



Addendum Report to CABINET

Saddleworth Neighbourhood Plan: approval to publicise the plan and submit the plan to examination

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Reason for Decision

To seek approval to publicise Saddleworth Neighbourhood Plan and following this submit Saddleworth Neighbourhood Plan for examination in line with The Neighbourhood Planning Regulations (2012) as outlined in the amended timeline within this report.

Summary

Given the agreement of the Motion “Ensuring Statutory Scrutiny and Enforceability for Places for Everyone Masterplans” at the Council meeting on 10th December, there is a need to reconsider the recommendations made to Cabinet on the Saddleworth Neighbourhood Plan in the report on the agenda, and revised recommendations have been proposed below.

This is due to the capacity within the team responsible for preparing the Local Plan, the Article 4 Direction for HMOs, and now the Supplementary Planning Document required for the Beal Valley and Broadbent Moss Strategic Location. Therefore, the Saddleworth Neighbourhood Plan will take longer to progress in readiness for consultation and examination.

As such, the following timetable now replaces that within the previously published cabinet report:

Stage	Amended Dates
Consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan (Regulation 16) for six weeks	15 May – 28 June 2026
Submission of the Plan to Examiner	August 2026
Examination / Receipt of Inspectors Report*	November 2026
Oldham Council and PDNPA must decide what actions to take within 5 weeks of receiving Inspectors Report	
Oldham Council and PDNPA must publish the examiner's report and plan proposal and the decision statement as soon as possible after the decision.	December 2026
Referendum (poll day must be within 56 days from when the above decision is made)	January / February 2027
Making (adopting) the Plan – Full Council (must be within 8 weeks of the day following the last applicable referendum)	March 2027 or special date to be arranged.

* The council is not in control of when it will receive the Examiner's report. If the report is delayed, all subsequent dates could also be delayed.

Revised Recommendations

Given the above, Cabinet members are recommended to:

- 1) Note the amended timetable provided in this addendum report;
- 2) Publicise Saddleworth Neighbourhood Plan in line with Regulation 16 of The Neighbourhood Planning Regulations (at the appropriate time); and following this,
- 3) Submit Saddleworth Neighbourhood Plan for examination in line with Regulation 17 of The Neighbourhood Planning Regulations;
- 4) Grant delegated authority to the Executive Director Place (Deputy Chief Executive) in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, to consider the recommendations made in the Inspectors Report following independent examination of the Saddleworth Neighbourhood Plan and, in liaison with the Peak District National Park Authority, approve what action to take in response to each recommendation in said report in line with Regulation 17A (4) of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations, and approve publication of the examiner's report, plan proposal and decision statement as soon as possible after the decision; and
- 5) Note that the report will be considered by the Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board at the appropriate time in the new year, and should therefore be exempt from call-in, under Rule 14 of the Overview and Scrutiny

Procedure Rules in the Constitution, and the Executive Director Place (Deputy Chief Executive) in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods be given delegated authority to respond to any feedback from scrutiny as part of their consideration of the Inspectors Report referred to in 3 above.