

Agenda

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To confirm the decisions of the meeting held on 12 February 2020 (CA.44 - CA.53), previously circulated.

2. Apologies for Absence

Resources Management

3. Making a Difference Grants

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This report presents the recommendations of the Making a Difference Grants Panels for consideration.

In accepting the recommendation, Cabinet will approve the grants proposed in Annex A of the report.

Relevant Ward(s): All Wards

4. Rural Housing Enablers Programme

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Hambleton District Council currently acts as the host authority for Rural Housing Enabler Programme on behalf of the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Housing Partnership. The current 5-year term is due to expire on 31 March 2020. This report seeks a decision as to whether to continue this role for another 5 years.

In accepting the recommendations, Cabinet will agree that the Council will act as the host authority for the Rural Housing Enabler Programme for a term of 5 years from 1 April 2020 and utilises commuted sum reserves (ring-fenced for affordable housing) to pay for the Council's annual contributions from 2020/21.

Relevant Ward(s): All Wards

5. Skills Village

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This report seeks approval in principle for the development of a Construction Skills Village in Hambleton and to work up a project in partnership with a skills provider with the aim of establishing a Skills Village as soon as practical.

In accepting the recommendations, Cabinet will approve, in principle, the development of a Skills Village in the district, the initial start-up costs of £125k will be funded through the Economic Development Fund and the Council will procure a partner to deliver the Skills Village.

Relevant Ward(s): Northallerton North and Brompton Ward

Policy Implementation

6. Approval of Local Plan for Development Management Purposes

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The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the policies contained in the Hambleton Local Plan to be used as a material consideration during the process of determining planning applications.

In accepting the recommendation, Cabinet will approve and recommend to Council that the policies contained in the Hambleton Local Plan be used as a material consideration during the process of determining planning applications.

Relevant Ward(s): All Wards

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Hambleton District Council

Report To: Cabinet

Date: 10 March 2020

Subject: **Making a Difference Grants**

Portfolio Holder: Leisure
Councillor Mrs B S Fortune

Wards Affected: All Wards

1.0 Purpose and Background

- 1.1 In February 2020, the Financial Strategy 2021/22 to 2029/30 report was approved by Cabinet where £125,000 is allocated from the one-off fund to support the Council's 2020/21 'Making a Difference' grants scheme.
- 1.2 The 2020/21 scheme was launched on 15 November 2019 with a closing date of 13 January 2020. Overall 67 applications were received requesting a total of £419,215.
- 1.3 Five decision making panels made up of elected Members from each of the sub-areas convened in January and February to consider the applications and to assess their merit against the grant criteria (Annex B) and the £25,000 budget allocation (£125,000 across all five areas). Each decision has been documented and a final set of recommendations is presented at Annex A.

2.0 Link to Council Priorities

- 2.1 The Making a Difference grant criteria stipulate that all projects must contribute to at least one of the Council priorities.

3.0 Risk Assessment

- 3.1 There are no significant risks associated with this report.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 Grant allocations total the full £125,000 budget allocation for the Making a Difference programme.
- 4.2 All the grants awarded will be to legitimate, constituted bodies with their own bank accounts. Each grant recipient will be required to submit proof of expenditure before payments are released.
- 4.3 All grant holders are informed that the grant cannot be increased under any circumstances and terms and conditions are signed to this effect.

- 4.4 Any grants that are not accepted will be returned to the Council's One-Off Fund.
- 4.5 Any funds that are allocated to the grant applicant and are not claimed by 31 March 2021 deadline will be returned to the One-Off Fund.
- 4.6 Any funds that are claimed by the grant recipient and are not spent will be paid back to the Council and returned to the One-Off Fund.

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 Each grant holder must adhere to a set of terms and conditions. This ensures the grant is spent correctly, that any legal requirements are met, that the grant is properly publicised and Hambleton District Council is acknowledged accordingly, and that the grant is closely monitored.

6.0 Equality/Diversity Issues

- 6.1 The Making a Difference grants are open to all eligible organisations that are not-for-profit, formally constituted, possess a bank account and whose proposed projects will benefit the community in Hambleton.
- 6.2 The awarded grants take into account equality and diversity to ensure that the schemes and their benefits are open to all members of the community.

