

## **Item 07 – Swanley Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 Consultation**

The attached report was considered by the Development & Conservation Advisory Committee on 12 December 2023. The relevant Minute extract is below.

### **Development & Conservation Advisory Committee (12 December 2023, Minute 27)**

The Senior Planning Officer presented the report, which updated the committee on the progress of the Swanley Neighbourhood Plan, and set out Council's proposed response to the ongoing Regulation 16 Consultation. The consultation began on 30 November and would run until 11 January. The Council's comments reflected the need for the Neighbourhood Plan to be aligned with the council's existing policies, and the emerging Local Plan.

The officer set out the process by which the Council's response would be finalised. The approach had been changed since the Sevenoaks Town Neighbourhood Plan to allow for greater member input. The draft response did not yet include comments from officers across the council; these would be agreed with the Portfolio Holder, along with any feedback from the committee process.

Members discussed the report. It was noted that the leader of the Swanley Town Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group was happy with the feedback and comments in the draft response.

#### Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That the Swanley Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 Consultation be noted, and SDC's proposed representation be supported.