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**LICHFIELD DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN ALLOCATIONS MODIFICATIONS CONSULTATION
(MAIN AND MINOR)**

1. Decision:

The Cabinet:

- 1.1 Approved the Local Plan Allocations document (APPENDIX A of the report), the schedule of proposed modifications (APPENDIX B of the report), the accompanying Policies Map ([APPENDIX C](#) of the report) the Sustainability Appraisal (APPENDIX D – [Part 1](#) & [Part 2](#) of the report) and Habitat Regulations Assessment (APPENDIX E of the report) for public consultation from 19th December – 06th February 2019.
- 1.2 Approved the guidance document (APPENDIX F of the report) to accompany the consultation documents.
- 1.3 Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Economic Growth, Environment & Development Services in consultation with the Head of Economic Growth to submit the consultation findings to the Planning Inspectorate.
- 1.4 Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Economic Growth, Environment & Development Services in consultation with the Head of Economic Growth to make any minor changes to the appearance, format and text of the Local Plan Allocations Document or the supporting documents prior to submission in the interests of clarity and accuracy.

2. Statement of Reasons:

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members that following the recent Examination in Public hearing sessions into the Local Plan Allocations document the Council is now in receipt of the 'Main Modifications'. The 'Main Modifications' have been sent to the Council by the Planning Inspector who conducted the hearing sessions.
- 2.2 'Main Modifications' are provided following hearing sessions to ensure that a Plan can be found sound. In order for the Plan to progress to adoption the Council need to accept the proposed modifications and update its Plan accordingly. Subject to Council accepting the modifications it is then necessary to undertake a period of public consultation for a minimum of six weeks. This consultation includes the schedule of minor modifications previously agreed by the Council in May 2018.
- 2.3 This report seeks Cabinet approval to consult on the updated Local Plan Allocations Document ([APPENDIX A](#)), schedule of proposed modifications ([APPENDIX B](#)), accompanying Policies Maps ([APPENDIX C](#)) and supporting documents for a minimum of six weeks.

3. Any Alternative Options:

- 3.1 Cabinet recommends to not take forward the proposed Main Modifications. This would mean the Council would need to go back to an earlier stage of the Plan process or abandon the Plan.

PROPOSAL FOR A SMALL BUSINESS GRANT SCHEME

1. Decision:

The Cabinet agreed:

- 1.1 The Cabinet agreed the proposal and approved the commencement and implementation of a small business grant scheme for an initial three year period 2018/19 to 2020/21.
- 1.2 The Cabinet delegated responsibility for deciding on the allocations of monies under the scheme to the Cabinet Member for Economic Growth, Environment & Development Services in consultation with the Head of Economic Growth.

2. Statement of Reasons:

- 2.1 This report proposes the introduction of a small business grant scheme across Lichfield District. It outlines the proposal and criteria for a scheme, to award up to 50% grant funding ranging from £500 to £1,500 to a qualifying existing business which has been trading for no more than three years or alternatively to persons looking to start a business in Lichfield District.

3. Any Alternative Options:

- 3.1 The Cabinet recommends amendments to the proposed small business grant scheme outline and criteria.
- 3.2 If the proposal is not approved there shall be no small business grant scheme option delivered for new and young businesses within Lichfield District with individuals having to see if they are eligible for other funding sources.