

## Record of Delegated Executive Decision

### 1. Subject of decision

Approval for consultation on a Draft Coastal Mitigation Supplementary Planning Document

### 2. Name and Title of Decision Maker

Phil Scott, Head of Housing, Environment and Leisure

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

None

### 4. Executive summary

The report outlines a proposed Coastal Mitigation Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). This SPD is required to support implementation of policy DM5.6 *Management of International Sites* within the North Tyneside Local Plan adopted by Full Council in July 2017. Local Plan policy DM5.6 sets out a range of criteria to ensure that planning applications in North Tyneside do not lead to adverse effects upon international sites. International sites of relevance to North Tyneside are sections of the north east coast that provide important habitat for protected bird species. These areas of the coast are protected as European sites of biodiversity importance and include the Northumbria Coast Special Protection Area (SPA) and the Durham Coast Special Area of Conservation (SAC). The Authority has a duty under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 to ensure that it does not give consent, such as through a planning application, to any plan or project that could have an adverse effect upon the integrity of a SPA or SAC.

The potential effects of development upon European sites was identified through a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) which was produced as an information document in preparation of the North Tyneside Local Plan, and following advice of Natural England. This identified any development that potentially increases the number of visitors to the coast, such as new homes or visitor accommodation, could have a potential adverse effect upon European sites. The Draft SPD set out in this report has been prepared to provide clear guidance for applicants on the likely impact of their proposals upon European sites and potential mitigation.

The Draft SPD identifies that the most appropriate mitigation for most planning applications is regular on-site monitoring and management of the European sites. The most effective means of providing such mitigation is through a dedicated warden service and the delivery of targeted and coordinated physical projects funded through planning obligations secured from development.

Reflecting this, the Draft SPD identifies for consultation, a proposed standard charge for new development and identifies the creation of a Coastal Warden Service and delivery of physical projects as the primary form of mitigation against potential adverse effects.

## **5. Alternative Options considered**

One further option was considered:

To not approve the recommendations as set out at paragraph 1.2 of this report.

## **6. Decisions**

Approve publication of the Draft Coastal Mitigation SPD for public consultation.

## **7. Reasons for the Decisions**

- The preparation of a SPD will allow for the authority to fulfil the requirements of international and national legislation, and local and national planning policy, ensuring that adverse effects upon European Sites are avoided.
- It is a statutory requirement that SPDs are subject to consultation with relevant stakeholders.
- Other stakeholders such as housing and other developers will also have a direct interest in the document and should be given the opportunity to comment accordingly.

## **8. Date Decision Made**

1 May 2019

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

Yes, the call-in expiry date is 5.00pm on Friday 11 May 2019

## **10. Date of Publication**

2 May 2019

## **11. Implementation Date (if decision not called in)**

After 5.00pm on 11 May 2019