

TEIGNBRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE

28TH NOVEMBER 2019

PART I

Report Title	Existing and future planning policies to meet the challenges of climate change – Call-in
Purpose of Report	To consider the Call-in of Executive regarding the fourth resolution of 8 th October from Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Recommendation(s)	The Committee RESOLVES that: 4) a suite of policies is prepared through an update of the Local Plan to meet Climate Change challenges including low carbon policy formulation and related quantification developed in consultation with local experts and interest groups, such as Action on Climate in Teignbridge.
Financial Implications	Any implications are set out in the appended report
Legal Implications	Any implications are set out in the appended report
Risk Assessment	Any implications are set out in the appended report
Environmental/ Climate Change Implications	Any implications are set out in the appended report
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Portfolio Holder	Cllr J Hook (Housing and Climate Change) and Cllr Taylor (Planning)
Appendices / Background Papers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Executive report 8 October 2019• Comment from Portfolio Holders

1.PURPOSE

1.1 To consider the Call-in recommendation by Overview and Scrutiny Committee

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Members considered a report on existing and future planning policies to meet the challenges of climate change at Executive last month (as shown in Appendix 1) which was approved.

2.2 Following the meeting the decision was called in seeking the following detail informed by input from the Client Earth body:

Confirm that the various policies in the new local plan / GESP (referred to at 3.5 will be as specific as possible, e.g. specifying the minimum amount of renewable generation / which categories of development are covered where it is not a universal requirement and that they will be informed by a robust evidence base that takes a quantified and holistic approach to assessing climate impacts, e.g. by assessing carbon impact together with viability.

Add that the review of site allocations within the Local Plan and GESP should be included in the overall emission impact calculations.

2.3 The Call-in was subsequently discussed by Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 12th November and the Portfolio Holders' response is attached at Appendix 2.

2.4 It was recommended that Executive be requested to consider strengthening proposed policies to provide specific and measurable quantities, through the Local Plan process.

Points of Clarification

2.5 In response, this particular request is acknowledged as an important aspect to be taken into account when framing new low carbon / climate change and some other policies. It very much fits with the approach outlined in the original report of seeking to fully embrace low carbon requirements at a local level.

2.6 The parallel Strategic Environmental Assessment process which helps to inform the local plan preparation, means that a significant amount of data and supporting information will be drawn on for evidence purposes to test the environmental focus of all policies in the plan, including site allocations. Specific assessments need to be undertaken at each of the main stages during the preparation process.

2.7 It will be necessary to bring forward policies that are fully evidenced and contain precise requirements across the board, including for carbon reduction plan thresholds and energy hierarchy numbers.

2.8 The required work does therefore incorporate detailed information about potential carbon emission calculations which was raised. Indeed, the Council may be tested

on this matter through the examination process and in particular how the Local Plan Review compares to the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework and specifically Planning for Climate Change sub-section.

2.9 A key point, however, is that the general thrust of the Call-in will only be completely met when a full range of draft policies is in preparation, including those within Part 2 of the Local Plan Review covering development allocations and place making proposals. (For which work will commence during 2020). The quantification dimension raised does offer practical advice that will be considered by the Local Plan Working Group when looking at the different policy components going forward.

3. IMPLICATIONS, RISK MANAGEMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT

3.1 Any implications are set out in the appended report.

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 Executive is requested to consider the points of clarification in section 2