

CABINET MEMBER DECISION

(29 May 2020)

KEY DECISION: YES

Decision Statement regarding Burntwood Neighbourhood Plan proceed to Referendum

1. Decision:

- 1.1 That the Cabinet Member accepts and agrees to the making of modifications as set out in the 'Decision Statement regarding Burntwood Neighbourhood Plan proceeding to referendum' hereby referred to as the Decision Statement. This will enable the Plan to be proceed to the referendum stage.
- 1.2 That Cabinet member approves the publication of the Decision Statement for the Burntwood neighbourhood plan.

2. Statement of Reasons:

- 2.1 The Burntwood Neighbourhood Plan has been independently examined and it is recommended in the examiners final report that subject to the modifications outlined within the report the neighbourhood plan meets the 'basic conditions' and as such should proceed to referendum as soon as is practicably possible (given ongoing Covid-19 situation).
- 2.2 The Regulations require that upon receipt of the final report from an independent examination of a Neighbourhood Plan, the Local Planning Authority (Lichfield District Council) is required to consider the recommendations set out in the examiner's report and publish a Decision Statement which sets out this consideration. These recommendations have been considered by officers and the Decision Statement prepared and it is recommended that the District Council accepts the recommendations of the examiner and subject to these recommendations the neighbourhood plan proceed to referendum.
- 2.3 The District Council is responsible for preparing and undertaking the referendum. The publication of the Decision Statement will enable the referendum to be organised and take place expediently.

3. Any Alternative Options:

- 3.1 Lichfield District Council declines to send the Burntwood Neighbourhood Plans to referendum. This would mean the Neighbourhood Plan would retreat to an earlier stage of development.

3.2 The Qualifying Body withdraws the Neighbourhood Plan to an earlier stage of development prior to Lichfield District Council making a formal decision as outlined within the Decision Statement. Burntwood Town Council has formally indicated that it does not wish to withdraw the plan.



Signed:
Cabinet Member for Investment, Economic Growth & Tourism

29/05/2020

Date of Decision: