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Report title:		Adoption of the Southwark Plan 2022	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
Director		Director of Planning and Growth	
Cabinet Member:		Councillor Helen Dennis, Climate Emergency and Sustainable Development	

FOREWORD - CABINET MEMBER FOR THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The Southwark Plan 2022 is the culmination of many years' work and conversations, exploring how we can deliver substantial improvements in our local communities through development and new infrastructure, whilst also preserving and celebrating our history and heritage. Our planning policies and area visions are designed to help us achieve wider objectives in Southwark – a reduction in inequality, a means to tackle the climate emergency, and to support an economy that provides new jobs and works for everyone.

The pressing need for genuinely affordable housing, is the pre-eminent theme that has underpinned the development of policies in this Southwark Plan. In particular the council has identified and evidenced a huge demand for council housing and other homes available at social rent. This has informed our own council house-building programme, with 2,500 homes due to be delivered or on-site by May 2022, and it is why we will continue to challenge any developer who wants to build in Southwark, to go further, beyond the 35% requirement, in their own plans and provision.

Emerging from the COVID pandemic, and conscious of the Climate and Ecological Emergency, we are aware more than ever of the need for good quality parks and open spaces, for the benefit of the environment and for our own mental health and wellbeing. This Plan sets out our vision for an enhanced natural environment, with 11 hectares of new designated open space, 22 new sites of importance for nature conservation, and a requirement for Biodiversity Net Gain in all new developments. We include stretching targets for the reduction of on-site carbon emissions, and to reflect the Council's ambition to be a carbon neutral borough by 2030, we will be bringing forward an early review of the plan, to further strengthen policy in this area.

Over the next 15 years, we hope to create 58,000 new jobs through opportunities generated by the Southwark Plan, many of which we hope will be good quality, decent green jobs. Initiatives like the Construction Skills Centre, supporting work at the Elephant & Castle, and now at Canada Water, underline our commitment to bring

opportunities to local young people and the Plan also establishes our Affordable Workspace Policy.

In order to bring key policies together under the Southwark Plan 2022, this document includes Area Visions for the Aylesbury, Peckham & Nunhead, and Canada Water, which were previously addressed in Area Action Plans which will now be rescinded. The next iteration of the Old Kent Road Area Action Plan (AAP) will follow the adoption of the Southwark Plan, and will set out our refreshed vision for new homes, jobs and parks in that part of our borough.

Over the years, Southwark has undergone dramatic changes, and those changes in the built environment can sometimes feel unsettling. However, they have also delivered new leisure centres, parks, health centres, cultural venues and youth centres, and transformed our public realm with greening, art, and routes for walking and cycling. We are committed as a council to ensuring that we support residents and businesses through change, and to securing change that delivers real positive benefits and social value for everyone in our borough.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet:

1. Agrees the Southwark Plan 2022 at Appendix A for adoption by Council Assembly.
2. Agrees the rescission of the Southwark Plan 2007, the Core Strategy 2011, the Aylesbury Area Action Plan (2010), the Peckham and Nunhead Area Action Plan (2014) and the Canada Water Area Action Plan (2015) by Council Assembly upon adoption of the Southwark Plan 2022 by Council Assembly.
3. Notes the Inspector's Report to the New Southwark Plan at Appendix B and the Main Modifications (and appendices) at Appendix C.
4. Notes the Consultation Report on the Main Modifications provided at Appendix D.
5. Notes the Integrated Impact Assessment (Appendix E), Equalities Impact Assessment (Appendix F) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (Appendix G) which support the adoption of the plan.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Background to the Southwark Plan 2022

6. The council have been preparing the New Southwark Plan as the new local plan for Southwark. Upon adoption, it will be known as the Southwark Plan 2022. The Southwark Plan 2022 is a statutory planning document that will provide an overarching strategy for managing growth and development across

the borough for the next 15 years. The plan will set out how we will deliver further regeneration and wider improvements to our borough in the years to come.