7.0 Recommendation

- 7.1 That Cabinet approves the grants proposed in Annex A of the report.

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Background papers: Making a Difference Grant guidance notes

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Making a Difference Grant – Panel Recommendations for Approval

Bedale

Project Name	Organisation	Amount requested	Amount recommended
Clean Hands	Bedale Athletic and Sports Association (aka Bedale Sports Club)	£2,053.50	£1,000
Christmas Lights Improvements	Bedale Town Council	£3,250	£1,600
Parade and Presentation of a Illuminated Address to RAF Leeming	Bedale Town Council	£2,700	£1,300
Village Notice Boards	Well Parish Council	£1,367	£1,367
CCTV	Bedale Hall CIO	£2,000	£1,000
Lawn Relocation	Bedale and Dales Croquet Club	£9,360	£3,000
Court Refurbishments	Bedale Squash Club	£18,150	£6,000
New access to venue	Bedale Youth Venue	£2,000	£2,000
Alcohol and drug awareness activities	Bedale Youth Venue	£1,000	£1,000
Carthorpe Kissing Gate Project	Carthorpe Parish Council	£4,000	£2,000
Cricket Club Practice Nets	Bedale Cricket Club	£10,000	£3,733
Christmas Festival Decorations	Bedale & Villages Community Forum	£1,000	£1,000
		Total	£25,000

Easingwold

Project Name	Organisation	Amount requested	Amount recommended
Friday Frolics	Easingwold District Community Care Association	£3,200	£3,200
Acoustic Panels in Main Hall	Alne Village Hall Registered Charity 1162875	£3,870	£3,870
To remove old wooden cladding, insulation and recladding building	Huby Memorial Village Hall	£13,016	£3,500
Playground repairs and new equipment	Huby Playground	£13,692	£3,020
Huby Methodist Church Project	Huby Methodist Church Trustees	£5,000	£3,000
Installation of new drainage bed	1st Easingwold (Forest of Galtres) Scout Group	£7,000	£3,500
Sound Absorption Project	First Kyle Valley Scout Group	£1,785	£1,785
Millfield Parkrun	Easingwold Town Council	£4,687	£3,125
Total			£25,000

Northallerton

Organisation	Project Name	Amount requested	Amount recommended
New Mess/Dining tent	Romanby Scout Group	£1,000	£1,000
Step into Swimming	Northallerton Amateur Swimming Club	£7,458.60	£3,500
Gig Buddies	Northdale Horticulture	£6,200	£4,000
Appleton Film	Appleton Wiske Parish Council	£1,250	£1,250
Secret Garden Palliative Care Project	Cowtonbury	£18,650.25	£15,250
Total			£25,000

Stokesley

Organisation	Project Name	Amount requested	Amount recommended
Potto Village Hall Toilet Refurbishment	Potto Village Hall Management Committee	£5,000	£3,500
Accessible Toilet Refurbishment in the Town Hall	Stokesley Town Hall Trust	£4,500	£3,000
Creating wildflower havens in Seamer	Seamer Parish Council	£1,867	£1,000
Replace Oven	North Yorkshire County Scout Council	£1,033.50	£1,000
Dementia Day Centre – a new environment	Stokesley and District Community Care Association	£1,460	£1,000
Promoting climate action in Stokesley and surrounding villages	Stokesley and Villages Community Partnership: sub-group Climate Action Stokesley and Villages group	£1,100	£1,000
Faceby Bus Shelter Project	Faceby Community Projects	£3,500	£2,000
Full refurbishment of the domestic skills kitchen	Yatton House Society	£7,000	£2,000
Moorsbus serving Hambleton	Moorsbus Community Interest Company	£5,000	£1,000
Refurbishment of poolside starting equipment	Stokesley Swimming Club	£9,298.80	£6,500
Easby Public Access Defibrillator	Restarting Hearts Northallerton	£1,275	£1,000
Great Ayton Whitbread Bridge Project	Great Ayton Parish Council	£2,731.18	£2,000
		Total	£25,000

