

PLANNING FOR HEALTH SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD)

REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE



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PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the adoption of Planning for Health Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).
2. The SPD has been prepared to support the implementation of Burnley's Local Plan. It has been the subject of formal statutory consultation. Once adopted, it will become a material consideration to be used in the determination of relevant applications.

RECOMMENDATION

3.
 - (1) That Executive adopt the Planning for Health SPD (attached at Appendix A).
 - (2) That the Strategic Head of Economy and Growth be authorised by the Executive to make any minor typographical corrections to the SPD required prior to its publication.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

4. To meet the commitment to preparing a Planning for Health SPD as set out in the Council's Local Development Scheme (LDS) and through the Council's involvement in the Pennine Lancashire Childhood Obesity Trailblazer Programme.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

Overview of the SPD

5. The draft SPD highlights the key links between the planning system and health and discusses how the policies of the Local Plan, in accordance with its objectives, seek to protect and/or improve people's physical and mental health and address health inequalities.

6. It identifies four health themes, and for each key policy/policy clause it identifies three levels of impact in relation to the issue and its relative importance (not the importance of the health issue itself but rather the importance of the planning tool in seeking to address it).
7. By explaining the health impact of policies in more detail than is set out in the Local Plan, and by categorising the impacts and their relative importance, the SPD aims to better inform planning decisions and the 'planning balance'.

Planning Reform

8. The SPD is written to support the current adopted local plan and current national policy. It does not take account of the proposed planning reforms set out in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill. Should the changes set out in the Bill be implemented, the SPD content would need to be reviewed or withdrawn. It would need to be kept under review in any event.

Consultation

9. Under the Town and Country Planning (England) Regulations 2012 there is a requirement for a minimum of four weeks public consultation on all SPDs. The Council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) however extends this period to six weeks to allow more time for interested parties to respond.
10. Consultation took place between 29 June and 10 August 2022
11. 12 duly made responses were received which included a number of detailed comments.
12. A schedule of the comments made and suggested responses is attached at Appendix B. There was general support for the SPD and its production, with some detailed suggestions for additional or amended wording.
13. The revised SPD taking into account the recommended responses is attached at Appendix A.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION

14. £3,000.00 was received towards the work involved in preparing the SPD through the Pennine Lancashire Childhood Obesity Trailblazer Programme and the work will be completed within this and existing budgets. As such, there are no financial implications directly associated with this report.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

15. The Planning for Health SPD will be a material consideration when considering relevant applications. Its production fulfils an existing commitment in the Council's LDS.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

16. As set out in paragraphs 9-13 of the report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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