

## COUNCIL

Wednesday, 23 September 2020

### ADOPTION OF THE SUFFOLK COASTAL LOCAL PLAN

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1. The Local Plan sets out the level of growth to be planned for in the area of East Suffolk which was formerly covered by Suffolk Coastal district, and identifies where that growth should be located and how it should be delivered. The Plan sets out the planning policies which the Council will use to determine planning applications in the former Suffolk Coastal area. On adoption, all the existing Local Plan documents relevant to the former Suffolk Coastal district or part of it, including the remaining 'saved' policies from the 2001 Local Plan, will be superseded.
- 2. The Council received the Inspector's Report on the Local Plan on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020. The Inspector concluded that the Plan is legally compliant and sound subject to a number of modifications.
- 3. Cabinet are meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> September to consider the Local Plan, and a verbal update will be provided to Full Council.
- 4. This report recommends that Council adopt the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan as modified.

Is the report Open or Exempt?	Open
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**Wards Affected:** 

Aldeburgh & Leiston

Carlford & Fynn Valley

Deben

Eastern Felixstowe

Framlingham

Halesworth & Blything (part)

Kelsale & Yoxford

Kesgrave

Martlesham & Purdis Farm

Melton

**Orwell & Villages** 

Rendlesham & Orford

**Rushmere St Andrew** 

Saxmundham

Southwold (part)

Western Felixstowe

Wickham Market

Wrentham, Wangford & Westleton (part)

Woodbridge

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### 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The production of plans to identify the strategic priorities for the development and use of land in an authority's area is a statutory requirement, and the Government requires plans to be kept up to date and to be reviewed, and updated if necessary, at least every five years.
- 1.2 Work on a new Local Plan for the former Suffolk Coastal district began in 2016 and covers the part of East Suffolk which was formerly covered by Suffolk Coastal district. The Local Plan, which covers the period 2018-2036, sets out the level of growth to be planned for and identifies where that growth should be located and how it should be delivered. The Plan contains planning policies which the Council will use to determine planning applications in the former Suffolk Coastal area. The Plan is a comprehensive document which includes a vision, spatial strategy, topic based planning policies and area based strategies including site allocations. The Plan will sit alongside the Waveney Local Plan which was adopted in March 2019 and which covers the part of East Suffolk that was formerly covered by Waveney district, excluding the part within the Broads. The Broads Authority adopted a new Local Plan in May 2019.
- 1.3 The Suffolk Coastal Local Plan sets out an ambitious strategy to deliver at least 6,500 jobs and at least 9,756 new dwellings over the plan period, supported by the delivery of appropriate infrastructure. To achieve this, employment sites and residential sites have been identified in a variety of locations to realise the opportunities that exist across the Plan area, including the allocation of two new garden neighbourhoods at North Felixstowe and South Saxmundham.
- 1.4 On adoption the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan will replace the existing Local Plan for the former Suffolk Coastal district which consists of a number of individual documents that have been prepared and adopted by the former Suffolk Coastal District Council. The Plans to be replaced are:
  - Core Strategy and Development Management Policies (adopted July 2013);
  - Site Allocations and Area Specific Policies (adopted January 2017);
  - Felixstowe Peninsula Area Action Plan (adopted January 2017);
  - Saved Polices from the First and Second Alteration Local Plan (adopted 2001 and 2006).
- 1.5 A number of Neighbourhood Plans have been prepared by local communities within the area covered by the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan. These will not be replaced by the emerging Local Plan but may need to be reviewed to remain in general conformity with it.
- 1.6 As set out above, the government requires Local Plans to be kept up to date and reviewed regularly. The Local Development Scheme, setting out a timetable for the preparation of the Local Plan, was agreed by the former Suffolk Coastal District Council Cabinet in October 2015. Progress on the Local Plan has broadly been in accordance with the timetable set out in that Local Development Scheme, and the Local Plan was submitted for Examination in March 2019 shortly prior to the creation of East Suffolk Council. The Local Development Scheme has been recently amended in June 2020 to reflect that the Examination has involved more time than anticipated, and that adoption is therefore later than originally planned.

