



TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL

Item 6 – Development Committee

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Report to Development Committee

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Subject	Neighbourhood Plan

Purpose of Report

1. To inform members that the application from Todmorden Town Council to continue being designated as a Neighbourhood Area under Section 61F of the Town and Country Planning Act (as amended) has been approved - see Appendix 1.
2. To inform Members that following working group consideration, and subsequent amends, the Draft Neighbourhood Plan and Draft Design Guide are now available for review through the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee meeting process, where the public will also be invited to attend and contribute their views.
3. To inform Members that following initial working group consideration, and subsequent delegation to officers to continue to identify Todmorden buildings of local heritage interest, that the Register of Non-Designated Heritage Assets (NDHA) is now in a format for consideration by the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee and subsequent comment by the public.
4. To inform Members that with the NDHA work now completed, the Project Manager will now focus alongside supporting the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee, on taking forward consideration of Local Green Spaces to be included within the Neighbourhood Plan and to be considered at a Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee to be held on the 25th May 2023.
5. To recommend to Members that as part of pre-Regulation 14 consultation, a series of Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committees meeting be scheduled to be held on the 9th, 16th, 23rd February and 2nd and 9th March 2023 with specific areas of the Plan/Design Guide/NDHA considered, following which any amendments can be made to then prepare material for two public open days, to be held at the Town Hall on the weekend of 8th and 9th July 2023.
6. To propose that subject to the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee completing its review of documents, these be considered by Development Committee on 21st June 2023 and approved for use on the open day consultation event.

7. To allow a six week period to elapse for receipt of comments following public consultation, it is proposed that the Development Committee meeting on the 11th October 2023 considers any amendments arising out of the open day and subsequent receipt of comments, and makes recommendation to Full Council on the 15th November 2023, to submit the Plan, Design Statement and accompanying documents to Calderdale MBC for independent examination and their formal consultation process.

Considerations

8. The Draft Neighbourhood Plan includes references to the existing Local Plan and will need to be re-referenced once the new Local Plan is formally adopted. It is not anticipated at this stage that any of the policies proposed will counter anything within the new Local Plan. On publication of the Local Plan, if there are any issues these will be brought back to the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee for consideration.
9. The NDHA is both extensive and comprehensive. It may be that it will be necessary to let all building owners know of our intention to include such buildings in this register in order then to consider any objections such building owners may have to its inclusion. Guidance will be sought from our planning consultants and if appropriate to do so, a mail out will be implemented following the 21st June 2023 Development Committee.

Financial Considerations

10. Revenue provision has been made of £5,000 to cover additional plan modification work and additional public consultation.

Recommendation

11. That Members agree to schedule a series of Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee meetings and public events as per Appendix 2.
12. That any unspent revenue provision is recommended to be carried over into 2023/24 to meet further consultant and public consultation costs.

Reasons For Recommendation

13. To formally establish this sub-committee timetable to deal with outstanding Neighbourhood Plan matters.
14. To recognise that not all remaining costs will be met in this financial year and will require carrying over into the 2023/34 financial year.

Policy Implications

15. None directly arising from this report

Details Of Consultation

16. Proposed meetings and the Open Day will all be open for the public to attend.
17. A news update on our web site as well as a press release will be issued to encourage the public to view the Plan and Design Statement and attend any of the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee meetings and the open day.

Climate Change

18. Where appropriate Neighbourhood Plan Policies reflect climate change considerations.

Impact Equality Assessment

18. None arising from this report.

Supporting Papers

19. Appendix 1 - Approval of designation of Neighbourhood Area

Appendix 2 - Schedule of proposed meetings and items to be considered at each meeting.