

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to:	Council
Date of Meeting:	24 July 2018
Subject:	Vision 2050 – The Big Conversation Tewkesbury Borough Council Response
Report of:	Chief Executive
Corporate Lead:	Chief Executive
Lead Member:	Leader of the Council
Number of Appendices:	Two

Executive Summary:

This report recommends the approval of the Council's formal response to the Vision 2050 Big Conversation prior to submission.

Recommendation:

The draft response to the Vision 2050 Big Conversation, attached at Appendix 2, is APPROVED for submission to the consultation.

Reasons for Recommendation:

To ensure the Council's views in respect of the Vision 2050 project are submitted for consideration as part of the consultation exercise.

Resource Implications:

None at this stage.

Legal Implications:

None at this stage.

Risk Management Implications:

None at this stage

Performance Management Follow-up:

The outcomes of the consultation will be considered by Leadership Gloucestershire in the Autumn.

Environmental Implications:

None at this stage.

1.0 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

- 1.1** Leadership Gloucestershire (LG) is an informal partnership of key public sector leaders in the County. The Leader of the Council is the Council's representative to LG and the Chief Executive is an attendee at LG meetings, in support.
- 1.2** LG has undertaken work with partners to review the future challenges facing the County and consider what could be done to meet those challenges and achieve successful outcomes for communities and businesses. LG's aim is to produce a vision for Gloucestershire's future. It is intended that this vision will contain widely supported ambitions and projects which address the challenges and deliver future prosperity for the people of the County, making it a place where people want to live and work.
- 1.3** LG commissioned the University of Gloucestershire to develop the Vision 2050 and seek public views through a 'Big Conversation' across the County. Vision 2050 – The Big Conversation was launched on 1 February 2018 and closes on 31 July 2018.
- 1.4** Vision 2050 seeks to address a number of challenges currently facing the County and proposes that these should be addressed through the delivery of eight 'Ambitions' and six 'Project' ideas. Through the Vision 2050 Big Conversation, the public are asked to comment on the ambitions and the projects as well as making further suggestions for addition to the Vision.
- 1.5** The Vision 2050 proposal is set out in the presentation which is attached at Appendix 1. The presentation is taken from the Vision 2050 Big Conversation website and is part of the consultation material. The presentation formed the basis of the material discussed by Members at the Vision 2050 Member workshop held on 11 June 2018.
- 1.6** As a democratic public body the Council is able to make its own comments to the Vision 2050 Big Conversation and this was the subject of the discussions at the Member workshop.
- 1.7** Members are reminded that they may still make individual submissions to the Vision 2050 Big Conversation until 31 July 2018 when the consultation closes.

2.0 TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL RESPONSE TO 2050 PROPOSALS

- 2.1** Following the Member workshop a draft Tewkesbury Borough Council response to Vision 2050 Big Conversation has been produced. This response is extensive and takes into account the Member comments made during the workshop and drafting process, together with current Council policies.
- 2.2** The draft response takes into account the policy position of the Joint Core Strategy (JCS) and is completely consistent with the position of the other two JCS partner Councils, Cheltenham Borough and Gloucester City.
- 2.3** The draft response document is attached at Appendix 2 for consideration. Once approved by Council the response will be forwarded to the Vision 2050 Big Conversation consultation and also circulated to LG and other key partner organisations.
- 2.4** In terms of the next steps, LG will consider the outcomes from the Big Conversation consultation and work towards a joint LG statement about the way forward in the Autumn. Members will be kept informed of developments as matters progress. Matters requiring formal decision by the Council will be brought back for consideration.

3.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

3.1 None.

4.0 CONSULTATION

4.1 Member workshop 11 June 2018.

The draft response has been prepared following detailed consultation with the Leader of the Council.

5.0 RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICIES/STRATEGIES

5.1 Council Plan 2016 – 2020.

Joint Core Strategy 2011 – 2031.

Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2017 – 2021.

Housing Strategy 2017–2021.

6.0 RELEVANT GOVERNMENT POLICIES

6.1 Vision 2050 is in line with Government policies in respect of growth and economic development.

7.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (Human/Property)

7.1 None at this stage.

8.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS (Social/Community Safety/Cultural/ Economic/ Environment)

8.1 None at this stage, although Vision 2050 references the importance of sustainability implications of growth within the ambitions.

9.0 IMPACT UPON (Value For Money/Equalities/E-Government/Human Rights/Health And Safety)

9.1 None at this stage.

10.0 RELATED DECISIONS AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT FACTS

10.1 None.

Background Papers: Gloucestershire 2050 website - <https://glos2050.com/>

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Appendices: 1 – 2050 presentation to Members Workshop 11 June 2018.
2 – Draft response document.