

Broads Local Plan – update and next stages

Report by Planning Policy Officer

Summary:	It is anticipated that the next instructions from the Inspector could be received early December and could trigger a public consultation on the proposed Modifications to the Local Plan that have come about as a result of the examination process. The purpose of this report is to seek the Authority's support on how to handle that process to avoid a 10/12 week delay to the process.
Recommendation:	In the interest of expediency it is recommended that Members delegate to the Chief Executive after consultation with the Chair of the Broads Authority and the Chair of the Planning Committee the decision to authorise the consultation on modifications to the Local Plan on receipt of instructions from the Inspector.

1 Background

- 1.1 The Local Plan for the Broads is currently under examination by the Planning Inspector
- 1.2 Following submission of the Local Plan to the Planning Inspectorate in March, the Inspector issued a series of questions which interested parties and the Broads Authority were required to answer. These are known as Matters, Issues and Questions.
- 1.3 The Examination in the form of Hearings in Public was then held in July and September.
- 1.4 Following the Hearings in Public, the Inspector requested that the Authority undertake various tasks to elaborate on or provide justification for various policy approaches. At the time of writing this report, the final actions given to the Authority by the Planning Inspector were being completed.
- 1.5 More information can be found on the examination webpage:
<http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/planning/planning-policies/development/future-local-plan/examination-of-the-local-plan-for-the-broads-2018>
- 1.6 Following the completion of these tasks/actions (likely to be by the end of November) the Inspector will write to the Authority to set out her comments on the Local Plan and to recommend the changes which need to be made. These are known as the Main Modifications.

2 Next steps

- 2.1 The Authority is required to undertake a consultation on the Main Modifications and this will need to be for duration of at least six weeks. The Planning Committee's authority is required to commence this consultation.
- 2.2 The consultation responses are then collated and sent to the Inspector.
- 2.3 On receipt of responses to this consultation, the Inspector will then write her final report for the Authority to consider.

3 Timings and endorsement

- 3.1 The letter from the Inspector could be received early to mid-December 2018. If this is the case, it will miss the deadline for the Planning Committee meeting in December with the next meeting being 11 January 2019. The next Full Authority meeting after the November one is 1 February 2019.
- 3.2 The time between receiving the Inspector's next instructions (around the start of December) and Full Authority could be up to 12 weeks. The time between potentially receiving the letter and January Planning Committee could be around 5 weeks.

4 Recommendation

- 4.1 In the interest of expediency it is recommended that Members delegate to the and the Chief Executive after consultation with the Chair of the Broads Authority and the Chair of Planning Committee the decision to authorise the consultation on the modifications to the Local Plan on receipt of instructions from the Inspector.
- 4.2 An update report will be taken to the relevant Planning Committee and Full Authority meeting to keep members informed and members will be sent the consultation material.

5 Financial Implications

- 5.1 The consultation would not involve open days. There would be printed copies and DVDs in our usual venues around the Broads as well as a press advert. The process could cost around £1,000, which is planned for.

Background papers: None

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Appendices: None