

## Decision by Portfolio Holder



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**Epping Forest  
District Council**

**Portfolio: Planning and Governance**

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**Subject: Epping Forest District Council's Response to Chelmsford City Council's Local Plan Pre submission Document (Regulation 19) January 2018 and Brentwood Borough Council's Draft Local Plan Preferred Site Allocations (Regulation 18)**

### Decision:

To confirm the District Council's response to Chelmsford City Council's Local Plan Pre Submission Document (Regulation 19) January 2018 and Brentwood Borough Council's Draft Local Plan Preferred Site Allocations (Regulation 18)

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| I have read and approve/ <del>do not approve</del> (delete as appropriate) the above decision:  |   |
| Comments/further action required:   |   |
| Signed: Cllr J Philip   | Date: 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2018  |
| <i>Non-pecuniary interest declared by Portfolio Holder/ conflict of non-pecuniary interest declared by any other consulted Cabinet Member:</i><br><br>None  | <i>Dispensation granted by Standards Committee:</i><br>Yes/No or n/a<br><br>N/A |
| <b>Office use only:</b><br>Call-in period begins: 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2018  | Expiry of Call-in period: 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2018                           |

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Portfolio Holder:**

**Reason for decision:**

This report sets out the District Council's response to the Chelmsford City Council's Local Plan Pre submission Document (Regulation 19-Publication Draft) January 2018 and Brentwood Borough Council's Draft Local Plan Preferred Site Allocations (Regulation 18). A background note on each plan and the responses are attached as appendices expressing this Council's support of the two plans.

**Options considered and rejected:**

Not to respond to the Chelmsford City Council's Local Plan Pre Submission Document (Regulation 19- Publication Draft) 2018 or the Brentwood Borough Council's Draft Local Plan Preferred Site Allocations (Regulation 18). However, the District Council would not be discharging its responsibilities under the National Planning Policy Framework.

**Resource Implications:**

The review of the two planning documents and preparation of the report are from within existing resources available to the Planning Policy Team.

**Legal and Governance Implications:**

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states that "Public bodies have a duty to cooperate on planning issues that cross administrative boundaries, particularly those which relate to the strategic priorities..." and, furthermore, "The Government expects joint working on areas of common interest to be diligently undertaken for the mutual benefit of neighbouring authorities" (para 178). It also expects local authorities "...to demonstrate evidence of having effectively co-operated to plan for issues with cross-boundary impacts when their Local Plans are submitted for Independent Examination. This could be by way of plans or policies prepared as part of a joint committee, a memorandum of understanding or a jointly prepared strategy which is presented as evidence of an agreed position. Cooperation should be a continuous process of engagement from initial thinking through to implementation, resulting in a final position where plans are in place to provide the land and infrastructure necessary to support current and projected future levels of development" (para 181).

Epping Forest District Council works with Chelmsford City Council and Brentwood Borough Council through the mechanism of the West Essex and East Herts Cooperation for Sustainable Development Board. Responding positively to the Plans is a positive way of ensuring ongoing joint and coordinated working with neighbouring authorities.

**Safer, Cleaner and Greener Implications:**

None specific at this stage.

**Consultation Undertaken:**

Discussions at Cooperative for Sustainable Development Officer and Member Groups

**Background Papers:**

Chelmsford City Councils Local Plan Pre submission Document (Regulation 19- Publication Draft) January 2018

Brentwood Borough Council Draft Local Plan Regulation 18 Preferred Site Allocations 2017  
Brentwood Economic Futures 2013- 2033 Final Report January 2018 (Lichfields)  
Epping Forest District Submission Version Local Plan December 2017

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**Impact Assessments:**

No specific.

**Risk Management:**

No specific risks identified.

**Key Decision Reference (Y/N):** N

**Equality Analysis:**

The Equality Act 2010 requires that the Public Sector Equality Duty is actively applied in decision-making. This means that the equality information provided to accompany this report is essential reading for all members involved in the consideration of this report. The equality information is provided at Appendix 1 to the report.