

Planning & Development Committee Report Cover:

Report name:

Consultation on the SBC Design Guidance Supplementary Planning Document 2021

Officer(s) presenting:

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Reason for it being before Planning & Development Committee:

The Executive will shortly be asked to approve the consultation on the draft version of the Design Guidance SPD. This is an update to the older version that we currently have adopted. The SPD will become a material consideration in decision making. The SPD provides steps for developers to follow to ensure that development is of high quality design. The draft Design Guidance follows the principals set out in the National Design Guide published by MHCLG; this is to ensure that the guide covers all the appropriate areas identified for design, and reduces misunderstanding for developers. An additional section has been added to the document to deal specifically with the regeneration of the Town Centre.

A copy the draft version of the SPD is attached.

The officer will present an overview of the content of the SPD to members of Planning & Development Committee who will need to be aware of its content for future decision making.

Other briefings:

The Draft SPD was presented to officer-level SLT on 15 June 2021.

Likely next steps:

The draft SPD will be presented to the Executive on 14 July 2021 to inform the Executive about the intention to consult on the document and the consultation period. The Executive will be asked to formally approve the consultation of the SPD. The SPD will subsequently be presented to Overview and Scrutiny on 22 July 2021 for Councillors to scrutinise the decision taken by the Executive. Assuming Overview & Scrutiny Committee are content with the decision of the Executive to approve the consultation of the SPD, it will be sent out to the consultees on the database for consultation on 9 August 2021 for a minimum of 6 weeks.