

BOROUGH OF BARROW-IN-FURNESS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Special Meeting, Wednesday, 3rd August, 2016
at 2.00 p.m. (Committee Room No. 4)

NOTE: Group Meetings at 1.15 p.m.

A G E N D A

PART ONE

1. To note any items which the Chairman considers to be of an urgent nature.
2. To receive notice from Members who may wish to move any delegated matter non-delegated and which will be decided by a majority of Members present and voting at the meeting.
3. Admission of Public and Press

To consider whether the public and press should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any of the items on the agenda.

4. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations by Members and/or co-optees of interests in respect of items on this Agenda.

Members are reminded that, in accordance with the revised Code of Conduct, they are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or other registrable interests which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. (It is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting).

Members may however, also decide, in the interests of clarity and transparency, to declare at this point in the meeting, any such disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared in the Register, as well as any other registrable or other interests.

5. Apologies for Absence/Attendance of Substitute Members.

FOR DECISION

- (D) 6. Publication Draft Local Plan (Pages 1-4).

NOTE (D) - Delegated
(R) - For Referral to Council

Membership of Committee
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE		Part One (D) Agenda Item 6
Date of Meeting:	3rd August, 2016	
Reporting Officer:	Executive Director	
<p>Title: Publication Draft Local Plan</p> <p>Summary and Conclusions:</p> <p>Agreement of the Publication Draft Local Plan will enable the Council to carry out consultation in August/September 2016. The Submission Draft Local Plan will then be brought back to Executive Committee in early 2017, leading to an adopted Plan in late 2017.</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To agree the Publication Draft Local Plan; and 2. To agree to proceed with the consultation for a minimum period of 6 weeks. 		

Report

The Borough's existing Local Plan was adopted in 2001 and therefore some of the policies are out of date and need updating or replacing. The Planning Policy Team is responsible for preparing the new Local Plan which sets the broad framework for acceptable development in the Borough for the next 15 years up to 2031.

The production of the new Local Plan is set out in the Council Priorities 2013-16, where objective 1.3 is 'to ensure the timely progression of the Local Plan'. This objective is linked to the Housing priority but also supports the Regeneration and Public Realm and Local Economy Priorities.

Saved Policy

The Council has 'saved' the following documents to be replaced in due course by a new Local Plan.

1. Barrow-in-Furness Borough Council Local Plan Review 1996-2006 (Adopted August 2001)
2. Housing Chapter Alteration 2006 (Adopted June 2006)

The policies within the Barrow Port Area Action Plan (Adopted July 2010) have also been saved.

The new Local Plan

In November 2012, consultation took place under Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 regarding what should be contained in the new Local Plan. The comments we received and development sites put forward informed the production of the Issues and Options Draft Local Plan in September 2014.

In October/November 2014, informal consultation took place on the Issues and Options Draft Local Plan, and the comments we received and development sites put forward informed the production of the Preferred Options Draft Local Plan.

The Preferred Options Draft Local Plan was consulted upon in July/August 2015. The Draft contained the Council's preferred options for a suite of policies and included the Council's preferred development sites. Comments received during this consultation informed the Publication Draft.

Officers have worked with members of Planning Policy Working Group (comprising 3 members of Executive and 3 members of Planning Committee) throughout the process of preparing the Local Plan. This will be an ongoing dialogue allowing members to engage with the process and strengthen the Plan as it progresses.

Revised Housing Requirement

The Council is required to identify the objectively assessed housing need (OAN) in the Borough and to set a housing requirement in its new Local Plan. OAN is a "policy neutral" figure of basic housing need, whereas the housing requirement takes into account other factors such as constraints to delivery, policy restrictions and infrastructure requirements.

National guidance states that the most recent household projections produced by the Department for Communities and Local Government should be used as a "starting point" when calculating the OAN. Adjustments can then be made to take into account housing market and economic signals and previous unmet need.

The Council has calculated the OAN and housing requirement for the Borough over the Plan period based on the most up-to-date evidence available (CLG 2012 household projections).

CLG 2012 household figures project a continued decline in the Borough's population over the period 2012 to 2031. The size of households in the Borough will also continue to fall. This results in a projected growth of only 362 households between 2012 and 2031, which equates to an annual average of 19 additional households.

This figure should be adjusted upwards to take into account future employment growth, future housing vacancies and second homes. A number of options for OAN have been identified, however the most realistic is considered to be an OAN of 1990 net additional dwellings over the 19 year plan period which is an average of 105 dwellings per year. This is the minimum number of net additional dwellings which should be built over the Plan period. It is not a ceiling and additional housing will be accepted where it accords with the Development Plan.

The Council intends to meet the target through the development of:

- Allocated sites;
- Sites with extant planning permission;
- Development on windfall sites; and
- Bringing vacant properties back into beneficial use.

Development Sites

The Publication Draft (**Appendix 1**) contains proposed allocations for a number of Housing, Employment and Opportunity sites throughout the borough. These are shown on the Local Plan Proposals Maps (**Appendices A-C**. These will be available at the meeting), and an A4 map of each site is contained within the Draft Plan (See **Appendices G-M**).

Housing Sites

The Council are proposing to allocate 38 sites for housing, 20 of these sites are in Barrow, 10 in Dalton, 6 in Askam and Ireleth, 1 in Lindal and 1 in Newton. (See **Appendix I**).

Employment Sites

The Council are proposing to allocate 10 sites for employment, of these 2 are in Dalton, 7 in Barrow and 1 at Walney. (See **Appendix H**).

Opportunity Areas

The Council has identified through its allocation process and associated studies and assessments four brownfield sites in Barrow which are currently vacant which it would like to see developed within the lifetime of the Plan, and have classified them as regeneration Opportunity Areas. (See **Appendix G**).

Green Infrastructure

The Council are proposing to allocate areas of the Borough as Green Infrastructure (see **Appendices D-F**. These will be available at the meeting).

Timetable

Upon agreement, the Publication Draft Local Plan will be available for consultation for a minimum 6 week period during August/September 2016. During this time we will invite comments from Statutory bodies, organisations, individuals, groups, developers/landowners and other interested parties. We also intend to hold a number of exhibitions throughout the Borough. The options within the Draft have undergone Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA), Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Viability Assessment, and these documents along with a range of supporting documents will be made available in the consultation period.

In early 2017, a Submission Draft Local Plan will be finalised and brought back to Committee for agreement to submit the Plan to government for examination.

In line with the regulations a number of assessments and consultation stages are required throughout the process of drafting the new Local Plan, however the timetable suggests the Plan will be examined and adopted in 2017.

(i) Legal Implications

The Council is required under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 to produce a Development Plan for the Borough.

(ii) Risk Assessment

The recommendation has no significant implications.

(iii) Financial Implications

The recommendation has no financial implications.

(iv) Health and Safety Implications

The recommendation has no significant implications.

(v) Equality and Diversity

The recommendation has no detrimental impact on service users showing any of the protected characteristics under current Equalities legislation.

(vi) Health and Well-being Implications

The recommendation has no adverse effect on the Health and Wellbeing of users of this service.

Background Papers

Correspondence held by the Executive Director, a copy of the Publication Draft Local Plan is available to view in the Members Room.