

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Council
Date: 8 December 2020
Report for: Decision
Report of: Executive Member for Housing and Regeneration

Report Title

Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF): Approval of GMSF 2020 for submission - Addendum

Summary

This addendum report Provides an update on the position with the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF), with particular reference to the decision of Stockport Council on 3 December.

Recommendation(s)

This addendum is for information only

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Background Papers: None

Relationship to Corporate Priorities	The GMSF would provide the overall strategic planning context for the Trafford Local Plan which will contribute to a number of the Council's Corporate Priorities, in particular Economic Growth and Development and Safe place to live - fighting crime
Relationship to GM Policy or Strategy Framework	The GMSF is being produced by the GMCA and will be one the key strategic policy documents produced at the GM level.
Financial	The GMSF is being produced jointly by the ten GM local authorities and the GMCA which contributes to the costs of its preparation and ultimate adoption. For Trafford, the costs of consultation, further evidence work required and

	the Examination in Public to secure adoption of the GMSF will be covered from Reserves that have been set aside. Alternative options and their respective costs will need to be addressed when they are known.
Legal Implications	The GMSF would form part of the Trafford Development Plan. There is a requirement for the Council to keep its Development Plan documents up to date. Applications for planning permission must be determined in accordance with the Development Plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The submission of a plan is carried out under Regulation 22 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.
Equality/Diversity Implications	None arising directly out of this report, however the implications of the GMSF have been assessed as part of its preparation through an Equality Impact Assessment.
Sustainability Implications	The GMSF would be supported by a Sustainability Appraisal (SA), which will assess the plan against a number of economic, social and environmental indicators to ensure that development will be sustainable.
Staffing/E-Government/Asset Management Implications	The GMSF is in part being produced by staff from within the Council's Strategic Growth Service. The documents will be available to view electronically via the web. A small part of the allocations are on land or property owned by the Council.
Risk Management Implications	The GMSF is a key strategic planning document that provides the context for the Trafford Local Plan. If it is not progressed it may impact on the scope and delivery of the Trafford Local Plan.
Health and Safety Implications	Not applicable

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) is a strategic spatial plan that is being prepared jointly by the ten GM Authorities in collaboration with the Mayor of GM. As the Plan is a joint Development Plan Document it requires the approval of all ten Metropolitan Districts to proceed.
- 1.2 On 3 December the draft GMSF was considered at a full meeting of Stockport Council. At this meeting Councillors declined to approve the Plan for consultation and submission. Following this decision the future status and scope of the GMSF is uncertain.
- 1.3 The substantive report indicates the approach which was to be recommended to Council prior to the decision by Stockport Council on 3 December.

- 1.4 Greater Manchester leaders will meet later in the month to consider the next steps for strategic planning across the City Region. As a consequence the matter of the submission of the GMSF cannot be effectively decided upon at this meeting of the Council – as at the present time any decision to submit the plan could not at present be implemented.