

Cabinet Meeting – 18 September 2013

Report of the Director of the Urban Environment

Approval For Adoption Of The “Planning For Health Supplementary Planning Document”

Purpose of Report

1. To seek Cabinet approval for the formal adoption of the Council’s Planning for Health Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

Background

2. The Council’s ‘Planning for Health’ Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) will form part of the Local Plan. The document sets out how health and health inequalities can be positively impacted upon by good planning, and gives detailed guidance on ensuring that the health implications of any new development are considered at the earliest possible stage. It is intended to inform the planning process; to provide a guide for developers, applicants and land owners, and will be taken into account in making planning decisions for the Borough. The document will also be strategically linked to the Dudley Health and Wellbeing Strategy, Dudley’s Obesity Strategy, Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and other public health documents.
3. The SPD sets out the areas where planning influences health outcomes in the form of themes and presents a list of recommendations for each theme.
4. The purpose of this SPD is;
 - a) To offer guidance for addressing the affect of the built and natural environment on health and wellbeing and to tackle the health inequalities and promote healthy lifestyle options with reference for example to the Cycle Forum.
 - b) To demonstrate how social, environmental and economic conditions influence health and wellbeing and health inequalities.
 - c) To clarify the importance of accessibility, its role in creating healthy, sustainable communities and how it helps impart better quality of life including

for example better opportunities for access to facilities through for example cycling.

- d) To provide checklists against which to assess development proposals.
 - e) To prevent a proliferation of food takeaways in centres and to impose distance restrictions (approximately 400 meters) on the creation of new food takeaways in proximity to schools and youth amenities and to reduce the clustering and over proliferation of food takeaways across the Borough.
5. This SPD was prepared in consultation with other Council Directorates and follows a member engagement drop in session on 4th March 2013. Following Cabinet approval on 11th March 2013 the SPD was subject to a 6 weeks public consultation (18th March to 29th April 2013). During this consultation period a total of 8 representations were received and a number of comments made within these representations have been incorporated into the SPD as appropriate. The representations were all generally positive and related to including certain references such as to Environmental Impact Assessments and Strategic Environmental Assessments. It was also suggested that more reference to Green Infrastructure be included and a better explanation of Health Impact Assessments given.
6. In accordance with Regulation 12 and 14 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012, the Council must make available for inspection the finalised SPD, the Consultation Statement setting out the main issues raised from the representations received and how these have been addressed in the SPD, as well as an Adoption Statement.
7. A list of the comments received from the consultation, the Council response to them and subsequent text changes to the finalised SPD are included within the Consultation Statement, a copy of which is located within the final SPD in the Members room and on the 'Committee Management Information System'. The Consultation Statement, along with the Adoption Statement, can also be viewed on the Council webpage on the following link:
<http://www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/planning/planning-policy/local-development-framework/health-spd/>

Finance

8. All costs associated with the preparation and adoption of the Planning for Health SPD will be funded from within existing budgets.

Law

9. The Planning for Health SPD will become a material consideration in the determination of planning applications. The SPD has been prepared under the

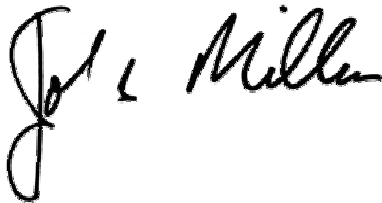
provisions of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004) and the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 (amended 2012).

Equality Impact

10. The SPD has been prepared in accordance with the Council's policy on Equality and Diversity, ensuring that it provides benefits for adults, children and young people alike, promoting equal opportunities for all.
11. The SPD seeks to promote healthy sustainable development and ensure that the future residential and commercial growth is delivered through the appropriate mechanisms taking consideration of the health impact of development.

Recommendation

12. Cabinet Members approve the adoption of the Planning for Health SPD.



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List of Background Papers

Dudley Health and Wellbeing Strategy
<http://www.dudley.gov.uk/community/initiatives/health-wellbeing/>

Dudley Obesity Strategy
<http://www.dudleylsp.org/jsna/jsna-documents-section/dudleys-obesity-hna/>