



Title	Warwick Castle Masterplan
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Wards of the District directly affected	All
Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006?	No
Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number	N/A
Background Papers	Warwick district Local Plan 2011-2029

Contrary to the policy framework:	No
Contrary to the budgetary framework:	No
Key Decision?	No
Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)	Yes - 1023
Equality & Sustainability Impact Assessment Undertaken	Yes
The Local Plan and the policies within it has been subject to equalities impact assessment.	

Officer/Councillor Approval	Date	Name
Chief Executive	10/1/20	Chris Elliott
CMT	10/1/20	Chris Elliott, Bill Hunt, Andrew Jones
Section 151 Officer	10/1/20	Mike Snow
Monitoring Officer	10/1/20	Andrew Jones
Head of Service		Dave Barber
Portfolio Holder(s)		Councillor John Cooke

Consultation & Community Engagement	
The Masterplan has been subject to a public consultation, facilitated by Warwick Castle	
Final Decision?	Yes

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Warwick District Local Plan 2011-2029 was adopted in September 2017 Policy CT6 requires Warwick Castle to produce a Masterplan to set the guiding principles of any future applications.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Executive notes the content of the attached Masterplan (Appendix 1).
- 2.2 That Executive agrees to the Guiding Principles set out in Chapter 7 of the Masterplan (Appendix 2) to inform future development at Warwick Castle in line with Local Plan Policy CT6.

3 REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Policy CT6 of the Local Plan sets the requirement for development at Warwick Castle to be brought forward in line with an approved Masterplan.
- 3.2 Warwick Castle have developed and consulted upon a Masterplan, the final draft of which is included as Appendix 1. This includes a summary of the consultation responses.
- 3.3 Members should note that report does not seek to adopt this Masterplan in full. Instead, the Council is only endorsing Chapter 7 (shown as appendix 2 to this report and in endorsing this will be approving Chapter 7 as Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) to inform future development proposals at Warwick Castle. It should be noted that there are no set criteria for the extent of public consultation for an SPG, and so the reach and extent of the public consultation undertaken by the Castle is appropriate.
- 3.4 The final Masterplan has been reviewed by the Conservation and Planning Policy teams who both consider the Guiding Principles contained in Chapter 7 as appropriate and reasonable.
- 3.5 All future applications at the Castle will continue to need to respond to all relevant national and local policies, as well as conforming with the Guiding Principles.
- 3.6 As the Council is not approving the whole Masterplan document, (only the Principles as set out in Chapter 7, and provided separately as Appendix 2), Members should note, that the potential projects included in the wider Masterplan are not being endorsed, and will be subject to the appropriate planning process in due course.

4.0 POLICY FRAMEWORK

- 4.1 Fit for the Future (FFF)

The Council's FFF Strategy is designed to deliver the Vision for the District of making it a Great Place to Live, Work and Visit. Amongst other things, the FFF Strategy contains Key projects.

The FFF Strategy has 3 strands – People, Services and Money and each has an external and internal element to it. The Council’s SAP’s are the programme of work fundamental to the delivery of the strands described in the table below.

FFF Strands		
People	Services	Money
External		
Health, Homes, Communities	Green, Clean, Safe	Infrastructure, Enterprise, Employment
<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Improved health for all Housing needs for all met Impressive cultural and sports activities Cohesive and active communities	<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Area has well looked after public spaces All communities have access to decent open space Improved air quality Low levels of crime and ASB	<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Dynamic and diverse local economy Vibrant town centres Improved performance/productivity of local economy Increased employment and income levels
Impacts of Proposal		
n/a	n/a	The Guiding Principles will give a degree of surety to the owners of the Castle to continue with their improvement and investment plans
Internal		
Effective Staff	Maintain or Improve Services	Firm Financial Footing over the Longer Term
<u>Intended outcomes:</u> All staff are properly trained All staff have the appropriate tools All staff are engaged, empowered and supported The right people are in the right job with the right skills and right behaviours	<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Focusing on our customers’ needs Continuously improve our processes Increase the digital provision of services	<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Better return/use of our assets Full Cost accounting Continued cost management Maximise income earning opportunities Seek best value for money
Impacts of Proposal		
The adoption of the Guiding Principles will help support Development Management officers in determining relevant applications	n/a	n/a

4.2 Supporting Strategies

Each strand of the FFF Strategy has several supporting strategies. The Local Plan is one of the key strategies, cutting across many of the FFF strands.

4.3 Changes to Existing Policies

This document is in line with the Policies of the Local Plan, specifically Policy CT6.

3 BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK

5.1 There are no implications to the budgetary framework.

6 RISKS

6.1 There are no specific risks related to adopting the Guiding Principles of the Warwick Castle Masterplan.

7 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

7.1 The Executive could decide not to adopt the Guiding Principles as set out in the Warwick Castle Masterplan. However, given that they are a requirement of Policy CT6 and provide some clarity relating to the future development of Warwick Castle, and further they have been consulted upon publicly and have met with approval from Conservation and Planning Policy, this option has been dismissed.

8 BACKGROUND

8.1 Warwick District Local Plan 2011-2029 was adopted in September 2017, and the Masterplan responds to Policy CT6 therein.

8.2 The background to the Castle as both a defensive structure and as a tourist attraction is covered in the Masterplan, attached as Appendix 1.