

<b>Meeting of:</b>	<b>DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>4 APRIL 2024</b>
<b>Report Title:</b>	<b>THE REPLACEMENT BRIDGEND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN</b>
<b>Report Owner / Corporate Director:</b>	<b>CORPORATE DIRECTOR COMMUNITIES</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>JONATHAN PARSONS – GROUP MANAGER PLANNING &amp; DEVELOPMENT SERVICES</b>
<b>Policy Framework and Procedure Rules:</b>	<b>The report content has no direct effect upon the policy framework and procedure rules.</b>
<b>Executive Summary:</b>	<p>The Bridgend Replacement Local Development Plan was approved by Council on 13 March 2024 and as such is now the formal Local Development Plan in force for the determination of planning applications.</p> <p>This report advises Members of the next steps in the updating and preparation of Supplementary Planning Guidance</p>

## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1** The purpose of the report is to provide the Development Control Committee Members with the current status of the Replacement Local Development Plan (**LDP**) and the next steps in the progression of the associated Supplementary Planning Guidance (**SPG**).

## **2. Background**

- 2.1** Members will be aware that the replacement LDP was approved at Council on 13 March 2024. As such is now the formal adopted Local Development Plan for making land use planning decisions in Bridgend.
- 2.2** Work must now progress in updating and developing the SPG documents that are required to support the LDP. The purpose of a SPG is to amplify and add weight to the policies already contained in the LDP. Having an up to date suite of SPG documents will be essential in the development of the large strategic sites that will come forward following adoption of the Local Development Plan.

## **3. Current situation / proposal**

- 3.1 The Council's Planning Team are currently working on compiling the SPG documents, which in due course will then be brought to Committee for consideration. This will be achieved through a series of workshops and as per current practice, Members will be asked to volunteer to assist in the drafting of the SPG documents and act as 'champions' in the particular area.
- 3.2 The SPGs cover a wide range of specialist areas including affordable housing contributions, open space provision, education, car parking and design standards. The full list of current SPGs may be found here:-

<https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/residents/planning-and-building-control/design-guides-and-supplementary-planning-guidance/>

- 3.3 Some of the current SPGs have been adopted relatively recently and will require minimal alteration and updating, however, it may be necessary to completely change some SPG documents or merge them with other SPGs in the light of the new Local Development Plan and changes to national planning legislation.
- 3.4 Once a SPG has been agreed by Committee it will require an element of public consultation before being finalised and achieving the approval of Council. The Council's planning team will endeavour to bring forward SPGs over the course of the year, resource permitting.

#### **4. Climate Change Implications**

- 4.1 There are no Climate Change Implications arising from this report.

#### **5. Safeguarding and Corporate Parent Implications**

- 5.1 There are no Safeguarding and Corporate Parent Implications arising from this report.

#### **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1 None – the report is for noting.

#### **7. Recommendations**

- 7.1 It is recommended that the Development Control Committee notes the report.

#### **Background documents**

None