7. The Southwark Plan 2022 explains our strategy for regeneration from 2019 to 2036. It will:
 - Set policies to support the provision of new homes including 11,000 new Council homes
 - Protect our existing schools, youth and community facilities in the borough and provide more where this is needed
 - Protect local businesses and attract more businesses into the borough to increase job opportunities
 - Support our high streets and increase the range of shops to increase their vitality
 - Direct growth to certain areas of the borough, predominantly in the Old Kent Road, Elephant and Castle, Canada Water, East Walworth, Blackfriars Road, Bankside and along the River Thames where there is greater public transport accessibility
 - Introduce policies to improve places by enhancing local distinctiveness and protecting our heritage assets
 - Set policies to provide more green infrastructure, tackle the climate emergency and to promote opportunities for healthy activities
 - Designate or extend a number of new public open spaces and require the creation of new public open space on a number of strategic site allocations across the borough.

8. The Southwark Plan 2022 is a spatial plan. Not only does it set out planning policies to guide development but it also explains how development will be delivered and may inform future decisions about investment in infrastructure. The Southwark Plan 2022 will form part of Southwark's development plan along with the London Plan. It is a regeneration strategy for Southwark and will be used to make decisions on planning applications.

Key policy changes

9. The Southwark Plan 2022 includes strategic development targets for the delivery of homes, jobs and office and retail floorspace. Policy also sets out our spatial strategy and where we expect different types of development and require open space to come forward in each of the vision areas in the borough. The plan will deliver the following targets:
 - 40,035 homes between 2019 and 2036 (2,355 new homes per annum), this includes 10,217 homes on small sites between 2019 and 2036 (601 new homes per annum).
 - 11,000 council homes will be delivered by 2043 as part of the overall housing target

- 58,000 total jobs between 2019 and 2036 including at least 1,000 new green jobs through the Southwark Green New Deal¹. The targets for the distribution of jobs are

Borough, Bankside and London Bridge Opportunity Area	10,000
Elephant and Castle Opportunity Area	10,000
Canada Water Opportunity Area	20,000
Old Kent Road Opportunity Area	10,000
Other town centres	8,000

- 460,000 sqm office floorspace between 2019 and 2036 (equating to around 35,500 jobs). Around 80% of new offices will be delivered in the Central Activities Zone. Additional offices will be delivered in the Canada Water and Old Kent Road Opportunity Areas and in town centres;
- 90,000sqm additional employment floorspace between 2019 and 2036 outside the CAZ including industrial, distribution, hybrid and studio workspace;
- 76,670 sqm net new retail floorspace between 2019 and 2036 (6,560sqm convenience retail, 42,130sqm comparison goods retail, 27,980sqm food and beverage). The targets for the distribution of the retail floorspace are:

Elephant and Castle Major Town Centre	10,000sqm
Peckham Major Town Centre	7,000sqm
Canada Water Opportunity Area	40,000sqm
CAZ and district and local town centres	19,670sqm

¹ The council now has a higher target of 5,000 new green jobs in the climate strategy and action plan (2021)