Thirsk

Project Name	Organisation	Amount requested	Amount recommended
Thirsk and Sowerby Festival	Thirsk and District Business Association	£2,500	£1,000
Leake Tennis Club New Pavilion	Leake Tennis Club	£11,000	£6,970
Activity Equipment for 2020	North Yorkshire Youth Ltd	£1,236	£1,236
Purchase of a new mower	Thirsk Athletic Bowling Club	£4,821	£4,821
New access path to village hall	Borrowby Parish Council	£1,875	£1,875
Equipment for Thirsk White Horse Swim Club	Thirsk White Horse Swim Team	£1,275	£1,275
Explorer group backing and camping development project	White Horse Explorer Scout Hut	£2,273	£2,273
Fresh Start	Friends of Thirsk Community Primary School	£4,050	£4,050
Wheelchair Tennis	Thirsk Tennis Club	£1,500	£1,500
		Total	£25,000

Making a Difference Grant 2020: Guidance Notes

The following guidance notes are designed to help assess each grant application on its relative merits, identify how well each project helps support the Council's four priorities and how each project demonstrates value for money. The principle of the grants programme is that it makes a genuine difference to the quality of life for residents of Hambleton. These notes help determine which applications will make the most difference.

Factors to consider

- **Impact on the community**

Each applicant has been asked to explain what difference their project will make. Consider which project(s) will have the greatest impact to the quality of life for residents.

- **Evidence of need**

Applicants have been asked to demonstrate a genuine community need for the project. This could be evidenced in a Parish Plan, an Area Partnership Community Plan or through user group consultation.

- **Council priorities**

Each application must meet at least one of the Council's priorities:

- Driving economic vitality
- Enhancing health and wellbeing
- Caring for the environment
- Providing a special place to live

- **The percentage of the total project cost applied for**

The maximum grant available is 75% of the total project cost with the expectation that the applicant will secure at least 25% of the project cost from other fundraising activity. Those requesting a smaller percentage of funding may represent better value for money.

- **The number of beneficiaries supported per Council £1**

Each applicant has been asked to estimate how many people will benefit should the application be successful. The lower the cost per beneficiary, the greater the community benefit per capita and may offer greater value for money depending on the type of project.

- **The long term impact of each project**

Some projects are short term pilots that provide an immediate response to an acute need, whilst others are capital projects that will bring long term benefit beyond the lifespan of the grant programme. Consider which project(s) will have the biggest long term impact.

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Hambleton District Council

Report To: Cabinet

Date: 10 March 2020

Subject: **Rural Housing Enabler Programme**

Portfolio Holder: Planning
Councillor D A Webster

Wards Affected: All Wards

1.0 Purpose and Background

- 1.1 Hambleton District Council currently acts as the host authority for Rural Housing Enabler Programme on behalf of the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Housing Partnership (at its meeting on 17 February 2020 the Partnership Board approved the proposals contained in this report). The current 5-year term is due to expire on 31 March 2020. This report seeks a decision as to whether to continue this role for another 5 years.
- 1.2 The Rural Housing Enabler Programme consists of six part-time staff members who undertake work to enable the provision of affordable housing in rural areas across the Partnership area. This has led to the completion of 1,259 new homes in the period from April 2015 to December 2019 (of which 161 were in the Hambleton district).
- 1.3 As host authority the Council takes responsibility for the financial management of the Programme and employment of the six staff (including any redundancy and pension costs that may arise). The financial implications of this are shown in section 4.0 below.

2.0 Link to Council Priorities

- 2.1 The Programme contributes to the Council's priority of 'Providing a special place to live' by enabling new affordable housing in rural areas.

3.0 Risk Assessment

- 3.1 There are no significant risks associated with this report.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The annual running costs are currently £182,000. The Programme is funded through a combination of local authority and Registered Provider contributions and fee income from newly completed rural housing schemes assisted by the Programme. However, additional income options are being explored.

