

| |
|---|
| <p>SUBJECT: MONMOUTHSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE</p> <p>MEETING: INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER</p> <p>DATE: 9 MARCH 2016</p> <p>DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED: ALL</p> |
|---|

1. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is:

- 1.1 To advise the Cabinet Member of the results of the consultation on Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (REEE) to support the policies of the Monmouthshire Local Development Plan (LDP) and a Draft Planning Advice Note on Wind Turbine Development: Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) Requirements.
- 1.2 To seek the Cabinet Member's agreement to formally adopt the SPG and Planning Advice Note.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 To formally adopt the Draft REEE SPG as SPG to support the Monmouthshire LDP.
- 2.2 To formally adopt the Draft Planning Advice Note on Wind Turbine Development: LVIA Requirements as an advice note to assist in the determination of planning applications for Wind Turbine Schemes.

3. KEY ISSUES:

3.1 Background

In 28 January 2015, the Cabinet Member for Environment, Public Services and Housing took the decision to issue the documents that are subject of this report for consultation. The original report is attached as **Appendix A**.

- 3.2 The consultation took place for a period of 6 weeks from Thursday 19th February 2015 to Thursday 2nd April 2015. A notice was placed in the Monmouthshire Free Press on 18 February 2015 and 348 individual notifications were sent out to:

- Specific (including Town and Community Councils), General and Other consultees, as identified in the LDP Community Involvement Scheme;
- Residents who were on the LDP consultation data base and had specifically requested to be notified of the SPGs;
- Agents/developers who work in the Council area.

- 3.3 8 replies were received in response to the consultation on the SPG. These have been split into 46 representations that are summarised, together with the suggested Council response, in the Report of Consultation provided as **Appendix B**. Generally, no significant objections were received and only minor amendments to the SPG documents have been necessary. It is considered, therefore, that the documents can be formally adopted as SPG to support the Monmouthshire LDP. An amended and updated SPG is attached as **Appendix C**. Energy Fact Sheets provided as supporting information in Appendix 9 of the SPG are attached as **Appendix D**.

3.4 No comments were received in relation to the Draft Planning Advice Note on Wind Turbine Development: LVIA Requirements. The document was subject to a regional consultation, however, the results of which are attached as **Appendix E**. The amended Advice Note is attached as **Appendix F**.

4. REASONS:

4.1 Under the Planning Act (2004) and associated Regulations, all local planning authorities are required to produce a LDP. The Monmouthshire LDP was adopted on 27 February 2014 and decisions on planning applications are now being taken in accordance with policies and proposals in the LDP. The REEE SPG provides further explanation and guidance on the way in which the relevant policies of the LDP will be implemented.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 Officer time and costs associated with the publication of the SPG document and Planning Advice Note. These will be within the existing Planning Policy budget and carried out by existing staff.

6. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 These were considered in the report that was presented to the Cabinet Member on 28 January 2015 and which is attached as **Appendix A**.

6.2 A Future Generations Evaluation is attached.

7. CONSULTEES

- Head of Planning
- SLT
- Cabinet
- Planning Committee (1 March 2016)

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

- Monmouthshire Adopted LDP (February 2014)

9. AUTHOR & 10. CONTACT DETAILS:

Martin Davies (Planning Policy Manager).

Tel: 01633 644826.

E Mail: martindavies@monmouthshire.gov.uk