- 1.7 The preparation of the Local Plan, up to Submission in March 2019, was undertaken under the former Suffolk Coastal District Council.
- 1.8 Work on the production of the Local Plan began in 2016 with the preparation of evidence and the holding of a 'call for sites'. The 'call for sites' generated a number of sites and these were published, alongside other known potential sites, as 'potential land for development' in the Issues and Options document in 2017. Five workshops were held (May-June 2017) across the plan area with parish and town councils to discuss the sustainability of communities and how the Local Plan could assist in keeping communities vibrant. These workshops assisted in informing the Issues and Options document.
- 1.9 In August 2017 the Council, in conjunction with Ipswich Borough Council, published a Local Plan Issues and Options consultation. This joint approach allowed for cross boundary strategic issues to be considered together. This marked the first stage of consultation on the Local Plan. The consultation covered a 10 week period from 18 August to 30 October 2017. There were 7 drop-in exhibition events across the Local Plan area and following an invite to all parish and town councils one-to-one sessions were held with 57 parish and town councils during September and October. Over 642 individuals or organisations responded to the consultation, which generated 6,893 comments. Many of these comments related to the questions posed in the Issues and Options, as well as the sites shown as "potential land for development".
- 1.10 Following the consideration and analysis of the responses to the Issues and Options consultation and a review of existing adopted policies and site allocations, the vision, strategy, policies and proposals were drafted for the First Draft Local Plan. This set out the preferred approach to planning for future growth.
- 1.11 Following approval for consultation by the former Suffolk Coastal District Council Cabinet in July 2018, consultation and engagement took place on this plan for 8 weeks from 20 July to 14 September 2018. To maximise engagement and feedback on the First Draft Local Plan a summary leaflet was published alongside the Local Plan. Social media, such as twitter and facebook were also used to reach a wide ranging audience. Again, drop-in events took place across Suffolk Coastal District and 34 one-to-one meetings were held with parish and town councils. There were 1,389 respondents to the consultation, which generated over 3,350 comments. In addition, there were 2 petitions; in relation to the Shottisham site allocation (89 signatures) and proposed allocations in Kirton and Trimley St Martin, including Innocence Farm (972 signatures).
- 1.12 Following consideration of the responses received to the First Draft Local Plan, the Final Draft Local Plan was approved by Suffolk Coastal District Council on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 for publication under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012 (as amended) to receive representations in relation to soundness. The Plan was published to receive representations between 14<sup>th</sup> January and 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019. The publication of the Plan was publicised through social media and a press release and drop-in events were also held. In total 569 individuals and organisations responded, making 1,525 representations. 32 representations were received on the Sustainability Appraisal from 29 individuals and organisations with a further 18 representations received on the Habitats Regulations Assessment from 15 individuals and organisations.
- 1.13 At their meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019, full Council also gave delegated authority for the Head of Planning and Coastal Management in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning, following the 6 week period to receive representations relating to soundness, to submit the Local Plan for Examination by the Planning Inspectorate.

- 1.14 The Plan was submitted on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019, shortly prior to the creation of East Suffolk Council. Planning Inspector Philip Lewis BA (Hons) MA MRTPI was appointed by the Secretary of State to examine the Local Plan, to determine whether it is legally compliant and 'sound'. Public hearings subsequently took place between 20<sup>th</sup> August and 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019.
- 1.15 On 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020 the Inspector wrote to the Council to state that following the hearings he had concluded that the plan was likely to be capable of being found legally compliant and sound subject to a number of 'Main Modifications' being made. This letter invited the Council to respond on a number of matters. The Council responded to these matters which enabled progression to consultation on proposed Main Modifications.
- 1.16 During the Examination, the Council also compiled a list of 'Additional Modifications'.

  These modifications do not materially alter the policies of the plan and are generally minor clarifications, consequential amendments associated with the Main Modifications and corrections of factual errors. A number of changes to the Policies Map were also identified.
- 1.17 A public consultation on all the proposed modifications took place between 1<sup>st</sup> May and 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020. 563 comments were received on the main modifications, along with 2 on the Sustainability Appraisal Report Addendum, 5 on the Habitats Regulations Assessment, 6 on the Additional Modifications and 6 on the Policies Maps, from a total of 245 respondents.
- 1.18 Following consideration of the responses to the Main Modifications consultation, the Sustainability Appraisal and the Habitats Regulations Assessment, the Inspector published his final report on the Local Plan examination on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020. The Inspector concluded that the Local Plan is sound subject to Main Modifications being made to the plan prior to adoption.
- 1.19 Documentation related to the preparation and Examination of the Local Plan can be viewed in the Examination Document Library on the Local Plan Examination webpages at <a href="https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/localplanexamination">www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/localplanexamination</a>.

