

**Bolsover District Council**

**Meeting of the Planning Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**SHIREBROOK GROWTH PLAN UPDATE**

**Report of the Assistant Director: Planning & Planning Policy**

<b>Classification</b>	This report is Public
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**PURPOSE / SUMMARY OF REPORT**

- To update Members on the preparation of the Shirebrook Growth Plan: Preferred Growth Option briefing note and to seek approval for the next steps of the preparation process.

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**REPORT DETAILS**

**1. Background**

- 1.1 As Members are aware, work commenced on the Shirebrook Growth Plan in February 2022 in accordance with the Council's Local Development Scheme and has been subject to three public consultations during its preparation.
- 1.2 At the meeting of the Local Plan Implementation and Advisory Group (LPIAG) in July, Members provided a steer that their preferred growth option for Shirebrook was Option C: High Growth, with the proviso that any growth meets and is accompanied by the necessary increase in infrastructure capacity and delivers increased levels of affordable housing, i.e. greater than the Local Plan for Bolsover District policy requirement of 10% affordable housing provision.
- 1.3 This preferred option has been written up into a briefing note for engagement with infrastructure providers and site promoters and this is attached for information as Appendix 1 to this report. This next stage of the process was reported to LPIAG in October for information.
- 1.4 The Consultation Report that sets out the feedback from the consultation exercise in March and April 2024 regarding the Consultation Draft Shirebrook Growth Plan is available on the Council's website. Respondents were notified on

7<sup>th</sup> October 2024 and invited to inform us if they were unhappy about how their response had been summarised. At the time of writing, no feedback has been received to indicate that any respondents disagreed with how their representation had been summarised. The published Consultation Report is attached as Appendix 2.

## **2. Details of Proposal or Information**

### Next Steps

- 2.1 Following the steer from the Local Plan Implementation and Advisory Group in October towards a Preferred Growth Option, approval is now sought from Planning Committee to take this forward and to publish the briefing note and begin engagement with infrastructure providers and site promoters to establish in more detail what infrastructure is required to deliver the Preferred Growth Option. This phase of work will also carry forward the infrastructure items identified by the local community and other respondents during the previous consultation exercises.
- 2.2 Beyond this step, officers will prepare a final version of the Shirebrook Growth Plan with the intent on reporting this to Planning Committee for approval at its meeting in March.

## **3. Reasons for Recommendation**

- 3.1 A decision is required from Planning Committee in order to progress this important stage in the growth plan process.

## **4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

- 4.1 It would be possible to not seek Committee approval to approve the Preferred Growth Option for the Shirebrook Growth Plan before engaging with infrastructure providers and site promoters, although this would mean officers would not have Member approval to do so. Therefore, officers have not considered progressing this alternative option.

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## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**That Planning Committee approve the Shirebrook Growth Option: Preferred Growth Option and to begin engagement with infrastructure providers and site promoters to inform the preparation of a final Growth Plan.**

**Approved by Councillor Ritchie, Portfolio Holder – Growth**

### **IMPLICATIONS:**

**Finance and Risk:**            Yes             No

**Details:** There are no specific finance or risk issues arising from this report.

On behalf of the Section 151 Officer

**Legal (including Data Protection):**Yes No **Details:** There are no legal implications as this is a non-statutory planning process.

On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

**Environment:**Yes No *Please identify (if applicable) how this proposal / report will help the Authority meet its carbon neutral target or enhance the environment.***Details:** In general, the Council's planning policy work plan will make a notable contribution to this subject.**Staffing:**Yes No **Details:** There are no human resources implications arising from this report.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

**DECISION INFORMATION****Is the decision a Key Decision?**

A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:

Revenue - £75,000  Capital - £150,000  Please indicate which threshold applies

No

**Is the decision subject to Call-In?***(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)*

No

**District Wards Significantly Affected**

Shirebrook

**Consultation:**Leader / Deputy Leader  Executive SLT  Relevant Service Manager Members  Public  Other 

No

**Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy, Environment and Housing.**

- Actively working with partners to support enterprise, innovation, jobs and skills;
- Ensuring all area, neighbourhoods and streets in the district, irrespective of housing tenure or type, are places where people want to live, feel safe, and are proud to live;
- Enabling housing growth by increasing the supply, quality, and range of housing to meet the needs of the growing population.

<b>DOCUMENT INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Appendix No</b>	<b>Title</b>
1	Shirebrook Growth Plan: Preferred Growth Option briefing note
2	Consultation Report
<b>Background Papers</b>	
<i>(These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Executive you must provide copies of the background papers).</i>	