- 4.2 In addition to the annual running costs there is a need for contingency reserves of £123,144 to cover redundancy and pension liabilities should these arise if all the members of the Rural Housing Enabler programme decided to discontinue. The balance of reserves is projected to be only £76,683 by the end of March 2020, i.e. a projected deficit of £46,461.
- 4.3 By virtue of increases in partner contributions and anticipated scheme income in 2020/21 the Partnership expects that the recommended level of reserves will be in place by 31 March 2021. The balance at 31 March 2021 will be a surplus of £15,730. The probability of reserves being required in excess of those currently held before 31 March 2021 is very low due to the stable nature of the workforce.
- 4.4 The table below shows the position at 31 March 2020 and also the position for the 2020/21 financial year including all expenditure and income:

Current Year 2019/20	£
Cost of Programme (estimated)	182,000
Income (minimum)	
RP Retainers @ £3,250 each - £48,750	
LA Contributions @ £6,950 each - £62,550	
Price per unit set at £176.67	£173,583
Programme Deficit to Carry Forward to 2020/21	£8,417
Required Contingency (4.2 above)	£123,144
Reserve Balance Brought Forward from 2018/19	£85,100
Programme Deficit to Carry forward to 2020/21	£46,461
Proposed 2020/21	
Cost of Programme (estimated)	£186,000
Deficit Brought Forward from 2019/20	£46,461
Total Expenditure	£232,461
Income	
RP Retainers @ £3,500 - £52,500	
LA Contributions @ £7,500 each - £67,500	
Price per unit assumed £450 x 285 - £128,250	£248,250
Programme Surplus to Carry Forward to 2021/22	£15,789

- 4.5 One partner has announced that it intends to withdraw from the Partnership (it will give 12 months' notice). This will reduce running costs but will also reduce income. Hence the Partnership intends to increase scheme fees in future years in order to cover running costs and maintain reserves at the recommended level as illustrated in the table above and therefore this reduces the risk. A full review is due to be completed later in 2020.
- 4.6 Hambleton District Council's contribution will increase from £6,950 in 2019/20 to £7,500 in 2020/21 and 2021/22. This is currently paid from the General Fund (Housing Strategy Enabling budget). It is proposed that from 2020/21 this is paid from the Council's commuted sums reserves (those ring-fenced for affordable housing across the district). Hence this will provide a General Fund saving of £6,950 per annum from 2020/21 as this is the amount currently budgeted for.

Overall the revenue effect for HDC's budget will be as follows:-

Revenue Effects	2019/20 £	2020/21 £	2021/22 £
Cost of Council contribution	<u>6,950</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>7,500</u>
Financed by:			
Base budget Commutated sums	<u>6,950</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>7,500</u>
Budget Revenue effect	<u>6,950</u>	<u>zero</u>	<u>zero</u>

4.7 This Council recoups a modest management / administration charge associated with its role of lead employer. This was set up and agreed in 2014/15 and this continues at £6,000.

4.8 There is no capital expenditure.

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 There are legal implications in respect of redundancy and pension liabilities which have been taken into account.

6.0 Equality/Diversity Issues

6.1 Equality and Diversity Issues have been considered however there are no issues associated with this report.

7.0 Recommendations

7.1 It is recommended that Cabinet:

- (1) agrees that the Council will act as the host authority for the Rural Housing Enabler Programme for a term of 5 years from 1 April 2020; and
- (2) utilises commuted sum reserves (ring-fenced for affordable housing) to pay for the Council's annual contributions from 2020/21.

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Director of Economy and Planning

Background papers: Report to the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Housing Partnership Board 17 February 2020 "Rural Housing Enabler Programme".

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Hambleton District Council

Report To: Cabinet

Date: 10 March 2020

Subject: **Skills Village**

Portfolio Holder: Economic Development and Finance
Councillor P R Wilkinson

Wards Affected: All Wards

1.0 Purpose and Background

- 1.1 To seek approval in principle for the development of a Construction Skills Village in Hambleton and to work up a project in partnership with a skills provider with the aim of establishing a skills village as soon as practical. Construction businesses have highlighted a shortage of skilled workers in the local construction industry. Both local companies and national housebuilders operating in the area are reporting a lack of available labour force for brick laying and allied construction trades.
- 1.2 Work undertaken with the businesses at Dalton and discussions with companies such as Sirius Minerals has also identified that there are similar issues with more specialist construction skills and the supply chain. This has been evidenced in the Construction Industry Training Board report 'Construction Gap Analysis for the York, North Yorkshire & East Riding Area' published in 2018. This research demonstrated in York, North Yorkshire & East Riding Area:-
- Annual construction spending of £1.3bn for next 5 years
 - Total (peak) construction workforce of more than 49,000 required
 - 5,000 new homes in YNYER p.a. to 2021 and beyond

