

## Craven Spatial Planning Sub Committee – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017



## Craven Local Plan Development Scheme – Revised Timetable

Report of the Strategic Manager for Planning and Regeneration

Ward(s) affected: All wards wholly or partly outside the Yorkshire Dales National Park

1. **Purpose of Report** – To update Members and seek an adjustment to the Local Plan timetable.
  
2. **Recommendations** – Members are recommended to:
  - 2.1 Approve the adjusted timetable attached at Appendix A for the preparation of the Craven Local Plan and to amend the Local Development Scheme accordingly for publication on the Council's website.
  
- 3 **Report**
  - 3.1 As Members will recall, a timetable for the preparation of the Local Plan was previously presented to and approved by the Sub-Committee at the meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017. It was anticipated at that time that the Whole Plan Viability Assessment and Highway Modelling for Skipton could be completed to facilitate the commencement of a period of public consultation on a revised draft local plan at the end of March/early April 2017.
  - 3.2 However, issues arising during the progression of work on both of these studies meant that neither of them could be completed within the original timescales envisaged. These issues included an extension of time being agreed for stakeholders to submit comments and input evidence into the Viability Assessment and a request for additional matters arising at the Member workshop on the Highway Modelling for Skipton to be considered by the consultants.
  - 3.3 Both the Viability Assessment report and the Highway Modelling report are items on the agenda for this meeting and subject to the Sub-Committee's resolution in respect of these reports, a revised timetable for the local plan is presented at Appendix A. It is anticipated that Members will consider the pre-publication draft of the Craven Local Plan at a meeting of this Sub-Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and subject to Member approval of the pre-publication draft for consultation purposes, it is envisaged that the public consultation will commence on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017 for a period of 6 weeks.

- 3.4 It is anticipated that the Publication version of the Local Plan will be presented to Policy Committee and Full Council by the end of September 2017 and submitted to the Secretary of State by early December 2017. The estimated timescale for the Examination of the Local Plan has been based on the latest guidance produced by the Planning Inspectorate “Procedural Practice in the Examination of Local Plans” (June 2016).
- 4 **Implications**
- 4.1 **Financial and Value for Money (vfm) Implications** – None arising directly from this report. A supplementary estimate of £42,180 was approved by Policy Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016 to meet the costs of an additional period of informal consultation.
- 4.2 **Legal Implications** – To adopt the Craven Local Plan, the Council must ensure that the Local Plan complies with legal requirements and be judged sound following independent examination. Ensuring that a complete evidence base is in place at Publication stage to underpin the strategy, policies and proposals of the Local Plan is key to meeting the tests of soundness at examination.
- 4.3 **Contribution to Council Priorities** – The Local Plan, once adopted will contribute to all the Council’s Priorities.
- 4.4 **Risk Management** – If the recommendation on the revised timetable at 2.1 is not approved and the Council seeks to formally Publish the Plan without a complete evidence base and supporting documentation to demonstrate that legal requirements have been met, there is a significant risk that the Plan will be found unsound at examination.
- 4.5 **Equality Analysis** – No new policy or procedure is proposed in this report which would give rise to a requirement for an Equality Analysis.
5. **Consultations with Others** – Legal Services, Financial Services.
- 6 **Access to Information : Background Documents** – The Planning Inspectorate “Procedural Practice in the Examination of Local Plans” (June 2016).
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- Note : Members are invited to contact the author in advance of the meeting with any detailed queries or questions.
8. **Appendices** –  
Appendix A – Proposed Revised Timetable for Preparation of Craven Local Plan.