

Oxfordshire Local Plans: Progress Report

Purpose of report

- 1) To update the Growth Board with progress towards Local Plans adoption across the county

Recommendation

That the Growth Board note the report

Background- Progress to date

Cherwell

- 2) The council are undertaking a Partial Review of the adopted Cherwell Local Plan 2031, Part 1 to incorporate the Growth Board's apportionment of Oxford's unmet housing needs to Cherwell.
- 3) The proposed review was approved by Council in March 2018 and submitted to the Planning Inspector. The hearings commence on 5th February for approximately two weeks. Although the final timeline is uncertain the inspector has indicated he hope to be able to provide his examination conclusions in April 2019, leading to adoption by the council in the early summer

Oxford

- 4) Oxford City Council is preparing a Local Plan to 2036. The consultation on Proposed Submission (Regulation 19) document closed on 28th December 2018. Officers are currently working through responses to allow submission to the Secretary of State on 22nd March 2019. It will then be passed to the Government's Planning Inspectorate for a review and there will be a series of public examination hearings where the plan will be assessed to ensure it complies with national policy. The Council hopes the hearings will start in late summer or autumn so that the Council can vote to adopt the plan in early 2020.
- 5) Oxford City is also preparing a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule review. The consultation closed on 13th December 2018. This will be submitted for examination alongside the Oxford Local Plan and it is expected to run to a similar timeframe for examination as the Local Plan.

South Oxfordshire

- 6) South Oxfordshire are preparing a Local Plan to 2034 to provide for the district's own housing needs plus an element of the wider housing delivery to support the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal. The timeline for completion is:
 - a) Consultation on Proposed Submission (Regulation 19) document 7 January – 18 February 2019
 - b) Submission 29 March 2019
 - c) Examination Summer 2019
 - d) Adoption late 2019

Vale of White Horse:

- 7) Local Plan Part 1 was adopted in December 2016 and the council are now preparing a Local Plan to 2031, Part 2. This will incorporate the Growth Board's apportionment of Oxford's unmet housing needs to the Vale (plus further sites for the district's own needs). The timeline for completion is;
 - a) Main Modifications consultation February-March 2019
 - b) Inspector's Report - June 2018
 - c) Adoption – June/July 2018

West Oxfordshire

- 8) Following examination hearing sessions in May and July 2017 and consultation on main modifications in early 2018, the West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2031 was formally adopted on 27 September 2018.
- 9) Work has also started on a new Area Action Plan (AAP) for the Oxfordshire Cotswolds Garden Village with an initial 'issues' consultation taking place from June – August 2018. The anticipated timetable to adoption expected to be as follows:
 - a) Preferred options – June 2019
 - b) Formal Regulation 19 publication – November 2019
 - c) Submission – February 2020
 - d) Examination – April 2020
 - e) Adoption – July 2020