

## **Statement by the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Planning**

**18 October 2022**

### **Planning Policy**

#### **The Local Plan**

The adoption of the new Hambleton Local Plan has now passed the period for Judicial Review without challenge.

For the Local Plan review the 8 authorities involved with LGR are considering whether to continue with local plan reviews in light of legal advice on local plan preparation for the new Council.

A report will be going to members of new Council that recommends not continuing with the Hambleton review and also stopping reviews for most other authorities, except Selby, Ryedale and the new settlement DPD for Harrogate, all of which are well advanced.

#### **Local Plan Review – Gypsy and Travellers and Travelling Show People Policy**

A report on the Local Plan review went to Cabinet on 7 June which proposed outsourcing the work to consultants. This was approved by Cabinet and was subsequently approved at full Council on the 26 July 2022.

#### **Supplementary Planning Documents**

In support of the new Local Plan new Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) are being produced. The Domestic Extensions SPD is going to cabinet on 4th October 2022 for adoption

Domestic Extension SPD – this is out for public consultation following approval by Cabinet on 5 July 2022 and at Full Council on the 26 July. The public consultation is for 6 weeks and expires on the 9 September 2022.

#### **Development Management**

Recruitment in the Planning discipline is difficult at the moment. As set out in the previous Statement the departure of Jon Berry, Chief Planning Officer has been filled by the appointment of Mark Russell, Interim Chief Planning Officer from Capita.

It is hoped that the vacant Senior Planning Officer post in the West Development Management Team following the departure of Kate Williams will be filled with an internal member of staff currently at Planning Officer level.

#### **Nutrient Pollution**

Following the advice from Natural England of nutrient pollution affecting the Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast Special Protection Area (SPA) that breaches the Habitat Regulation and requires action, Stockton on Tees Borough Council have been identified as the lead local authority for the catchment.

Officers continue to work proactively with applicants to address the issues. Tim Wood of the Council is leading on this. Additionally, a Strategic Mitigation Scheme – which is designed to unlock house building is soon to be announced. This is based on developers being able to purchase nutrient credits. It is anticipated that the Scheme could commence January 2023.

Tim Wood will provide a briefing note on the subject with a follow up of a Management Team report in due course.

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