



PART A:	MATTERS DEALT WITH UNDER DELEGATED POWERS
REPORT TO:	POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
DATE:	26 SEPTEMBER 2019
REPORT OF THE:	DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER SIMON COPLEY
TITLE OF REPORT:	APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL PLAN WORKING PARTY
WARDS AFFECTED:	ALL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report asks the Policy and Resources Committee to approve the terms of reference for a Local Plan Working Party and to appoint its membership.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1 It is recommended that

- (i) The draft terms of reference attached as Appendix 1 of the report be approved, with any amendments that the Committee wishes to make;
- (ii) That the Committee appoints named Members and substitutes to the Working Party, for the ensuing year, until such time as new appointments are made.

3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

3.1 To implement the decision of Full Council on 5 September 2019.

4.0 SIGNIFICANT RISKS

4.1 When determining the size and the make-up of the Working Party, Members will need to ensure that it can operate efficiently and effectively in considering its business.

5.0 POLICY CONTEXT AND CONSULTATION

5.1 The Working Party is being established to facilitate the Local Plan review process and also look at other planning policy matters. The views of Members on the details of the Working Party's composition and size are being sought through consideration of this report at the Policy and Resources Committee.

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6.0 REPORT DETAILS

6.1 At the meeting of Full Council on 5 September 2019, as part of its decision to transfer planning policy from the Planning Committee to the Policy and Resources Committee, it was decided:

“Policy and Resources Committee to appoint a working party made up of members of both the Planning Committee and Policy and Resources Committee to consider planning policy.”

6.2 Draft terms of reference for a Local Plan Working Party are attached as Appendix 1 of this report. These may be amended by the Committee if it wishes, prior to approval.

6.3 The Committee needs to appoint named Members and substitutes to the Working Party.

6.4 As working parties are advisory bodies and cannot make decisions, political proportionality requirements do not apply.

6.5 Under Council Procedure Rule 25C (ii), the Chair of Policy and Resources Committee has the right to be an ex officio member and Chair of the Working Party. It is also recommended that the Chair of Planning Committee is included.

6.6 The Committee may wish to consider a number of factors when determining the size and make-up of the working party, including representation from each political group and across geographical areas and balancing the need for good representation with efficient and effective working. With this in mind, a maximum size of 7 Members (including the Chairs of Policy and Resources Committee and Planning Committee) is recommended.

6.7 The resolution of Full Council determines that the Working Party must include Members from both the Policy and Resources Committee and the Planning Committee. Whilst it does not prevent Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee from being included, the restriction that Members may not scrutinise any decision they have had involvement in will need to be considered.

6.8 Working parties are normally appointed annually at the first ordinary meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee after the Annual Meeting of Council. This Working Party is therefore being appointed for a time period running until Policy and Resources Committee in June 2020. If work is ongoing at that time, then the Working Party can be reappointed.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The following implications have been identified:

a) Financial

There are no significant financial implications of appointing a working party. The additional staffing requirements for a year to support the review of the Local Plan are estimated to be £70k.

b) Legal

There are no significant legal implications.

- c) Other (Equalities, Staffing, Planning, Health & Safety, Environmental and Climate Change, Crime & Disorder)

There are no other significant other implications.

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Background Papers:
Minutes of Full Council on 5 September 2019

Background Papers are available for inspection at:
www.ryedale.gov.uk