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| Report to: | Planning Policy Committee |
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| Subject: | Draft Vision, Objectives & Options Consultation Paper |
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1.0 Purpose and Recommendations of the Paper

1.1 The purpose of this report is to secure Committee Members' views and input on the draft Vision, Objectives & Options Consultation Paper for the new Anglesey Local Development Plan (LDP)

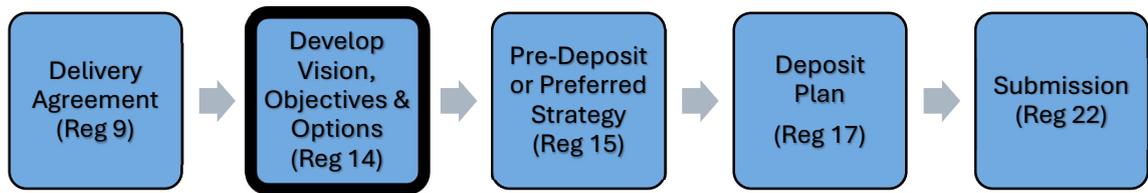
1.2 It is recommended that the Committee:

- a) Considers and agrees any necessary amendments to the draft Vision, Objectives and Options Consultation Paper;
- b) Endorses a final draft Vision, Objectives and Options Consultation Paper;
- c) Supports undertaking a five-week public consultation period; and
- d) Delegates authority to the Chief Planning Officer (in consultation with the Portfolio Holder) to make any further minor amendments for accuracy prior to the public consultation period commencing.

2.0 Background

2.1 All Councils in Wales must produce a Local Development Plan. The Local Development Plan (LDP) is a document that guides development over the next 15 years. The new LDP will replace the existing [Joint Local Development Plan](#) (adopted in 2017) that was prepared with Gwynedd. Once adopted, all planning applications which are submitted to the Council will be assessed against the policies in the Plan.

2.2 The LDP is prepared iteratively, with the opportunity for people to comment at all key stages. The diagram below shows the key stages of production:



2.3 The Council is keen to ensure that everyone who lives, works or visits Anglesey has a say in the future development of the Island.

2.4 This stage represents the first substantive consultation in the preparation of the new LDP and is intended to:

- Identify the key planning issues, challenges and opportunities facing the Island
- Establish a draft Vision and Strategic Objectives
- Present options for growth and spatial distribution of development
- Seek early engagement to inform the next stage, the Preferred Strategy

2.5 Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) are both statutory requirements (s39 (2) PCPA 2004 and SEA Regulations 5(2) and 5(4) respectively). The statutory requirement to undertake an SA, incorporating SEA, provides evidence and rationale for spatial and policy choices, and should invite community and stakeholder involvement at each stage of the plan process.

2.6 The Council is also undertaking an Integrated SA (ISA) (incorporating other assessments such as Health Impact Assessment (HIA), Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) and Welsh language assessment, as well as addressing the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act (WBFGA) 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 (Section 6).

2.8 To maximise effectiveness of the SA process an accompanying ISA report has been prepared. The Initial ISA Report presents a compatibility analysis of the LDP objectives and ISA objectives, in addition to an appraisal of the growth scenarios and spatial options being considered. The ISA report will be published for comment alongside the Vision, Objectives and Options consultation document.

3.0 The Vision, Objectives & Options Consultation Paper;

3.1 This paper forms the first major public consultation stage in the preparation of the new Anglesey Local Development Plan. Its purpose is to engage communities and stakeholders in shaping the long-term direction of the Plan by identifying the key issues, challenges and opportunities facing the Island, testing a draft vision and objectives, and exploring alternative growth and spatial options. The feedback received will be used to inform the Council's Preferred Strategy, which will set the strategic framework for land use and development over the new Plan 15 year period.

3.2 Overall, the Vision Objectives and Options paper:-

- Sets out the national, regional and local policy context (including the Council Plan 2023-28)
- Describes the social, economic and environmental characteristics of Anglesey
- Identifies key issues under the following themes:
 - *A sustainable and vibrant economy*
 - *Ensuring access to suitable homes*
 - *Infrastructure to support growth ambitions*
 - *Responding to climate change*
 - *Preserving and promoting the Welsh language and culture*
 - *Protecting the natural and historic environment and managing resources*
 - *Promoting placemaking and wellbeing*

3.3 The document proposes:

- *A draft Vision for the future of Anglesey* – the vision sets out a long-term picture of what Anglesey should be like by 2039 — focusing on strong communities, a resilient economy, protection of the environment, support for the Welsh language, and sustainable growth shaped around key settlements and infrastructure.
- *18 draft Strategic Objectives* – the objectives have been developed from the key economic, social, environmental and cultural issues affecting Anglesey. The objectives link the LDP to national goals and objectives and set the framework for LDP policy development.
- *High-level policy directions for each identified theme* – the chapter explains the broad approach the LDP will take in each policy area (e.g. economy, housing, climate, infrastructure), including what will change from the current plan and what evidence is needed. They set the direction of travel before detailed policies are written.

- *Alternative housing and employment growth scenarios* – these are presented as a series of different options for how much housing and employment growth the Island should plan for, based on population trends, economic forecasts, and major projects such as Wylfa and the Freeport.
- *Alternative spatial strategy options* for the distribution of development - these are presented as different ways development could be distributed across the Island (e.g. more focused on main centres, more dispersed, or more balanced), in order to test which pattern of growth is most sustainable, realistic and deliverable.

3.4 At this stage, the document does not set policy or allocate sites. Its purpose is to invite views and test alternative approaches before the Council prepares the Preferred Strategy.

4.0 Consultation Arrangements and Next Steps

4.1 Subject to Committee approval, the document will be published for public and stakeholder consultation for a period of five weeks (16th February 2026 – 20th March 2026).

4.2 Engagement will include:

- An online consultation portal via the Council’s website
- Availability of paper copies in all public libraries on the Island, along with the Council headquarters and Anglesey Business Centre
- Regular messages will also be shared on the Council’s social media accounts

4.3 Following the consultation, officers will analyse the responses and prepare a further report to this Committee summarising:

- The main issues raised
- The implications for the emerging Plan
- Recommendations on the way forward

4.4 As mentioned above, this stage will inform the preparation of the draft Preferred Strategy.

5.0 Appendices

5.1 **Appendix 1:** Anglesey Local Development Plan – Draft Vision, Objectives and Options Consultation Document

5.2 **Appendix 2:** ISA to accompany Vision, Objectives and Options Consultation Document