

Subject: London Plan Update

Report to: Planning and Regeneration Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 14 July 2020

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out the background information for a discussion with invited guests on the topic of the current status of the forthcoming London Plan.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes the report as background to putting questions to the invited guests and the subsequent discussion.**
- 2.2 **That the Committee delegates authority to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chair, to agree any output from the discussion.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The draft London Plan was considered by a formal Examination in Public (EiP) between 15 January 2019 and 22 May 2019. This was led by independent Inspectors appointed by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government. The Inspectors then issued their report and recommendations to the Mayor on 8 October 2019. After consideration of the Inspectors' recommendations, the Mayor issued his Intend to Publish London Plan to the Secretary of State on 9 December 2019.
- 3.2 On 13 March, the Secretary of State wrote to the Mayor to direct changes to his Intend to Publish London Plan. The Mayor responded to the Secretary of State on 24 April, outlining that he has instructed his officials to start conversations with the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) officials about the directions, and stating that he is likely to make some amendments to the directions to ensure that they are workable in practice.

4. Issues for Consideration

4.1 The Committee may wish to consider:

- What progress has the Mayor made on negotiating the Secretary of State's directions for changes to the London Plan?
- What impacts might the COVID-19 crisis have on this process?
- How might the negotiated changes impact on the Mayor's ambitions for London?

4.2 The following guests have been invited to attend the meeting and participate in the discussion:

- Jules Pipe, Deputy Mayor, Planning, Regeneration and Skills; and
- Lisa Fairmaner, Interim Head of London Plan & Growth Strategies, GLA.

5. Legal Implications

5.1 The Committee has the power to do what is recommended in this report.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no direct financial implications to the GLA arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report:

None

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers: None.
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