

Record of Delegated Executive Decision(s)

1. Subject of decision

Adopt the revised Former Swan Hunter Ship Yard Local Development Order and submit a copy of the Order and any ancillary documentation, to the Secretary of State

2. Name and Title of Decision Maker

John Sparkes, Director of Regeneration and Economic Development

3. Details of any Conflict of Interest and any Dispensation granted in respect of such Interest

N/A

4. Executive summary (Taken from written report)

The report has been prepared for the Director of Regeneration and Economic Development following the public consultation exercise on the revised draft Local Development Order (LDO) for the site of the former Swan Hunter Shipyard, Wallsend.

An LDO is a planning mechanism that grants planning permission for certain types of development, enabling developers to progress plans for investment without the need to apply for planning permission. This provides landowners and developers with certainty about the types of development allowed and also saves costs (including planning fees) and time in negotiating and securing planning permission.

Cabinet on 27 June 2022 resolved that:

(2) the Director of Regeneration and Economic Development, in consultation with the Deputy Mayor and the Director of Resources (and subject to the consultation responses), be authorised to adopt the Local Development Order and submit a copy of the Order and any ancillary documentation, to the Secretary of State within the requisite period of time

No issues were identified via the subsequent public consultation exercise that required modification of the LDO, a single response was received which was simply "No comment".

Adoption of the LDO will allow it to continue to be effective at the Former Swan Hunter Shipyard site in supporting investment and job creation. The current LDO for the site was adopted for a ten year period in 2012 and is due to expire in November 2022.

The revised LDO will enable the benefits provided by the current LDO to be extended for a further ten years, until 2032.

The LDO complements the Authority's achievements in safeguarding the site for offshore energy related development and loadouts, developing the Swans CFI and providing the site infrastructure that enabled the site to be sold in December 2020. The site may also be included in a potential Investment Zone, which the government have made a call for sites to be submitted via an expression of interest exercise, as part of the government's Growth Plan. The site is also referenced in the draft masterplan for Wallsend, which will be subject to a separate Cabinet report scheduled for the 28th November 2022.

5. Alternative Options considered

No alternative option considered.

6. Decision(s)

The Director of Regeneration and Economic Development in consultation with the Deputy Mayor and the Director of Resources (and subject to the consultation responses) to adopt the revised Local Development Order and submit a copy of the Order and any ancillary documentation, to the Secretary of State.

7. Reasons for the Decision(s)

This will allow a LDO to continue to be effective at the Former Swan Hunter site to support investment and job creation.

8. Date Decision Made

7 December 2022

9. Is this decision subject to call-in and if so expiry date of call-in period

Yes, the call-in period expires at 5pm on the 15 December 2022

10. Date of Publication

8 December 2022

11. Implementation Date (if decision not called in)

After 5pm on the 15 December 2022