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Proposed Cherwell Local Plan 2042	
Committee	Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Date of Committee	12 November 2024
Portfolio Holder presenting the report	Portfolio Holder for Planning and Development Management, Councillor Jean Conway
Date Portfolio Holder agreed report	29 October 2024
Report of	Assistant Director – Planning & Development, David Peckford

Purpose of report

To present the Proposed Cherwell Local Plan 2042 for consideration ahead of its presentation to the Executive on 2 December 2024.

1. Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee resolves:

- 1.1 To review the Proposed Cherwell Local Plan 2042 and identify any comments for consideration by the Executive at its meeting on 2 December 2024.
- 1.2 To note that the Assistant Director for Planning and Development, will retain delegated authority, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Development Management, to arrange the final presentation of the Plan and make minor amendments to it, including correcting any typographic or formatting errors, up to the start of the consultation.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report seeks the Committee's consideration of the Proposed Cherwell Local Plan 2042 presented at Appendix 2. Should it be approved by the Executive it would be published for the purpose of inviting representations under Regulations 19 and 20 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) – the Proposed or Pre-Submission stage of plan-making.
- 2.2 To assist the Committee, a Statement of Consultation is also presented (Appendix 3) which summarises the comments received in response to a previous Consultation Draft of the Plan (under Regulation 18) and explains how the issues raised have been taken into account. The Committee is also provided with a Local Housing Need Assessment (Appendix 4), and a position statement on emerging technical documents (Appendix 5). The representations received in response to the

previous consultation are available on-line at <https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/83/local-plans> .

- 2.3 If approved by the Executive, the Proposed Local Plan and other supporting documents would be made publicly available for a statutory six week period plus an additional two weeks to allow for the Christmas period.

Implications & Impact Assessments

Implications	Commentary			
Finance	The work associated with preparing the Proposed Local Plan and inviting representations is met from existing budgets. Kelly Wheeler, Finance Business Partner, 29 October 2024			
Legal	The comments from this Committee will be taken into account by the Executive at its meeting on 2 December 2024. The Proposed Local Plan has been prepared to comply with primary and secondary legislation for plan making. Upon later submission of the Plan for Examination, its legal compliance would be considered by an independent Planning Inspector. Shahin Ismail, Interim Head of Legal Services, 30 October 2024.			
Risk Management	The risk related to not having an up-to-date Local Plan is managed through the Council's Leadership Risk Register. A decision to proceed to consultation assists in mitigating that risk. Celia Prado-Teeling, Performance Team Leader, 30 October 2024			
Impact Assessments	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Commentary
Equality Impact				The Proposed Local Plan will be accompanied by a Health and Equalities Impact Assessment to be presented to the Executive.
A Are there any aspects of the proposed decision, including how it is delivered or accessed, that could impact on inequality?	X			As above
B Will the proposed decision have an impact upon the lives of people with protected characteristics, including employees and service users?	X			As above

Climate & Environmental Impact	X			The Proposed Local Plan will be accompanied by a Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment to be presented to the Executive.
ICT & Digital Impact				None
Data Impact		X		None. Representations would be invited in accordance with data protection legislation
Procurement & subsidy				None
Council Priorities	Business plan priorities for 2024-2025: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing that meets your needs (including prepare the Local Plan) • Supporting environmental sustainability • An enterprising economy with strong and vibrant local centres • Healthy, resilient and engaged communities 			
Human Resources	N/A			
Property	N/A			
Consultation & Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular Portfolio Holder Briefings • Briefings for the Leader • Internal Local Plan Members Advisory Group meetings • Meeting of the Local Plan Members Advisory Group attended by Overview & Scrutiny Committee Members 			

Supporting Information

3. Background

3.1 The background to the Committee's consideration is presented in the draft report to the Executive at Appendix 1.

4. Details

4.1 The Committee is referred to the draft report to the Executive at Appendix 1.

5. Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

5.1 The Committee's consideration is invited to inform the Executive's decision on 2 December 2024. The alternative options that will be available to the Executive are set out in section 5 of the draft report at Appendix 1.

6 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

- 6.1 A Proposed Local Plan has been prepared in the interest of having up to date planning policies which respond positively and effectively in meeting development needs and the planning issues that the district and our local communities face. An up to date Local Plan is important for a plan-led approach to decision making and contributing to the achievement of sustainable development. Preparation of the Plan has been informed by three formal public consultations, continuous engagement and cooperation and evidence gathering.
- 6.2 The Committee's consideration of the draft report to the Executive, the Proposed Local Plan, the Statement of Consultation, the housing need paper and the position statement on emerging technical documents will help inform the decision to be taken by the Executive on whether to approve the Plan and to proceed to invite representations.

Decision Information

Key Decision	N/A
Subject to Call in	N/A
If not, why not subject to call in	N/A
Ward(s) Affected	All

Document Information

Appendices	Due to the size of the documents, to facilitate access, appendices 2 – 5 are published as supplements to the main agenda pack
Appendix 1	Draft Report to Executive
Appendix 2	Proposed Cherwell Local Plan 2042
Appendix 3	Consultation Statement (November 2024)
Appendix 4	Local Housing Needs Assessment
Appendix 5	Position Statement on emerging technical documents
Background Papers	None
Reference Papers	Local Development Scheme, September 2023: https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/33/planning-policy/382/local-development-scheme Report and Minutes, Executive 4 September 2023, Draft Cherwell Local Plan Review 2040 (Regulation 18) Consultation: https://modgov.cherwell.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=115&MId=3811&Ver=4

	<p>Report and Minutes, Executive 6 July 2020, Cherwell Local Plan Review: Planning for Cherwell to 2040 - A Community Involvement Paper: https://modgov.cherwell.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=115&MId=3366&Ver=4</p> <p>Inspectors' Letter to Oxford City Council, 11 September 2024 and Oxford City Council's response 25 September 2024: https://www.oxford.gov.uk/local-plan/oxford-local-plan-2040-examination</p> <p>National Planning Policy Framework (last updated 20 December 2023) https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2</p> <p>Planning Practice Guidance – Housing and Economic Needs Assessment (last updated 16/12/2020): https://www.gov.uk/guidance/housing-and-economic-development-needs-assessments#:~:text=The%20standard%20method%20uses%20a,produce%20a%20housing%20requirement%20figure.</p> <p>Proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system: https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposed-reforms-to-the-national-planning-policy-framework-and-other-changes-to-the-planning-system</p> <p>Motion to Council and Resolution 27 February 2023, Housing Affordability Mix: https://modgov.cherwell.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=114&MId=3648&Ver=4</p> <p>The Procedure Guide for Local Plan Examinations, 28 August 2024: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/examining-local-plans-procedural-practice/procedure-guide-for-local-plan-examinations</p>
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