

REPLACEMENT LOCAL PLAN - OBJECTIVES FOR APPROVED CHAPTERS

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Members' views on objectives for three chapters to be included in the First Deposit Draft of the Replacement Local Plan. The Plan will replace the existing Rochford District Local Plan First Review, and provide a policy basis for the control of development in the District up to 2011.
- 1.2 The preparation of a Local Plan is a statutory function for the authority.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 A standard format has been adopted for the chapters within the local plan, showing a hierarchical approach to policy formulation. Each chapter commences with a statement of the *Corporate Objectives* and these are followed by *Planning Objectives*. The chapters then develop policy based on national, regional and county guidance.
- 2.2 The Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee have approved the text for three chapters, but they do not follow the common format. The chapters covered by this report are those relating to *Rural Issues*, *Building Conservation and Archaeology* and *Shopping, Advertisements and Town Centres*.
- 2.3 Two other minor changes have been made to each chapter, these relate to the insertion of a statement referring readers to any relevant Local Plan Supplementary Planning Guidance, together with a select bibliography and website links. The other change is to replace the phrase *statutory undertaker* where it occurs in other chapters, as agreed at the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on the 11th December 2002 (minute reference 609).

3 CONCLUSIONS

- 3.1 The new format is proposed to match the existing approved chapters relating to *Employment, Housing and Natural Resources* and the format of the chapters relating to *Leisure and Tourism* and *Transport*, which are also before the committee for consideration at this meeting. The new format will also have some benefit in fitting in with the interim guidance and changes to development planning proposed in the *Planning and Compulsory Purchase Bill*.

4 RECOMMENDATION

That, subject to comments from Members, the revised text for the chapters of the replacement local plan dealing with Rural Issues, Building Conservation and Archaeology and Shopping, Advertisements and Town Centres be approved. (HPS)

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