

<b>KIRKLEES HEALTH &amp; WELLBEING BOARD</b>
<b>MEETING DATE: 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>
<b>TITLE OF PAPER: An update to Health and Wellbeing Board on the update of the Kirklees Local Plan</b>
<p><b>1. Purpose of paper</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To update the Health and Wellbeing Board on the Local Plan update in Kirklees, its purpose and importance</li> <li>• To ensure members are able to ask further questions about the Local Plan update</li> <li>• To ensure members are able to feedback on Local Plan update</li> </ul>
<p><b>2. Background</b></p> <p>The Kirklees Health and Wellbeing Strategy (KHWS) is a key partnership strategy which is governed by Health and Wellbeing Board. A key theme of the KHWS is Healthy Places, the importance of which is described below:</p> <p><i>The physical and social infrastructure and environment supports people of all ages who live, work or study in Kirklees to maximise their health opportunities and to make the healthy choice the easy choice.</i></p> <p><i>Built and natural environments impact on our health and wellbeing across our lives, influencing our physical and mental health. Physical and social environments that nurture good health can help to reduce health inequalities.</i></p> <p>Kirklees council has made a commitment to update the current Local Plan, and the Government has set out planning reforms which require the Kirklees Local Plan to be submitted for Examination in December 2026.</p> <p>The planning system can contribute towards improving the health and wellbeing of the Kirklees population in several ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Impact Assessments as part of the determination of planning applications.</li> <li>• The Local Plan through a spatial strategy which supports sustainable development and through planning policies which seek to support healthy placemaking, by promoting healthy and safe communities.</li> <li>• Supplementary Planning Guidance – this is guidance produced to support Local Plan policies and of specific reference to health includes: Hot Food Takeaway SPD and Open Space SPD.</li> </ul> <p>Planning policies within the Local Plan should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places, which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote social interaction</li> <li>• Are safe and accessible</li> <li>• Enable and support healthy lifestyles - through the provision of safe and accessible green infrastructure, sports facilities, local shops, access to healthier food, allotments and layouts that encourage walking and cycling</li> </ul>

(National Planning Policy Framework)

The current Local Plan was adopted in February 2019 and is now at the early stages of being updated. The Policy team has been commissioning evidence to inform the update and working closely with internal and external partners to raise awareness, scope issues and align partnership working. As examples, the team is feeding into the update of the Kirklees Joint Strategic Assessment (KJSA) and recently presented to the Everybody Active Group.

Our first stage early engagement will take place November 2024 to February 2025 and will seek views on the opportunities and challenges for planning for Kirklees for the next 20-30 years. This work, together with the outcomes of the evidence, will be used to shape a vision and a framework for the future development of Kirklees, addressing needs and opportunities in relation to housing, the economy, community facilities and infrastructure, as well as a basis for conserving and enhancing the natural and historic environment, mitigating and adapting to climate change, and achieving well designed places. Further engagement will take place Spring/Summer 2025 with 2 further stages of statutory consultation.

While producing the Local Plan will be led by the Kirklees Local Authority, it is also expected that the plan is developed in collaboration with local communities, developers, landowners and other interested parties. The Local Plan will be examined by an independent inspector whose role is to assess whether the plan has been prepared in line with the relevant legislative requirements (including the Duty to Cooperate).

### **3. Proposal**

For the Health and Wellbeing Board to note the production of the updated Kirklees Local Plan and provide any appropriate feedback based on this report and presentation during this session.

### **4. Financial Implications**

Costs to prepare the updated Local Plan, is estimated to be up to £2million over the life span of the project, paid for by the Leeds City Region business rate rebate pool.

### **5. Sign off**

Rachel Spencer Henshall, Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director for Public Health and Corporate Resources

David Shepherd - Executive Director for Place, Growth & Regeneration

### **6. Next Steps**

Local Plan update next steps:

Timetable and milestones	Dates	Purpose of the stages and role of communities/partners/stakeholders
<b>Early engagement phase 1: Issues, vision, what policies you want to see in the Plan</b>	November 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respond to the early engagement and raise awareness.</li> <li>Outline any evidence to support local issues and policies (reports or your own consultations).</li> <li>Review existing policies and scope any new areas.</li> <li>Outline any good practice.</li> </ul>
<b>Early engagement: phase 2: development levels, draft options</b>	April – May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further opportunities to scope whether the development strategy to support the Kirklees vision.</li> </ul>
<b>Draft Plan Consultation</b>	Sept-Nov 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Get involved in and contribute to public consultation and help raise awareness.</li> </ul>
<b>Publication Draft Consultation</b>	Sept-Nov 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Get involved in and contribute to public consultation and help raise awareness.</li> <li>Provide supporting evidence when required in a form that the can be used in the Examination in Public process.</li> </ul>
<b>Submission to Secretary of State</b>	March 2027	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where appropriate attend examination and assist the council with supporting the Local Plan proposals.</li> </ul>

## 7. Recommendations

1. For the Health and Wellbeing Board to note the production of the updated Kirklees Local Plan.
2. For the Health and Wellbeing Board to provide any appropriate feedback on the update of the Local Plan via this session or by contacting the Planning Policy team.
3. To return to the Health and Wellbeing Board in summer 2025 in order to update the Board around progress and Early Engagement feedback.

## 8. Contact Officer

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