

COMMUNITIES, REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING Wednesday, 18 November 2020

PRESENT: Councillor Meredith; Councillors Besford, Beswick, Susan Emmott, Kelly, Smith, West, Williams and Zaheer

OFFICERS: M. Robinson (Assistant Director – Economy), P. Moore (Head of Planning) and M. Garraway (Committee and Constitutional Services Manager)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Winkler

51 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

52 2040 TRANSPORT DELIVERY PLAN/DISTRICT LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Consideration was given to a report of the Cabinet Member for Quality of Place / Director of Economy setting out a refreshed version of the long-term, statutory local transport plan - the Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040 - and a final version of Our Five-Year Delivery Plan (2020-2025); setting out the practical actions planned to deliver the Strategy over the next 5 years. In addition, ten new Local Implementation Plans had also been prepared (one for each Greater Manchester council) setting out transport priorities and smaller interventions to achieve these ambitions at a local level.

Members of the Committee sought clarification on matter relating to:

- The relationship with the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework
- The promotion of cycling and walking routes and how they would be promoted.
- Metrolink access to Middleton and Heywood.
- Stakehill/Slattocks train station improvements
- That the document be amended to the reference for the removal of roundabouts in Middleton.
- Problems with moving to electrical vehicles and a lack of infrastructure for recharging.
- Issues with railway users from outside Greater Manchester.
- Plans to improve existing capacity on public transport networks in the short term where demand exists but a running under capacity.

Resolved

1. That Cabinet be recommended to approve to endorse the refreshed Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040 and the final version of Our Five-Year Delivery Plan.
2. That Cabinet be recommended to approve the publication of the supporting
3. Local Implementation Plan as an appendix to Our Five-Year Delivery Plan.

4. That Cabinet be recommended to add a delegation to the Director of Economy in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Quality of Place, to enable minor amendments prior to submission to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

53 GREATER MANCHESTER SPATIAL FRAMEWORK

Consideration was given to a report of the Cabinet Member for A Thriving Economy / Director of Economy setting out proposals for public consultation Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF).

The Cabinet Member for A Thriving Economy set out some background information providing an overview of what the GMSF 2020 is and why it was being produced as well as highlighting the key proposals for housing, employment and infrastructure in Rochdale and the justification for the approach taken. Members were advised of the key benefits that the GMSF 2020 would bring to Rochdale.

Greater Manchester local authorities had worked collaboratively on the preparation of the Spatial Framework. This document will provide a policy framework to guide development across the City Region up to 2037. It will also provide a context for the preparation by individual authorities of updated Local Plans. Previous versions of the GMSF had been consulted on resulting in amendments.

Consultation will take place via a number of mechanisms including online or via libraries within the borough. This consultation will be open for eight weeks.

The Cabinet Member for A Thriving Economy addressed key points raised by Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- Flooding mitigation for proposed sites, specifically issues previously faced in Littleborough.
- What planning has been undertaken to address a lack of primary school places in the area, as well as GP places available, particularly in relation to new housing sites.
- Increase of congestion in town and village centres across the borough.
- Impact on the ability for Greater Manchester to meet emissions targets.
- The amount of Green Belt that would be lost within the borough.
- The accessibility, effectiveness and viability of consultation during a pandemic.
- Alternatives to providing opportunities for creating jobs and improving economic prospects within the borough.
- Impact on existing residents of building new homes on sites of local importance.
- Impact of the forthcoming Planning White Paper and its impact on the GMSF.
- The cost of developing on existing brownfield sites.
- Benefits of having a local plan as opposed to a regional plan.
- How the number of houses allocated to each site had been formulated.

Resolved

That the report be noted.