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REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL

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Date	Wednesday 20 th November 2024
Subject	Neighbourhood Plan 2023-2032

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To advise Full Council that on the 6th November 2024, the Development Committee considered a proposed final version of the Neighbourhood Plan incorporating all the amendments recommended by the Examiner- see Appendix 1.
2. To recommend that Full Council formally accept this amended plan and confirm that this now be submitted to Calderdale MBC to take forward to referendum stage.
3. To present an outline timetable for taking this forward to Referendum stage.

BACKGROUND

4. Following Regulation 16 Consultation, Regulation 17 submission to appoint an independent Examiner and responses submitted following approval by Development Committee, the final Examiner's report (Appendix 2) was received and amendment made as recommended by the Examiner.
5. The purpose of the examination was to ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan is fit for purpose as a "stand alone" planning document that is capable of being followed by developers but also adds weight and justification to where unfavourable planning decisions may be appealed.
6. The Examiner stated the following having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State it is :-
 - a. appropriate to make the neighbourhood plan;
 - b. the making of the neighbourhood plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development.
 - c. the making of the neighbourhood plan is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the authority (or any part of that area).

- d. the making of the neighbourhood plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations.
 - e. the making of the neighbourhood plan does not breach the requirements of Chapter 8 of Part 6 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.
7. The Examiner also commented favourably on the work carried out regarding Non-Designated Heritage Assessments in that:-
- a. Todmorden has an exceptional wealth of built heritage.
 - b. The identification of the Neighbourhood Area’s non-designated heritage assets comprises a significant achievement and forms a fundamentally important part of the Neighbourhood Plan.
 - c. The main aim of Policy HG.1 is to identify the Neighbourhood Area’s non- designated heritage assets, of which there are many. The Policy identifies 202 non-designated heritage assets, each of which has emerged through a robust methodology. This is set out within the appendices to the Neighbourhood Plan along with relevant criteria and assessments.
8. Where policy wording has been felt to be too vague or not capable of interpretation the Examiner has either: -
- a. made helpful changes to policy wording
 - b. deleted policies
9. To aid Members understanding of these changes a comparison table (Appendix 3) is attached and where deleted, the examiners rationale included in full.
10. The timetable to now progress the Neighbourhood Plan to referendum stage is as follows:-

Body	Stage	Date
TTC	Dev Committee	6 th November 2024
TTC	Full Council	20 th November 2024
TTC	Submit final to CMBC	20 th Dec 2024
CMBC	Cabinet	13 th January 2025
CMBC	Cabinet Decision Issued	13 th January 2025
CMBC	Scrutiny Call in ends	15 th January 2025
CMBC	Place Scrutiny	30 th January 2025
CMBC	Publish Referendum Documents.	3 rd February 2025
CMBC	Earliest Referendum Date	13 th March 2025
CMBC	Latest Referendum Date	1 st April 2025

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

11. None directly arising from this report .

RECOMMENDATION

12. That Full Council adopt this final version and authorise submission to Calderdale MBC to take forward to referendum stage.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

13. This is a formal policy document and requires approval of Full Council to adopt

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

16. None arising from this report.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION:

17. No further consultation is deemed to be necessary by the Examiner in respect of the plan.

CLIMATE CHANGE:

18. None arising from this report

IMPACT EQUALITY ASSESSMENT

19. None arising from this report.

SUPPORTING PAPERS:

- 20. Appendix 1 - Neighbourhood Plan- Final Version
- Appendix 2 – Examiners Report
- Appendix 3 - Comparison of Examiners changes/recommendations

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