

WMCA Housing & Land Delivery Board

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Report title	SIDP Update
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Report has been considered by	A previous version of the Spatial Investment & Delivery Plan was approved by the Housing & Land Delivery Board at its meeting in July 2018. This report was considered by the Housing & Land Delivery Steering Group on 1 February 2019, its contents agreed, subject to amendments, and approved for submission to this Board. The report has been amended in light of feedback from Delivery Steering Group.

Recommendations:

Housing & Land Delivery Board is asked to:

1. Approve for publication the revised Spatial Investment & Delivery Plan, a previous draft of which was agreed, subject to amendment, by the Housing & Land Delivery Board at its meeting in July 2018; and
2. Delegate authority to the Director of Housing & Regeneration (following further discussions with the Delivery Steering Group), in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for Housing and Land, to agree further minor revisions to the text (which do not change its sense or purpose), the text for the executive summary and the design for publication.
3. Note that this paper has been considered, and the broad contents endorsed, for submission to the Housing & Land Delivery Board by the Housing & Land Delivery Steering Group.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek this Board's approval for the revisions to the Spatial Investment & Delivery Plan (attached as Appendix A). This document has a target date for agreement of Q1 2019 and has been identified by this Board as a key deliverable for the portfolio in 2019.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Spatial Investment & Delivery Plan (SIDP) was a key recommendation of the West Midlands Land Commission, the subsequent Land Delivery Plan and its publication is a requirement of the Housing Deal agreed with HM Government in March 2018.
- 2.2 The primary purpose of the SIDP is to enable co-ordinated delivery of housing, employment and infrastructure and to secure the necessary investment for inclusive growth. It is not a statutory development plan document but rather a robust delivery plan aimed at highlighting priority strategic growth areas and corridors across the region.
- 2.3 A draft SIDP was considered by the Housing & Land Delivery Board in July 2018. Members asked for certain changes to be made and these have been incorporated in the current version. The document has also been updated to take account of various decisions made at meetings of the Housing & Land Delivery Board in the period July-December 2018 during which time it clarified its work programme, key tasks and decided on priority areas for intervention. A revised draft was discussed and agreed for submission to this Board at the Delivery Steering Group on 1 February 2019. Since that time and, in line with comments made, two new sections (6 and 7) have been added to the document. These new sections summarise the spatial priorities and forward work programme and largely reproduce the text of reports presented to and agreed at the December 2018 meetings.

3.0 Next Steps

- 3.1 If Members are content to agree the content of the revised SIDP, officers will finalise the text, revise the plans and prepare a high quality, final version for publication and submission to Government in line with the requirements of the Housing Deal.
- 3.2 Members are asked to delegate authority to the Director of Housing & Regeneration, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for Housing & Land, to agree further minor revisions

4.0 Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications as a result of the recommendations in this report.

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 Section 113A(1)(a) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 gives the CA a power of competence appropriate for the purposes of carrying-out any of its functions. Part 4 of The West Midlands Combined Authority Order 2016 (2016 No 653) confers that the functions relating to any Economic development and regeneration in the constituent councils are exercisable by the CA. Part 3 of The West Midlands Combined Authority (Functions and Amendment) Order 2017 confers functions corresponding to the functions of the Homes and Communities Agency has in relation to the combined area.

5.2 Paragraph 10 (2) (a) of the 2017 Order confers the function of improving the supply and quality of housing to the Combined Authority with 10 (2)(d) conferring the function of contributing to the achievement of sustainable development and good design.

6.0 Equalities Implications

6.1 The SIDP is likely to have positive impact on people from lower socio-economic backgrounds due to its affordable housing commitment and through its focus on connectivity, skills development and local employment. Key West Midlands housing trends show a decrease in social housing availability in the past years and an increase in demand. They also show a higher than average rate of overcrowding and higher than average numbers of disabled people living in non-decent accommodation. Developing quality, affordable and accessible housing and opening up skills development and employment opportunities will positive affect a number of equality groups.

7.0 Inclusive Growth Implications

7.1 The SIDP pulls together a variety of information from statutory plans and documents (social, economic and environmental) and highlights the key challenges and opportunities that are faced by the West Midlands. Using this and other information, WMCA has developed a work programme for housing and regeneration which focuses on priority inclusive growth corridors, town centres, affordable housing, etc. Approving the revised version will allow this document to be circulated more widely and used as a reference point for our work, demonstrating how we are bringing together our work across a wide range of activities.

8.0 Geographical Area of Report's Implications

8.1 This report relates to the whole of the Combined Authority area and/or three LEP geography.

9.0 Other Implications

9.1 There are no other implications.



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10.0 Schedule of Background Papers

10.1 None.