- The growth of other activities that create successful places such as places to work, leisure, arts and culture, sports, schools, health centres and tourist activities. We will encourage developments to focus on the strengths of places that make the different areas of the borough distinctive and respect and integrate with the local and historic context and communities.
 - The location and design of new development contributing to securing our targets of carbon neutrality by 2030 and net zero carbon by 2050;²
 - Increase the provision of open space in the borough by requiring the provision of 11 hectares of new open space as identified in site allocations along with the designation of MOL, BOL and OOS as identified on the Policies Map.
10. The Plan introduces a fast track route for developments delivering 40% social rented and intermediate housing with a policy compliant mix and in the Aylesbury Action Area Core delivering 60% social rented and intermediate housing with a policy compliant mix, where the scheme does not have to follow a viability tested route to encourage an increase in the provision of affordable housing.
 11. It introduces the requirement for all development that proposes housing to provide affordable housing or a payment in lieu towards the delivery of council homes. The Plan also includes the requirement for the provision of a minimum of 35% affordable housing on direct let student housing schemes, as well as the provision of 27% of student rooms at affordable student rent (defined by the Mayor of London), subject to viability. Nomination schemes for student housing are required to provide a minimum of 35% of rooms at affordable student rent (defined by the Mayor of London), subject to viability.
 12. The Plan introduces the requirement for at least 10% or more affordable workspace on developments proposing 500sqm GIA or employment floorspace.
 13. The climate change target for this Plan is to be net zero by 2050 as set out in the Climate Change Act. The council has declared a Climate Emergency with the ambition to reach carbon neutrality by 2030. This plan is a stepping stone towards meeting this 2030 ambition and there is a climate change thread throughout the Plan to address climate change. The Southwark Plan 2022 requires the reduction of emissions by 100% on 2013 regulations for residential developments, and 40% for non-residential, and there will be an early review of the Plan to encourage greater on site carbon reduction performance and ensure the carbon offset price fully covers off setting costs.

² This target means the Plan will contribute to securing the national net zero target by 2050 and the borough target of doing all we can to be net zero by 2030.

14. While the Southwark Plan 2022 must be in general conformity with the London Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework, it can adapt some of these policies to reflect specific issues in Southwark. It will replace the Core Strategy (2011), the saved Southwark Plan (2007), the Aylesbury Area Action Plan (2010), the Peckham and Nunhead Area Action Plan (2014) and the Canada Water Area Action Plan (2015).
15. The Southwark Plan 2022 at Annex 5 sets out the policies and site allocations from the Area Actions Plans that the Southwark Plan 2022 is replacing.
16. A review of all of the policies in the Area Action Plans ('AAPs') took place and they have been replaced in the Southwark Plan 2022 with more up to date policies. In the Aylesbury AAP there were two policies in the AAP which provided higher standards. These were the family homes and the space standards. Therefore these have been brought into the plan. There is also a modification to reduce the parking standards requested by TfL to enable general conformity with the London Plan.
17. A review of all of the site allocations in the AAPs took place, the Council set out the current status of each site in the AAPs to decide which sites should be taken forward in the Southwark Plan 2022. The Council removed all of the sites that are being built or that were completed from the list to take forward to the Southwark Plan 2022. All of the other sites that were in the AAPs have been included in the Southwark Plan 2022 where necessary. A site allocation for the Aylesbury Area Action Core has been added to the Southwark Plan 2022 at the Main Modifications which sets out the development requirements in the Action Area Core, to ensure the delivery of homes and social rented homes and it also includes design guidance, including tall building guidance as set out in the Area Action Plan. Some of the smaller sites from the Area Action Plans have not been included as they can come forward as windfall sites through the development management policies in the Southwark Plan 2022.
18. Further information on the rescinding of the AAPs is set out in EIP211³ - Rescinding Note and EIP202a – Aylesbury Background Paper.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Southwark Plan 2022

19. The Southwark Plan 2022 contains the following sections.

Area Visions

20. Area Visions provide the strategic vision for the future of Southwark's distinct places. They set out key infrastructure enhancements, opportunities for public realm and transport improvements and growth opportunities. Area Visions also

³ EIP document numbers relate to Examination in Public documents available on the NSP Examination website

identify the character of different places to be renewed, retained or enhanced. Development proposals should be within the context of the relevant Area Vision and should demonstrate how they contribute towards the strategic vision for that area.

Strategic Targets

21. The strategic development targets policy set out the targets the Plan seeks to achieve for the delivery of homes, jobs and office and retail floorspace. The Southwark's Places policy also sets out our spatial strategy and where we expect different types of development and require open space to come forward in each of the vision areas in the borough.