Hambleton Issues/challenges:

- 1.3 There are no vocational colleges within the market towns for school leavers to study construction therefore they have to travel to Darlington, Middlesbrough or further afield. Rural transport means this can be challenging for school leavers and younger learners. Destination data from 2017 school leavers demonstrates a low number of school leavers going onto apprenticeships. Businesses in all sectors struggle to recruit apprentices due to the high number of students who go on to sixth form.
- 1.4 Hambleton S106 obligations have not included requirements to factor in apprenticeships to date. Having a Construction Skills Village locally may encourage builders to adopt this/reduce resistance to it being included in future S106 agreements which would potentially support the increase in house building within the District.

Proposed solution

- 1.5 The Construction Skills Village model as currently employed in Scarborough is the favoured model as it provides site ready, appropriately certified apprentices into developer companies working in the locality.
- 1.6 The proposal is to partner with an appropriate organisation that has the experience and capability to deliver a project within the district that is similar to the Scarborough model. The procured partner will work closely with HDC to design a project that meets the unique needs of the district and its residents. The partner organisation will bring an in-house capability regarding project management to the partnership and can advise on costs and requirements. By using a proven model of delivery we can develop a scheme for the district that is self-sustaining within one year. Based upon a cohort of 30 learners the model would initially focus on trades such as brick-laying, plastering etc., but can be expanded to other skillsets within the industry as the scheme progresses, therefore starting to address the broader skills gap. This would ensure:
- Local labour force is better skilled increasing the number of people with construction trades certification and experience.
 - Pupils at local schools provided with an enhanced choice of vocational training opportunities and routes to skilled, well paid jobs.
 - Housebuilders are able to deliver housing targets.
 - The District is able to retain more skilled younger people helping to address an aging workforce issue.
 - Partnership working with housing developers, builders and education establishments
 - Possible opportunity for schools with pupils who have additional special educational needs, to enable them to utilise this training prospect for their pupils.
- 1.7 The Skills village will be located in the district, with the initial site being in close proximity to ongoing major building schemes, this provides opportunity for learners to be involved in real construction projects through apprenticeship opportunities. Developers and construction trade businesses operating in the district have engaged and expressed support for the project.

2.0 Link to Council Priorities

- 2.1 A development of a Skills Village will support the Council's priority of driving economic vitality; specifically creating opportunities for young people to develop vital employment skills and contribute to reducing the skills gap in the construction sector.

3.0 Risk Assessment

3.1 Risk in approving the recommendations

Risk	Implication	Gross Prob	Gross Imp	Gross Total	Preventative action	Net Prob	Net Imp	Net Total
Reputational Risk to the Council	Council may be criticised if the project does not deliver the educational and skill outputs.	3	4	12	Develop and promote the skills village and work closely with partners to ensure that the outputs are deliverable	2	3	6
Initial Set up costs used and project not viable	Loss of initial funding from the Council	3	4	12	Monitor the project closely and work closely with Leisure	2	3	6

3.2 The Skills Village will provide opportunities for learners to remain in education within the district boundaries and contribute to reducing the skills gap in the construction sector in Hambleton; therefore the risks of agreeing with the recommendations outweigh the risk of not agreeing them and are considered acceptable.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 The estimated cost of the scheme, based upon the known costs of the Scarborough model, to be funded by the Council is £125,000 which includes site preparation, construction and fit-out of the village and a contribution towards the employment of a village co-ordinator for 12 months to oversee the set-up and liaise between the partners and education authorities.

4.2 The breakdown of the estimated costs of the skills village set-up will be as follows:-

Revenue Expenditure	2020/21
Site co-ordinator costs (12 months)	£30,000
Office costs and marketing	£6,000
Consultancy	£5,000
Capital Expenditure	2020/21
Site preparation and security	£11,000
Site offices and cabins	£44,000
Fixtures and fittings	£13,000
Tools and materials	£7,000
Capital contingency	£9,000
Total	£125,000

4.3 All of the £41,000 Revenue and £84,000 Capital costs will be funded from the Economic Development Fund.

4.4 The Council does not expect any ongoing revenue costs after the set-up of the skills village in 2020/21. The partnership becomes self-funding with the skills provider partner drawing down funds from the Education Skills Funding Agency and the Construction Industry Training Board Construction Skills Fund to cover ongoing revenue costs.