### 2 THE INSPECTOR'S REPORT AND MAIN MODIFICATIONS

- 2.1 The Inspector's Report was received on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and is attached to this report as Appendix A. The Inspector concluded that the plan is legally compliant and sound subject to making 'Main Modifications' to it prior to adoption. The 'Main Modifications' required are listed in the appendix to the Inspector's Report and a number of these are summarised below:
  - Modifications related to the delivery of modal shift, working with other authorities in the Ipswich Strategic Planning Area to address impacts of development on the transport network in and around Ipswich;
  - Amendment to the housing requirement (against which delivery of the Plan will be monitored) from 582 dwellings per year to 542 dwellings per year to reflect the Government's standard methodology as set out in the NPPF and planning practice guidance at the point of Submission of the Plan, alongside modifications related to the way in which a review of the Local Plan may be triggered should

- other authorities in the Ipswich Strategic Planning Area not be able to meet their housing need.
- Modifications to SCLP5.4 Housing in Clusters in the Countryside in relation to community engagement.
- Modifications to Policy SCLP5.8 Housing Mix to provide greater reference to provision of specialist housing and housing for older people;
- Modification to Policy SCLP5.10 Affordable Housing on Residential Developments to remove the requirement for affordable housing on solely brownfield flatted schemes;
- Modifications to Policy SCLP5.17 Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople to provide greater clarity over the need for pitches and plots and how this need will be addressed;
- Removal of Policy SCLP11.9 Areas to be Protected from Development;
- Modifications to Policy SCLP12.24 Land at Humber Doucy Lane to remove the requirement for the development to come forward post 2031, alongside adding further reference to infrastructure enhancements which may affect timing;
- Modifications to Policy SCLP12.29 South Saxmundham Garden Neighbourhood in order that the land within the allocation but to the east of the railway line is outside of the Settlement Boundary and to provide clarity that this land could only come forward for open space or Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace;
- Modifications to Policy SCLP12.33 Land at Woodbridge Town Football Club to provide criteria relating to proposals for relocation of the football club;
- Removal of employment land proposed for allocation under Policy SCLP12.35 Innocence Farm;
- Amendment to the approximate number of dwellings that would be supported under Policy SCLP12.50 Land off Laxfield Road, Dennington from 50 to 35;
- Amendment of the site area under Policy SCLP12.52 Land to the West of Chapel Road, Grundisburgh from 3.38ha to 5.16ha, to enable suitable access to be achieved (with accompanying changes to the Policies Map);
- Amendment of the site area under Policy SCLP12.54 Land North of The Street, Kettleburgh from 0.43ha to 0.75ha (with accompanying changes to the Policies Map);
- Identification of those policies considered to be 'non-strategic' and those considered to be 'strategic';
- A range of other alterations to the plan's policies, supporting text and appendices to ensure that the plan is positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy (i.e. that it is 'sound').

### 3 ADOPTION

3.1 Section 23 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 states that if a Planning Inspector finds a Local Plan sound subject to 'Main Modifications', a local planning authority may adopt that Local Plan with the 'Main Modifications' and any 'Additional Modifications'. 'Main Modifications' are modifications which the Inspector concludes are

necessary for the plan to be sound. The Council is not permitted to adopt the Local Plan without making these modifications. 'Additional Modifications' are modifications which do not materially affect the policies of the plan (as modified by Main Modifications). As such 'Additional Modifications' are limited to minor clarifications, consequential amendments associated with the 'Main Modifications' and corrections of factual errors.