Strategic Policies

22. Strategic policies are borough-wide policies which set out the council's strategy to work with local people to improve neighbourhoods and create new opportunities for the future. The Southwark Plan 2022 contains six strategic policies to deliver the Borough Plan's values and priorities spatially ('Homes for all', 'Southwark Together', 'A great start in life', 'A green and inclusive economy', 'Thriving neighbourhoods and tackling health inequalities' and 'Climate Emergency').

Development Management Policies

23. Development management policies are detailed planning policies which are used to assess planning applications.

Site Allocations

24. Site Allocations are planning policies which apply to potential development sites of strategic importance. Site Allocations are needed to ensure that when strategic sites come forward for redevelopment they integrate into their surroundings and contribute towards meeting the local area's spatial needs. Site allocations are also needed to demonstrate the Southwark Plan 2022 has been developed in conformity with the London Plan, which requires boroughs to identify strategic development sites which can meet housing targets and future infrastructure and land use needs.
25. Site Allocations set out land use requirements that must be provided as part of any redevelopment alongside other acceptable land uses. Site Allocations may specify development provides new public open space, public access routes or social infrastructure, such as health or education facilities. Site Allocations are not required for sites which are likely to be redeveloped acceptably under the development management policies of the Southwark Plan 2022.

Monitoring Framework

26. A comprehensive monitoring framework has been prepared to accompany the plan which will be used to monitor development coming forward in the borough.
27. This monitoring framework details the data we will collect and publish working towards a new digital monitoring system. Monitoring data and results will be published in the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR). The AMR sets out the type and amount of development and conservation taking place in Southwark. It sets out an evaluation of whether planning policies are making a difference and lets us assess how the policies can be improved by future plan making. These will enable us to measure our progress and success, ensuring we track and evaluate changes that make Southwark successful, such as full employment, health improvements, a more skilled labour market and places that are safe and clean.
28. This framework replaces the monitoring frameworks in the Aylesbury Area Action Plan, Canada Water Area Action Plan and Peckham and Nunhead Area Action Plan. Where there are relevant indicators from the AAPs they have been carried forward into this framework.

Inspector's Report

29. The Inspector's report contains their assessment of the New Southwark Plan in terms of Section 20(5) of the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended). It considers:
 - whether the Plan's preparation has complied with the duty to co-operate;
 - whether the Plan is compliant with the legal requirements; and
 - whether it is sound as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2021 (paragraph 35) which is clear that in order to be sound, a Local Plan should be positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy.
30. The Report concludes that the Duty to Cooperate has been met and that with the recommended main modifications set out in the Appendix, the New Southwark Plan satisfies the requirements referred to in Section 20(5)(a) of the 2004 Act and is sound.
31. The Main Modifications are provided at Appendix C, these have been incorporated into the Southwark Plan 2022 at Appendix A.
32. Following the Main Modifications consultation (6 August to 24 September 2021) the Inspectors have made further amendments to a number of the policies, these are:
 - Old Kent Road area vision – amended Bakerloo Line Extension Phase 2 developments from 2023-2027 to post 2023

- Policy P5 (Student homes) – amended wording to include subject to viability and amended the wording to be clear on affordable student rooms
 - Policy P55 (Protection of amenity) – moved the additional text that was added to the reasons in the main modification to the policy itself
 - Policy P28 (Strategic Protected Industrial Land), P29 (office and business development) and P30 (affordable workspace) - amended the wording slightly of the additional clause relating to using conditions to restrict changes of use within Class E to ensure that the use of conditions meets the tests set out in national policy.
 - Policy IP3 (CIL and S106 planning obligations) – amended to clarify in the policy that the term ‘policy requirements’ would include the ‘must’ and ‘should’ requirements set out in the individual site allocation policies.
 - NSP51 (land between St Thomas Street, Fenning Street, Melior Place and Snowfields) –added medical or healthcare uses as options to the site requirements.
 - NSP71 (Aylesham Centre and Peckham Bus Station) – changed the capacity back to an indicative capacity of 850 homes rather than the minimum capacity of 700 – this will be updated again in the housing trajectory.
 - Policy P17 (efficient use of land) - changed to “optimises land use” instead of “optimises the efficient use of land”.
 - Policy P18 (listed buildings and structures) – changed conserve and enhance to conserve or enhance.
 - Policy P19 (conservation areas) – changed conserve to preserve and changed character and appearance to character or appearance
 - Policy P21 (borough views) – changed development must to development should.
33. The numbering of the policies and site allocations have been updated throughout the Southwark Plan 2022 to take account of any modifications, including new policies or amendments to the site allocations. Therefore the final numbering will differ from the policy and site allocation references in Paragraph 32, the Inspector’s Report and the Main and Additional Modifications and the supporting documents (Integrated Impact Assessment, Equalities Impact Assessment and Habitats Regulation Assessment).

