WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER 2017

<u>CALL IN OF CABINET DECISION – FURTHER SUGGESTED CHANGES TO</u> <u>THE WEST OXFORDSHIRE LOCAL PLAN 2031</u>

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

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(The decisions on this matter will be resolutions or recommendations to Cabinet).

I. PURPOSE

To consider the call-in request relating to Cabinet minute no. 68 of 15 November 2017 in respect of the further suggested changes to the West Oxfordshire Local Plan.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (a) That the Committee decides whether or not to support the call-in request; and
- (b) That, if the request is supported, the Committee determines whether it wishes to submit any additional comments to Cabinet.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. At its meeting held on 15 November 2017 the Cabinet considered a report regarding the above.
- 3.2. A copy of the report submitted to Cabinet is attached at <u>Appendix A</u>, and the relevant extract from the minutes of the meeting is attached at <u>Appendix B</u>. The appendices to the Cabinet report have not been re-circulated, but were previously supplied to all members of the Council and are also available on the WODC website.
- 3.3. The Cabinet's decision has been the subject of a call-in request signed by Councillors J C Cooper, P D Kelland, P Emery and R J M Bishop, those members having stated:

"The following Councillors ask that the Economic and Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee review the decisions recorded in Minute 68 of the WODC Cabinet of 15 November 2017 because of perceived unequal treatment of the planning sub-area of Woodstock/Eynsham at that meeting".

- 3.4. In accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny procedure rules the call-in has been referred by the Head of Paid Service to this Committee for consideration.
- 3.5. Provision will be made on the Cabinet agenda for its meeting on 13 December for the further consideration of this matter should the Committee support the call-in request, given that the agenda for Cabinet will have been published before the date of this meeting.
- 3.6. Planning Officers will be in attendance at the meeting and will assist with queries and questions as requested and necessary. That will include advice on any proposal put forward as to how the decisions of the Cabinet should be varied.

4. ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS

It is for the Committee to decide whether it supports the call-in request. If it does not then the Cabinet decision will be confirmed.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This report has no financial implications.

6. RISKS

None

7. REASONS

To enable the Committee to consider the call-in request.

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<u>Background Papers:</u> None