

**TITLE OF REPORT:** Gateshead Local Plan - Placemaking Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

**REPORT OF:** Peter Udall, Strategic Director, Economy, Innovation and Growth

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### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek approval of the updated Placemaking Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for a six-week public and stakeholder consultation, commencing in late September/early October 2021.

### **Background**

2. The Placemaking SPD was first adopted in 2012.
3. An update is required following the adoption of Making Spaces for Growing Places (MSGP) in February 2021, which resulted in the related deletion of policies from the Unitary Development Plan.
4. The Placemaking SPD includes updated information on Areas of Special Character and Routeways and Gateways. The SPD does not set policy but provides more detailed planning policy guidance on the principles of good design for all types of development within Gateshead. The updated SPD also takes account of the changing and emerging changes in the national planning system. The SPD is attached at appendix 2.

### **Proposal**

5. To approve the updated Placemaking SPD for a six-week public and stakeholder consultation commencing in late September/early October 2021.
6. Following consultation, the Placemaking SPD will be brought back to Cabinet for agreement and recommendation to adopt at Council.

## **Recommendation**

7. It is recommended that Cabinet:
- (i) approves the Placemaking SPD update for a six-week public and stakeholder consultation commencing in late September/early October 2021;
  - (ii) delegates authority to the Strategic Director, Economy, Innovation and Growth, following consultation with the Cabinet Members for Environment and Transport, Economy and Housing to publish the SPD for a further period of consultation in the event of amendments resulting from this initial consultation.

For the following reasons:

- i. To enable the Council to effectively deliver the Local Plan.
- ii. To ensure full public engagement on the Placemaking Supplementary Planning Document in line with Gateshead's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).

### Policy context

1. The Core Strategy and Urban Core Plan for Gateshead and Newcastle (CSUCP) was adopted on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015 and forms part of the Gateshead Local Plan. Making Spaces for Growing Places, part 3 of the Local Plan was adopted 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021. This SPD is supplementary to the CSUCP and MSGP.
2. The SPD does not set policy but provides a framework for implementation of various policies; primarily CS15: Placemaking, UC12: Urban Design and MSGP24: Design Quality.

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### Consultation

5. In preparing this report, consultation has taken place with the Cabinet Members for Environment and Transport.
6. The SPD will be subject to public consultation prior to adoption.

### Alternative options

7. There are no alternative options.

### Implications of Recommendation

8. **Resources:**
  - a. **Financial Implications** – The Strategic Director, Resources and Digital confirms there are no financial implications arising from this report.
  - b. **Human Resources Implications** – There are no human resource implications arising from this report.

- c. **Property Implications** - There are no direct property implications arising from this report. The SPD forms part of the Local Plan which is subject to viability testing.

9. **Risk Management Implication** – None

10. **Equality and Diversity Implications** – The SPD supports the Local Plan which includes an Equalities Impact Assessment.

11. **Crime and Disorder Implications** – None.

12. **Health Implications** – The SPD supports the Local Plan which includes a Health Impact Assessment.

13. **Climate Emergency and Sustainability Implications** – The SPD supports the Local Plan which includes a detailed Sustainability Appraisal.

14. **Human Rights Implications** - None.

15. **Ward Implications** – All.