Consultation on the New Southwark Plan

34. There have been several stages of consultation between 2013 and 2021. Details of the public consultation carried out to date are set out in the Consultation Report at Appendix D.
35. The New Southwark Plan was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for Examination in January 2020. As part of the Examination in Public another consultation was carried out from August to October 2020, which allowed the council to gain feedback on changes to the plan which were recommended by

the Inspectors (EIP27A and B, Council's Proposed Changes to the Submitted New Southwark Plan, August 2020).

36. The public hearings took place virtually from 23 February – 11 March 2021 and 19 April – 30 April 2021. Following these hearings, The Inspectors wrote a post hearings letter on 28 May 2021 and under Section 20(7)(c) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004). The Council asked the Inspectors to recommend Main Modifications to ensure the Plan is sound. The Main Modifications comprised the Council's Proposed Changes to the Submitted New Southwark Plan and any changes required for soundness or arose during the Examination in Public, The Council consulted on the Main Modifications for 7 weeks as recommended by the Inspectors from 6 August 2021 to 24 September 2021.
37. The consultation sought comments only relating to the main modifications however additional modifications were also published.
38. "Main modifications" are material changes to the submitted Plan which are necessary to make it sound and legally compliant. Main modifications can only be recommended by Inspectors at the request of the Local Planning Authority.
39. "Additional modifications" (minor modifications) are proposed non-consequential amendments to the Plan not necessary for soundness. These generally involve changes that enhance the clarity of the plan without materially affecting the implementation of plan policies and to provide factual updates. The examination does not concern itself with 'additional modifications' and these changes are a matter for the Council to make to its plan. The Inspectors advised that when consulting on proposed main modifications, the Council also publishes a schedule of its additional modifications for completeness. Additional Modifications were published at the same time.
40. The Inspectors have considered all duly made representations on the Main Modifications to the New Southwark Plan. 68 representations were received to the Main Modifications to the New Southwark Plan. Summaries of the consultation representations received and the council's response to the representations (based on the Inspectors report) are attached at Appendix D.

Weighting of the Southwark Plan 2022

41. Paragraph 48 of the NPPF states that decision makers may give weight to relevant policies in emerging plans according to the stage of preparation of the emerging plan, the extent to which there are unresolved objections to the policy and the degree of consistency with the Framework.
42. The Inspectors have issued their Inspector's Report setting out the Main Modifications required to the New Southwark Plan which have been incorporated into the Plan at Appendix A. As the Plan is at an advanced stage and the Inspectors have confirmed the Plan is sound subject to the Main

Modifications, it should be afforded 'substantial' weight in decision making going forward.

43. The recommendation to Council Assembly will be that the plan is adopted in February 2022 and will replace the saved policies of the 2007 Southwark Plan, the 2011 Core Strategy, the Aylesbury Area Action Plan 2010, the Peckham and Nunhead Area Action Plan 2014 and the Canada Water Area Action Plan 2015.

