



CABINET – 21ST JANUARY 2015

**SUBJECT: CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN
(FIRST REVIEW) UP TO 2031: DRAFT PREFERRED STRATEGY**

**REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND SECTION 151
OFFICER**

- 1.1 The attached report was considered by the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee on 9th December 2014. It seeks the views of Cabinet before it is referred to Council for determination.
- 1.2 The report outlined stakeholder engagement undertaken to date for the first review of the Caerphilly County Borough Local Development Plan up to 2031 and how this work has influenced the Draft Preferred Strategy up to 2031. The report sought Members' views on the Draft Preferred Strategy, as a basis for the first statutory consultation stage of the plan process scheduled for early 2015.
- 1.3 The report also outlined the next stage of the Local Development Plan Review Process, together with an extract from the Review Report (attached at Appendix 2 to the report) which detailed the consideration given to undertaking a joint review of the LDP with Blaenau Gwent and Torfaen Councils.
- 1.4 Detailed discussion of the report ensued and Officers responded to queries raised regarding the contents of the Draft Preferred Strategy (attached as Appendix 1 to the report). The report referenced a need for improvements to the strategic transportation infrastructure within the county borough, and Members' comments regarding these were noted by Officers. Queries were also received regarding the Authority's forthcoming Local Transport Plan, with Members redirected to the appropriate Officer for further information. The impact of the Local Development Plan on town centre regeneration was discussed, together with land allocation processes and the use of greenfield and brownfield sites.
- 1.5 Following consideration of the report, including the Draft Preferred Strategy and the position statements from each of the three local planning authorities as contained in the Review Report, the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee unanimously recommended to Cabinet and Council that for the reasons contained therein, the Authority's commitment to progress with a single review of the Adopted Caerphilly County Borough Local Development Plan be reconfirmed.
- 1.6 Members are asked to consider the recommendation.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Report to Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee on 9th December 2014
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