framework and any other planning policy matter.

Concurrence of the Acting Democratic and Scrutiny Services Manager to the submission of this late item of business in accordance with Part 5 Section D – Protocol for Decision-Making - Paragraph 1.4.