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 There will be a requirement to secure a skills provider in line with procurement regulations.

5.2 Dependent upon the best identified location for the skills village there may be a need to obtain a licence or request a deed of variation to any existing s106 agreement in relation to the land.

6.0 Equality/Diversity Issues

6.1 Equality and Diversity Issues have been considered however there are no issues associated with this report.

7.0 Recommendation

7.1 That Cabinet approves:

- (1) the development, in principle, of a Skills Village partnership in the district;
- (2) the initial start-up costs of £125k to be funded through the Economic Development Fund; and
- (3) the Council procures a partner to deliver the Skills Village.

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Background papers: Skills Village

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Hambleton District Council

Report To: Cabinet

Date: 10 March 2020

Subject: **Approval of Local Plan for Development Management Purposes**

Portfolio Holder: Planning
Councillor D A Webster

Wards Affected: All Wards

1.0 Purpose and Background

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the policies contained in the Hambleton Local Plan to be used as a material consideration during the process of determining planning applications.
- 1.2 The Hambleton Local Plan was published for representations between 30 July and 17 September 2019. The next milestone in the preparation process is for the plan to be submitted for Examination. This is scheduled to happen by the end of March 2020.
- 1.3 While the policies of an emerging Local Plan can be approved for use in the decision making process, it should be recognised that the degree to which individual policies can be given weight depends on several factors.
- 1.4 When deciding on the weight to be given to policies of the emerging Local Plan reference must be had to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) paragraph 48, which states:

Local planning authorities may give weight to relevant policies in emerging plans according to:

- a) the stage of preparation of the emerging plan (the more advanced its preparation, the greater the weight that may be given);
- b) the extent to which there are unresolved objections to relevant policies (the less significant the unresolved objections, the greater the weight that may be given); and
- c) the degree of consistency of the relevant policies in the emerging plan to this Framework (the closer the policies in the emerging plan to the policies in the Framework, the greater the weight that may be given).

- 1.5 With regards to part a) of paragraph 48 the Local Plan is at an advanced stage in the preparation process as the main consultation phase and the statutory publication stage have been completed. Further to this the plan is due to be submitted for examination shortly but it has not been through Examination and neither has it been formally adopted.
- 1.6 When considering part b) of paragraph 48 the extent to which there is unresolved objections can be seen from analysis of the representations. Attached as Annex A is a table of the policies contained within the publication version of the Local Plan. The table sets out the number of representations on each policy and whether they are 'support' or 'objections' representations.
- 1.7 The table in Annex A shows that some policies have no objection representations. With no objections it is highly likely that these policies will remain the same through the examination process to adoption of the plan. They can therefore be given 'significant' weight.
- 1.8 There are policies where the representations raise issues that are not particularly significant and should be straightforward to resolve. These policies are identified in Annex A. Although there can be confidence that the issues raised for these policies will be resolved it could involve modifications. The commentary included in Annex A gives some guidance on the extent of the objections, for example whether they are geographically specific.
- 1.9 The remaining policies have objections that are likely to be matters that are considered in detail through the Examination process. They raise objections and/or seek changes that could change the effect of the policy. These objections must therefore be considered to be unresolved. These policies mainly concern the scale and distribution of development and the allocation of sites for development.
- 1.10 When considering part c) of NPPF paragraph 48 there can be a high degree of certainty that the policies of the plan are consistent with the national policies contained within the NPPF. This is in part due to the fact that the production timetable for the Local Plan was extended in 2018 to ensure that the plan was consistent with the, then newly published, NPPF. Further to this the objections raised generally state that policy requirements are not justified by the evidence. Where they do raise issues relating to national planning policy they are mostly concerned with the interpretation rather than conformity with national policy.

2.0 Link to Council Priorities

- 2.1 The adoption of a new Local Plan is a priority project for the Council and aims to deliver the vision of Hambleton as a place to grow.

