

Agenda item:

Decision maker: Cabinet Member for Planning, Regeneration and Economic Development, 23 June 2015

Subject: Food Growing SPD

Report by: City Development Manager

Wards affected: All

Key decision (over £250k): No

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the draft Food Growing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for the purpose of public consultation.

2. Recommendations

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:

- 1. Approve the draft Food Growing SPD for public consultation.**
- 2. Authorise the City Development Manager to make editorial amendments to the SPD (attached as Appendix A) prior to publication, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning, Regeneration and Economic Development. These amendments shall be restricted to correcting errors and formatting text and shall not alter the meaning of the statement.**

3. Background

- 3.1 There is a resurgence of interest in local food production with increasing concern over food miles, local produce and seasonality. The city's allotment waiting list is also currently oversubscribed, and with projected population increases it is liable to increase further. The Food Growing SPD seeks to address this issue by securing additional food growing space in new developments, as well as encouraging community groups to establish food growing spaces in underused sites across the city.
- 3.2 The Food Growing SPD supplements policies PCS13 (A Greener Portsmouth), PCS14 (A Healthy City) and PCS15 (Sustainable Design and Construction) of the Portsmouth Plan.

3.3 This document has been informed by the National Planning Policy Framework which encourages sustainable development and the securing of multiple benefits from the use of land, including food production. The document is also supported by the PUSH Green Infrastructure Strategy and the city council's Sustainable Design and Construction SPD, which both promote local food production .

4. Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

4.1 A preliminary EIA has been carried out on the draft SPD. This concluded that a full assessment was is not necessary.

5. Legal Services' comments

5.1 The report and recommendations give the opportunity to the Portfolio Holder to consider the documents in detail and signify approval before it is published as a draft document for consultation. The consultation is necessary having regard to regulation of production of supplementary planning documents.

6. Head of Finance's comments

6.1 The costs associated with the approval of the recommendations in this report will be met from existing budget resources.

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Signed by City Development Manager:

Appendices

Appendix A – draft Food Growing SPD

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by

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Signed by