- 3.2 As stated in paragraph 1.17 above, consultation was undertaken on the Additional Modifications at the same time as the Main Modifications. These comments are not considered by the Inspector but are considered by the Council. Six comments were received on the Additional Modifications and summaries of these and how they have been addressed are contained in Appendix B. A further 6 comments were also received on the proposed modifications to the Policies Maps. These comments are also not before the Inspector, and summaries of these and how they have been addressed are also contained in Appendix B. A very small number of further typographical and presentational errors and inconsistencies that are the consequence of other modifications have also been addressed as additional modifications in producing the final version of the Plan. These are listed in Appendix B.
- 3.3 The final version of the Local Plan incorporating all modifications is attached as Appendix C of this report. This report recommends that the Council as local planning authority adopts the Local Plan as presented in Appendix C.
- 3.4 The Council is required to maintain a policies map which illustrates geographically the application of the policies in the adopted development plan. Policies maps are contained within the Local Plan, attached to this report at Appendix C. These are insets of the policies map for the area covered by the Local Plan, and the policies map for the plan area will be updated upon adoption of the Local Plan.
- 3.5 As set out in paragraph 1.4 above, the adoption of the Plan will supersede all policies in the existing Local Plan covering the former Suffolk Coastal district.
- 3.6 The Suffolk Coastal Local Plan will remain in place until such time as it is superseded by any new Local Plan.
- 3.7 Following adoption of the Local Plan, a person aggrieved by the Local Plan, may under Section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, make an application to the High Court to challenge it. Such an application must be made within six weeks of adoption.

### 4 HOW DOES THIS RELATE TO THE EAST SUFFOLK STRATEGIC PLAN?

- 4.1 The adoption of the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan supports the achievement of the following Strategic Plan themes:
  - Growing our Economy the Local Plan will, in particular, play a key part in the
    achievement of the priority 'Build the right environment for East Suffolk', under
    which having up to date Local Plans in place to provide a strategy for growth and
    place making is identified as a measure of knowing the Council is delivering. The
    Local Plan will also contribute to the priorities of 'Attract and stimulate inward
    investment' and 'support and deliver infrastructure'.
  - Enabling our Communities The Local Plan provides a framework to support communities in the production of Neighbourhood Plans, with a number of policies

- setting out the ways in which Neighbourhood Plans can develop their own policies.
- Caring for our Environment The Local Plan, through its vision and strategy and through its policies, seeks to protect and enhance the natural and historic environment and to mitigate and adapt to climate change including through sustainable construction.

### 5 FINANCIAL AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The production and adoption of the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan is covered by the existing budget of the Planning Policy and Delivery Team. Where appropriate, consultants were appointed to undertake specialist evidence bases to inform the Local Plan policies, such as viability and habitat regulations assessments, and to appear at the Local Plan hearings where appropriate, and value for money was sought for all contracts.
- 5.2 The Local Plan has been prepared in accordance with The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended). Progress up to Submission was overseen by the former Suffolk Coastal District Council Cabinet appointed Local Plan Working Group. The Working Group met throughout the preparation of the Local Plan and actively informed and developed the vision, strategy, policies and proposals, from the initial definition of Issues and Options, through to the First Draft Local and the Final Draft Local Plan. Throughout the process, careful consideration was given to feedback from consultation and engagement.
- 5.3 The Constitution of the former Suffolk Coastal District Council required that the Cabinet Member's 'proposals' were considered by the Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet prior to Full Council. The Suffolk Coastal District Council Scrutiny Committee therefore considered and endorsed the process and 'proposals' on 27 November 2018 and agreed to recommend to Cabinet that the Final Draft Local Plan progress to Full Council for approval. Cabinet met subsequently on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019, and at that meeting noted and endorsed the contents of the Final Draft Local Plan and recommended to Council that the Plan be approved for publication to receive representations in relation to soundness and to subsequently be submitted for independent Examination by the Planning Inspectorate. At their meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019, Suffolk Coastal District Council approved the publication of the Final Draft Local Plan to receive representations related to soundness and the subsequent submission of the Local Plan for Examination. The Local Plan was submitted on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019.
- 5.4 A Local Plan Working Group for East Suffolk Council was established following the creation of the new Council on 1st April 2019. Since its creation, the Local Plan Working Group has met 8 times (through email or virtually since March 2020) and have received and considered an update on progress with the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan through Examination at each of their meetings.
- In advance of Full Council considering the adoption of the Local Plan, Cabinet are meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> September to consider the Local Plan with a recommendation that Cabinet recommend to Council that the Plan is adopted. A verbal update will be provided to Full Council. A briefing for all Members on the content and production of the Local Plan took place on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020, prior to the Council meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> September.
- 5.6 On adoption of the Local Plan the Council is required under the 2012 Regulations to publish the Local Plan, and adoption statement, the sustainability appraisal report and details of where and when the plan can be inspected as soon as reasonably practicable. Whilst the