3.0 Risk Assessment

- 3.1 The key risk is in not approving the recommendation as shown below:-

Risk	Implication	Gross Prob	Gross Imp	Gross Total	Preventative action	Net Prob	Net Imp	Net Total
If the weight to be afforded to the policies in the decision making process is not clearly defined this could lead to more planning appeals.	More planning appeals could adversely affect the quality of the planning service. Council planning decisions could be overturned.	4	3	12	Approve as recommended.	2	3	6

Prob = Probability, Imp = Impact, Score range is Low = 1, High = 5

3.2 There are risks associated with approving the recommendation, however these are considered to be of a low level. Overall the risk of not approving the recommendations outweighs the risks of approving the recommendation.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 There are considered to be no financial implications associated with this report.

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 There are potential legal implications relating to planning application appeals. If the recommendation is not approved and therefore the weight to be afforded to policies in the decision making process is not clearly defined, this could lead to more planning appeals.

6.0 Equality/Diversity Issues

6.1 Equality and Diversity Issues have been considered however there are no issues associated with this report.

8.0 Recommendation

8.1 That Cabinet approves and recommends to Council that policies contained in the Hambleton Local Plan be used as a material consideration during the process of determining planning applications.

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Director of Economy and Planning

Background papers: None

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Annex A: Local Plan for Development Management Purposes

Policy	Representations			Outstanding objections	Significant objections	Commentary
	Total	Support	Objection			
Chapter 3: Vision and Spatial Development Strategy						
S 1: Sustainable Development Principles	22	10	12	Yes	No	Representations raise objections that are either more applicable to other policies than S 1, or are considered straightforward to resolve without affecting the aims of the policy.
S 2: Strategic Priorities and Requirements	46	8	38	Yes	Yes	Objections challenge the methodology and evidence for both the housing and employment requirement identified in the policy.
S 3: Spatial Distribution	55	23	32	Yes	Yes	Objections challenge most elements of the policy and seek changes that could significantly alter the effect of the policy.
S 4: Neighbourhood Planning	2	1	1	Yes	No	The representation raises an objection that is considered to be straightforward to resolve without affecting the aims of the policy.
S 5: Development in the Countryside	24	5	19	Yes	Yes	Representations raise objections to key elements of the policy, specifically the definition of the built form.
S 6: York Green Belt	1	1	0	No	N/A	No objections
S 7: The Historic Environment	6	2	4	Yes	No	Representations raise detailed objections to elements of the policy and justification text relating to how harm to the significance of heritage assets is considered and whether the policy is consistent with national policy/ legal requirements. These are considered to be straightforward to resolve without affecting the aims of the policy.
Chapter 4: Supporting Economic Growth						
EG 1: Meeting Hambleton's Employment Requirement	4	2	2	Yes	No	Representations raise detailed objections relating to allocation of land at Leeming Bar for employment development. This is a significant objection but is geographically limited so would not affect the use of the policy elsewhere. However, consideration should also be had to representations on individual allocations.
EG 2: Protection and Enhancement of Existing Employment Land	3	1	2	Yes	Yes	Objections challenge several elements of the policy and seek changes that could significantly alter the effect of the policy.

