
Report to: Place Panel

Date: 24 October 2018

Subject: **Duty to Cooperate (DtC)**

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1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To inform members of the Place Panel that representatives of Wakefield City Council will be attending the meeting to present their report, which is attached at Appendix 1.
- 1.2 The report asks members of the Place Panel to:
 - a) endorse the approach to the duty to cooperate; and
 - b) consider and comment on the Strategic Issues Table, which is located in Appendix 1 of the report, by 30 November 2018.

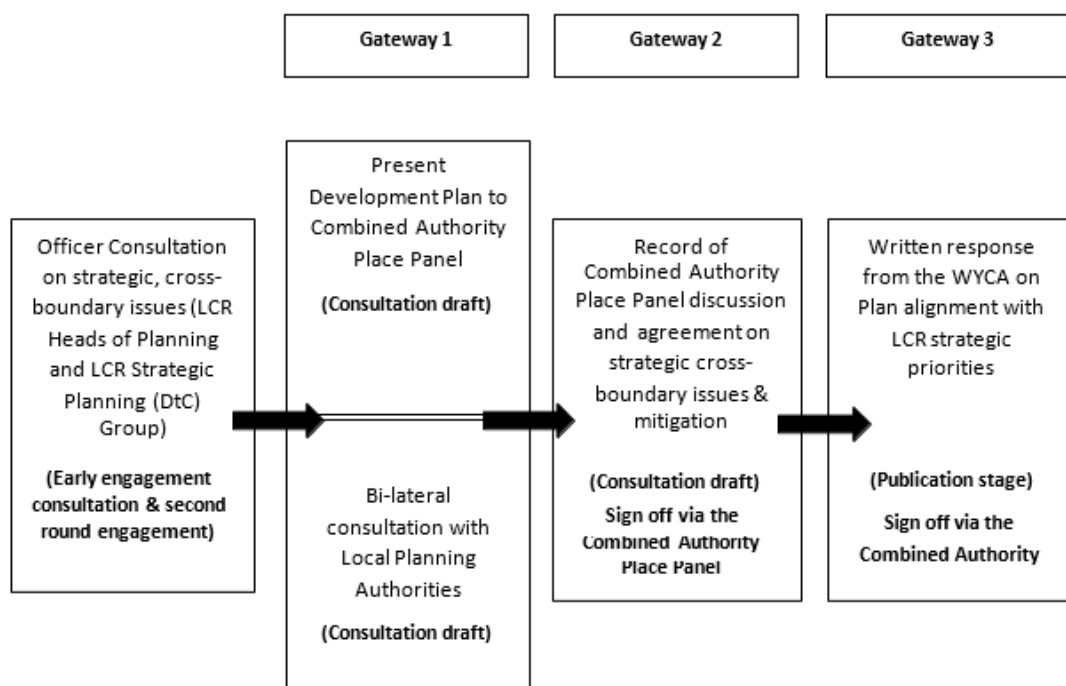
2 Information

- 2.1 The Duty to Cooperate became a statutory requirement on the 15th November 2011; it is a legal duty on Local Planning Authorities and certain public bodies¹ to engage constructively, actively and on an on-going basis to maximise the effectiveness of Local Plan preparation relating to strategic cross boundary matters.
- 2.2 Diagram 1 illustrates current process in place set out in the Statement of Cooperation², they including both officer and member engagement and ensure that Leeds City Region level engagement is complementary to bi-lateral engagement.

¹ Environment Agency, Historic England, Natural England, Civil Aviation Authority, Homes and Communities Agency, Clinical commissioning groups, National Health Service Commissioning Board, Office of Rail Regulation, Integrated Transport Authority, Highways England (including the Secretary of State).

² Statement of Cooperation 2016 - Leeds City Region Planning Portfolios Board has prepared the Statement of Cooperation for Local Planning to outline the practical steps that are being taken to meet the Duty to Cooperate.

Diagram 1: Process Diagram – Democratic Oversight and Endorsement of DtC Outcomes



2.3 Wakefield Council are preparing a new Local Plan to guide the future growth of Wakefield District up to 2036. The Early Engagement document considers the key issues facing the district and proposes some development options for growth and where new development should take place.

2.4 The report in Appendix 1 has been presented by Wakefield Council in relation to duty to cooperate matters and includes specific recommendations related to the development of their new Local Plan.

3. Financial Implications

3.1 There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

4. Legal Implications

4.1 There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

5. Staffing Implications

5.1 There are no staffing implications directly arising from this report.

6. External Consultees

6.1 No external consultations have been undertaken.

7. Recommendations

7.1 The Place Panel is asked to:

- a) to endorse the approach to the duty to cooperate; and
- b) consider and comment on the Strategic Issues Table which is located in Appendix of the report by 30 November 2018.

8. Background Documents

None.

9. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Wakefield Duty to Cooperate paper