documents would be available on the Council's website, there are also requirements for paper copies to be made available. Temporary amendments to the 2012 Regulations brought in in July 2020 remove the requirement for documents to be made available for inspection in the Council's offices and other places the local planning authority consider appropriate, due to restrictions on access to public buildings due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Council's Statement of Community Involvement (How to get involved in Local Planning, Suffolk Coastal District Council, September 2014) however also sets out what the Council will do on adoption of a Local Plan. The Statement of Community Involvement reflects the statutory requirements by referring to making the documents available at the Council's offices and also commits the Council to making hard copies of documents available for inspection in local libraries.

- 5.7 Under the social distancing restrictions that have been put in place in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Council's offices and libraries are not currently open to the public in the usual way for viewing documents and therefore adjustments will need to be put in place to ensure that fair and equal access to the documents can be provided. Council are therefore asked to agree to a temporary suspension of the Statement of Community Involvement in order that adjustments can be put in place. The provision of hard copies of the documents referred to in paragraph 5.6 by post, free of charge and on request, to those who are not able to access the documents online is considered to represent an appropriate adjustment that would enable fair and equal access to the documents, and these arrangements are set out in the 'Temporary Suspension of Parts of the Statement of Community Involvement for Planning Policy Purposes – Adoption of the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan' which is attached as Appendix D to this report. This report seeks the approval of Council to this temporary suspension. An urgent temporary suspension of the Statement of Community Involvement relating to Local Plan consultations was agreed on 1st May 2020 under powers delegated to the Head of Planning and Coastal Management, in advance of the consultation on the Main Modifications starting and in the absence of full Council meeting at that time. The scope and time period covered by this temporary suspension was subsequently extended on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 to enable it to cover the publication of the Inspector's report.
- 5.8 Arrangements for public access to the offices will be kept under review in order that documents can be made available for public viewing when it is safe to do so, following a risk assessment. The position with public access to libraries to view documents will also be kept under review.
- 5.9 The Local Plan and supporting documents will all be made available on the Council's website, and those who have asked to be notified of its adoption will be notified directly.
- 5.10 The provisions for the availability of hard copies of documents will be communicated in the adoption statement, on the Council's website, via social media and to those notified directly of the adoption. In accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement the adoption statement will also be published in local newspapers.

### **6** OTHER KEY ISSUES

An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed to accompany this report (Appendix E). An Equality Impact Screening Assessment was undertaken on the Local Plan policies during its preparation and was published alongside the First Draft Local Plan. This was subsequently reviewed, updated and published alongside the Final Draft Local Plan. This Equality Impact Screening Assessment concluded that none of the Local Plan policies have a negative impact upon any of the groups with protected characteristics. Therefore a Full Equality Impact Assessment did not need to be undertaken. A number of positive impacts were identified including through policies which support the provision of affordable housing and housing for older people, and policy which seeks to deliver dementia friendly design. The Assessment was

further updated to consider the proposed Main Modifications and was published alongside the consultation, however the overall conclusions remained unchanged in that none of the Local Plan policies have a negative impact upon any group.

- 6.2 The Council is required to undertake a Sustainability Appraisal of the Local Plan during its production, and to also meet the requirements for Strategic Environmental Assessment. Sustainability Appraisal, incorporating the requirements for Strategic Environmental Assessment, has been an integral part of the plan making process and has been undertaken during the preparation of the Local Plan to inform and support the Plan. A Sustainability Appraisal Report has been prepared to demonstrate how sustainability considerations, including the consideration of alternative strategies, sites and policy options, have informed the document and the policies within it. A Sustainability Appraisal Report was published as part of the consultation on the First Draft Local Plan and the Final Draft Local Plan, and an Addendum was produced and consulted on as part of the consultation on the Main Modifications.
- 6.3 The Local Plan has also been subject to a Habitat Regulations Assessment, as required by legislation. This assesses the likely impacts of the Plan on European protected sites. A Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening report was published alongside the First Draft Local Plan and a Habitats Regulations Assessment was published alongside the Final Draft Local Plan. The Habitats Regulations Assessment was further updated to consider the Main Modifications and was published as part of the consultation. Recommendations identified in the Habitats Regulations Assessment have been taken forward in the Local Plan, enabling a conclusion that the plan will not lead to any adverse effects on European wildlife sites within and in the vicinity of the Suffolk Coastal Plan area.