Next Steps

44. The Inspectors have written their report and recommended that the Plan can be adopted subject to the Main Modifications being made to the Plan. Following consideration at Cabinet, the Plan will be considered at Council Assembly for final adoption in February 2022 and will have full weight on adoption.
45. The adopted Plan will be referred to as 'the Southwark Plan' (2022).
46. Following adoption, the plan will be reviewed and updated on an ongoing basis to take into account any changing circumstances affecting Southwark or any changes in regional and national policy as required.

Plan Review

47. The Inspector's Report identifies areas where some issues would be monitored upon implementation of the plan and any changes to policies required would be appropriate in a future plan review. The Inspectors identified the following potential areas:
 - Gypsies and Travellers – if required to take into account a London wide approach
 - House boats - to respond to both the Council's emerging evidence and any wider London approach on the matter
 - Elephant and Castle site allocations - long-term effects of the Covid19 pandemic on the demand for commercial floorspace and whether this points to an alternative strategy or more flexible approach to the mix of uses on allocated sites in this part of the Borough
 - Climate change – responding to the changing context on climate change as part of plan review
 - Retail - ongoing monitoring and the usual processes of plan review will inform the appropriate timing as to when the Plan's retail policies should be revisited
 - It would be a matter for plan review as to whether further specificity is required to guide tree lined new streets in the Borough
 - Transport policies - the monitoring framework will provide for measuring the effectiveness on transport policies in the Southwark Plan 2022 and whether further intervention/mitigation would be necessary as part of the plan review process.

- Monitoring the phased delivery of the Canada Water Masterplan

Community Impact Statement/Equalities (including socio-economic impacts) Impact Statement

48. The Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) contained in Section 149 (1) of the Equality Act 2010 imposes a duty on public authorities (including the Council to have, in the exercise of their functions, due regard to three “needs” which are central to the aims of the Act
- a) The need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by the Act
 - b) The need to advance equality of opportunity between persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it. This involves having due regard to the need to:
 - Remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic
 - Take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
 - Encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low
 - c) The need to foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.
49. The protected characteristics are: race, age, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, disability, sexual orientation, religion or belief, sex, marriage and civil partnership.
50. The purpose of the Southwark Plan 2022 is to facilitate development growth in the borough and deliver the vision of the principles and values in the Borough Plan, ensuring that community impacts are taken into account. The Southwark Plan 2022 is supported by an Equalities Impact Assessment (updated June 2021) which was taken into account in the Examination in Public as part of the supporting documentation to the plan.

Health impact statement

51. The purpose of the Southwark Plan 2022 is to facilitate development growth in the borough and deliver the vision of the principles and values in the Borough Plan, ensuring that health impacts are taken into account. Strategic Policy SP5 (healthy active lives) sets out how we will seek to maintain and improve the

health of our residents, encouraging healthy lives by tackling causes of ill health and inequalities. This will be achieved through the policies in the Plan, including Policy P44 (healthy developments) which sets out the requirements for developments to encourage healthy lifestyle choices.

52. The Southwark Plan 2022 is supported by an Equalities Impact Assessment (updated June 2021) which was taken into account in the Examination in Public as part of the supporting documentation to the plan. This sets out potential health impacts, both positive and negative, of the policies of the Plan.

Climate change implications

53. The Net Zero Carbon target for this Plan as set out in the Climate Change Act (2008). The Council has declared a Climate Emergency with the ambition to reach carbon neutrality by 2030. This Plan is a stepping stone towards meeting this 2030 carbon neutrality target. There is a climate change thread running throughout the Plan to mitigate against and adapt to address climate change. The Southwark Plan 2022 requires the reduction of emissions onsite by 100% on 2013 Building Regulations for major residential developments, and 40% for major non-residential. There will be an early review of the Plan to set out greater requirements for climate change mitigation and adaptation, including on site carbon reduction performance targets for small sites, exploration of embodied and whole lifecycle carbon, review of the heating and cooling and heat and energy sources onsite and reuse and retrofitting. The implementation of this Plan to deliver greater carbon reductions will be supported by upskilling officers and provision of guidance to deliver more sustainable development.

