



ST HELENS
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Council

12 July 2021

Report Title	Report of Cabinet – St Helens Borough Local Plan - Adoption	
Cabinet Portfolio	Regeneration and Planning	
Cabinet Member	Councillor Richard McCauley	
Exempt Report	No	
Reason for Exemption	N/A	
Key Decision	No	
Public Notice issued	N/A	
Wards Affected	All	
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Borough Priorities	Ensure children and young people have a positive start in life	
	Promote good health, independence, and care across our communities	
	Create safe and strong communities and neighborhoods for all	
	Support a strong, thriving, inclusive and well-connected local economy	
	Create green and vibrant places that reflect our heritage and culture	
	Be a responsible Council	X

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report presents the St Helens Borough Local Plan which was considered by Cabinet at its meeting held on 30 June 2022.

2. Recommendation for Decision

Council is recommended to:

- i) Adopt the St Helens Borough Local Plan at Appendix A and associated Policies Map at Appendix B, at which point they will become part of the Development Plan for the Borough with immediate effect.

3. Purpose of this report

- 3.1 To outline the preparation of the St Helens Borough Local Plan up to this point, and to set out the reasons for adopting the new St Helens Borough Local Plan to guide and shape the growth of the Borough up to 2037 and beyond.

4. Background / Reason for the recommendations

- 4.1 Local Plans form part a key part of the Development Plan for Council areas. The Development Plan lies at the heart of the planning system, with legislation requiring that planning decisions must be made in line with the Development Plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

5. Consideration of Alternatives

- 5.1 See Appendix 1

6. Conclusions

- 6.1 The St Helens Borough Local Plan (Appendix A) and associated Policies Map (Appendix B) are recommended for adoption and implementation to replace the Core Strategy (2012) and UDP (1998) to ensure the Borough has an up-to-date policy framework in place, in accordance with legislation and national policy and guidance. Along with the Bold Forest Park Area Action Plan (2017) and the Joint Merseyside and Halton Waste Local Plan (2013), it will form a positive and effective Development Plan for the Borough.

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1 See Appendix 1

8. Community Impact Assessment (CIA) Implications

9. Social Value

- 9.1 See Appendix 1

10. Sustainability and Environment

- 10.1 See Appendix 1

11. Health and Wellbeing

N/A

12. Equality and Human Rights

12.1 See Appendix 1

13. Customer and Resident

13.1 See Appendix 1

14. Asset and Property

14.1 See Appendix 1

15. Staffing and Human Resources

15.1 See Appendix 1

16. Risks

16.1 See Appendix 1

17. Finance

17.1 See Appendix 1

18. Policy Framework Implications

18.1 See Appendix 1

19. Impact and Opportunities on Localities

19.1 See Appendix 1

20. Background Documents

Appendices

20.1 Appendix 1 – Report to Cabinet – St Helens Borough Local Plan – Adoption

20.2 Appendix A – St Helens Borough Local Plan (adoption version)

20.3 Appendix B – St Helens Borough Local Plan Policies Map (adoption version)

20.4 Appendix C – Inspectors' Report (inclusive of the recommended main modifications)