### **7 CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 The statutory requirements for consultation during the production of a Local Plan are set out primarily in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended). Section 19 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 states that in preparing a local development document (which includes a Local Plan) the authority must also comply with their Statement of Community Involvement. The Statement of Community Involvement for the former Suffolk Coastal district has therefore also informed the approach to consultation and engagement throughout the preparation of the Local Plan.
- 7.2 Consultation has been undertaken throughout the production of the Local Plan as set out in section 1 of this report above and has played an important role in informing the development of the strategy and policies in the Plan. The Planning Policy and Delivery Team maintain a consultation database and all individuals and organisations on that database are notified at the start of each consultation, in addition to wider publicity including press releases, social media and posters, as appropriate to the stage of preparation. During the consultations on the Issues and Options, First Draft Local Plan and Final Draft Local Plan public drop-in sessions were also held which provided the opportunity for the public to speak to officers about the consultation. The outcomes of consultations are presented in the Consultation Statement that was submitted with the Local Plan for Examination, which is available on the Examination webpages.
- 7.3 Consultation on the Main Modifications formed a part of the Examination process, and provided an opportunity for comments to be submitted to the Inspector on the proposed main modifications that would be needed to make the Plan 'sound', as well as to comment on proposed Additional Modifications and Policies Map Modifications. As this consultation was held during the Covid-19 pandemic careful consideration was given to

the measures, underpinned by an Equality Impact Assessment, that could be put in place in order to ensure those with an interest in the Plan could participate in a fair and equal way. This included extending the consultation period to ten weeks and providing hard copies of consultation documents free of charge, by post, to those who were unable to access the documents online. All consultation documents were made available online as the preferred way in which people can access the consultation.

### 8 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8.1 Another option would be to not adopt the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan. Not adopting the Local Plan would increase the risk of unplanned development taking place, by not identifying further locations and sites for development. Not adopting the Local Plan would also represent a missed opportunity to put policies in place to address issues and needs identified through the Local Plan evidence base and which are consistent with the Council's wider ambitions as set out in the Strategic Plan. The current Covid-19 situation also highlights the importance of having a long term positive and planned approach to economic growth in place, as soon as possible, through the adoption of the new Local Plan.

### 9 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

9.1 To ensure the Council has an up to date Local Plan which will make sure that future growth is plan-led and delivered in a sustainable way.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1. That the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan, as contained in Appendix C, be adopted.
- 2. That the Policies Map be updated to reflect the adopted Local Plan.
- 3. That necessary adoption statements be published, in accordance with the Town and Country Planning Act 2012 and the Statement of Community Involvement, where possible.
- 4. That the Temporary Suspension of Parts of the Statement of Community Involvement for Planning Policy Purposes Adoption of the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan, as contained in Appendix D, be approved.

APPENDICES		
Appendix A	Inspector's Report	
Appendix B	Additional and Policies Maps modifications - Issues raised and Council's response List of further additional and policies maps modifications	
Appendix C	Suffolk Coastal Local Plan	
Appendix D	Temporary Suspension of Parts of the Statement of Community Involvement for Planning Policy Purposes – Adoption of the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan	
Appendix E	Equality Impact Assessment	

# **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Please note that copies of background papers have not been published with the report but are available to view on the Council's website, as set out below.

Date	Туре	Available From
2020	Suffolk Coastal Local Plan Report to Cabinet – 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	Cabinet 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 – Item 3 – Adoption of Suffolk Coastal Local Plan
Various	Documents related to the preparation of the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan	Examination Document Library
2014	Statement of Community Involvement - How to get involved in Local Planning	www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Planning/Suffolk- Coastal-Local-Plan/SCDC-Statement-of- Community-Involvement.pdf