Financial Implications

54. There are no immediate resource implications arising from this report.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Director of Law and Governance (MF/11/21)

55. As explained in the Background section to this report, the Southwark Plan 2022 is a statutory planning document and the Council must therefore have regard to the statutory framework for local plans set out in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 ('the Act') and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 made under the Act.
56. In accordance with Section 20(5) of the Act the Inspectors have now issued their report following the conclusion of the independent examination held this year. The Inspectors have concluded that, subject to the inclusion of the Main Modifications included in *this* report at Appendix C, the Southwark Plan 2022 meets the legal requirements prescribed in Section 20(5) including that it is in general conformity with the London Plan and is sound and that the Council has fulfilled its duty to co-operate in relation to preparation of the Plan (Section 33A

of the Act). The Southwark Plan 2022 is therefore now capable of adoption by the Council.

57. Part 3C of the Constitution states that matters reserved to full Cabinet include *'Approval for recommendation to council assembly of those proposals and plans contained in the council's budget and policy framework'*
58. Part 3A of the Constitution reserves the agreement of the policy framework, including development plan documents, to Council Assembly. If Cabinet is minded to adopt the recommendations in this report then a report will be brought to Council Assembly recommending adoption of the Southwark Plan 2022 and rescission of the development plan documents which will be superseded on adoption of the new Plan.
59. Cabinet members are asked to note paragraphs 41 to 43 of this report concerning the weight that can now be attributed to the Southwark Plan 2022 prior to formal adoption by Council Assembly. Paragraph 48 of the National Planning Policy Framework provides that local planning authorities may give weight to relevant policies in emerging plans according to the stage of preparation and the more advanced the preparation, the greater the weight that may be given. Now that the Southwark Plan 2022 is capable of adoption by the Council, the policies may be accorded substantial weight whilst formal adoption by Council Assembly is awaited.

Strategic Director of Finance and Governance (CE21/057)

60. This report is requesting that Cabinet agrees the Southwark Plan 2022 at Appendix A for adoption by Council Assembly and agrees the rescission of the Southwark Plan 2007, the Core Strategy 2011, the Aylesbury Area Action Plan (2010), the Peckham and Nunhead Area Action Plan (2014) and the Canada Water Area Action Plan (2015) by Council Assembly upon adoption of the Southwark Plan 2022 by Council Assembly and notes other recommendations of the report.
61. The strategic director of finance and governance notes that there are no new immediate financial implications arising from this report.
62. The strategic director of finance and governance expects that financial appraisals will be carried out as any new plans are developed and will be subject to future reports, including identifying the revenue or capital resources for any new commitments.
63. Staffing and any other costs connected with this report to be contained within existing departmental revenue budgets.

APPENDICES

Appendices	Title
Appendix A	Southwark Plan 2022 for adoption
Appendix B	Inspector's Report to the New Southwark Plan
Appendix C	Main Modifications to the New Southwark Plan (and appendices)
Appendix D	Consultation Report on the Main Modifications
Appendix E	Integrated Impact Assessment
Appendix F	Equalities Impact Assessment
Appendix G	Habitats Regulation Assessment
Appendices available online at	Link (please copy and paste into browser): https://www.southwark.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy-and-transport-policy/new-southwark-plan?chapter=10

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
New Southwark Plan Examination Hearings	These can be viewed on the Council's YouTube page	planningpolicy@southwark.gov.uk
New Southwark Plan Examination webpage including all relevant documentation	Link (please copy and paste into browser): https://www.southwark.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy-and-transport-policy/new-southwark-plan	planningpolicy@southwark.gov.uk
National Planning Policy Framework	Link (please copy and paste into browser): https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1005759/NPPF_July_2021.pdf	planningpolicy@southwark.gov.uk

AUDIT TRAIL

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