Policy	Representations			Outstanding objections	Significant objections	Commentary
	Total	Support	Objection			
EG 3: Town Centre Retail and Leisure Provision	11	1	10	Yes	No	Objections are concerned with the part of the policy relating to residential development in town centres. This is considered to be straightforward to resolve without affecting the aims of the policy.
EG 4: Management of Town Centres	2	0	2	Yes	No	Objections are concerned with the part of the policy relating to upper floors in town centres and the extent of the primary shopping area. These are considered to be straightforward to resolve without affecting the aims of the policy.
EG 5: Vibrant Market Towns	6	3	3	Yes	No	Objections are concerned with the extent of the primary shopping area, the impact of the Bedale Gateway Car and Coach Park on heritage assets, and cycle parking. These are considered to be straightforward to resolve without affecting the aims of the policy.
EG 6: Commercial Buildings, Signs and Advertisements	2	1	1	Yes	No	The representation raises an objection relating to traditional shop fronts that is considered to be straightforward to resolve without affecting the aims of the policy.
EG 7: Rural Businesses	4	0	4	Yes	No	Representations raise objections that are considered to be straightforward to resolve without affecting the aims of the policy.
EG 8: The Visitor Economy	1	0	1	Yes	Yes	The representation raises an objection that challenges a key element of the policy and seeks changes that could significantly alter the effect of the policy.
Chapter 5: Supporting Housing Growth						
HG 1: Housing Delivery	42	5	37	Yes	Yes	Representations raise detailed objections relating to allocations for residential development as well as the omission of sites, seeking changes that could significantly alter the policy. Consideration should also be had to representations on individual allocations.
HG 2: Delivering the Right Type of Homes	24	3	21	Yes	Yes	Representations raise objections to key elements of the policy and seek changes that could significantly alter the effect of the policy.
HG 3: Affordable Housing Requirements	16	4	12	Yes	Yes	Representations raise objections to key elements of the policy and seek changes that could significantly alter the effect of the policy.
HG 4: Housing Exception Schemes	3	0	3	Yes	No	Representations raise objections that are considered to be straightforward to resolve without affecting the aims of the policy.

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HG 5: Windfall Housing Development	25	5	20	Yes	Yes	Representations raise objections to key elements of the policy and seek changes that could significantly alter the effect of the policy.
HG 6: Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople	4	0	4	Yes	Yes	Representations raise objections to key elements of the policy and seek changes that could significantly alter the effect of the policy.
Chapter 6: Supporting a High Quality Environment						
E 1: Design	9	3	6	Yes	Yes	Representations raise objections to key elements of the policy and seek changes that could significantly alter the effect of the policy.
E 2: Amenity	2	1	1	Yes	Yes	The representation raises an objection to the scope of the policy and seeks changes that could significantly alter the effect of the policy.
E 3: The Natural Environment	2	0	2	Yes	No	Representations raise objections that are considered to be straightforward to resolve without affecting the aims of the policy.
E 4: Green Infrastructure	9	2	7	Yes	No	Representations raise objections that are considered to be straightforward to resolve without affecting the aims of the policy.
E 5: Development Affecting Heritage Assets	4	1	3	Yes	No	Representations raise detailed objections to elements of the policy and justification text relating to heritage assets and whether the policy is consistent with national policy/ legal requirements. These are considered to be straightforward to resolve without affecting the aims of the policy.
E 6: Nationally Protected Landscapes	2	2	0	No	N/A	No objections
E 7: Hambleton's Landscapes	4	2	2	Yes	No	Representations raise objections that are considered to be straightforward to resolve without affecting the aims of the policy.
Chapter 7: Infrastructure and Community Services						
CI 1: Infrastructure Delivery	7	0	7	Yes	Yes	Representations raise objections to key elements of the policy and seek changes that could significantly alter the effect of the policy.
CI 2: Transport and Accessibility	3	0	3	Yes	No	Representations raise objections that are considered to be straightforward to resolve without affecting the aims of the policy.

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CI 3: Open Space, Sport and Recreation	7	2	5	Yes	Yes	Representations raise objections to key elements of the policy and seek changes that could significantly alter the effect of the policy.
CI 4: Community Facilities	4	4	0	No	N/A	No objections
Chapter 8: Environmental and Resource Management						
RM 1: Water Quality and Supply	1	0	1	Yes	No	Representations raise objections that are considered to be straightforward to resolve without affecting the aims of the policy.
RM 2: Flood Risk	1	0	1	Yes	No	Representations raise objections that are considered to be straightforward to resolve without affecting the aims of the policy.
RM 3: Surface Water and Drainage Management	0	0	0	No	N/A	No objections
RM 4: Air Quality	0	0	0	No	N/A	No objections
RM 5: Ground Contamination and Groundwater Pollution	1	0	1	Yes	No	Representations raise objections that are considered to be straightforward to resolve without affecting the aims of the policy.
RM 6: Minerals and Waste	1	1	0	No	N/A	No objections
RM 7: Renewable and Low Carbon Energy	3	1	2	Yes	No	Representations raise objections that are considered to be straightforward to resolve without affecting the aims of the policy.