

APPENDIX

REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED FROM CLLR GARRATT AND RESPONSE FROM CLLR ABRAHAM

CLLR GARRATT - I note the reference to being "pragmatic" concerning capacity and resources, and to the programme (under timetabling) being "challenging". Although close scrutiny and endeavouring to keep to the programme are referred to, perhaps this could be expanded upon.

CLLR ABRAHAM - Additional wording has been added to the Local Development Scheme as set out below (where additions are underlined):

The programme has been given dedicated project management support and the timetable will be kept under close scrutiny to ensure that any issues or problems are picked up at an early stage. The council's website will be used to ensure that there is 'real-time' information available on the progress of documents.

CLLR GARRATT - Is the scrutiny to be at the managerial level or will it include elected members (Cabinet / Scrutiny committee(s)?).

CLLR ABRAHAM - As portfolio holder I have an active role in steering the preparatory work of the Island Planning Strategy and I meet regularly with the officers leading the work to discuss issues and progress. The draft document will be subject to scrutiny via a delegated member decision as to whether to proceed to a public consultation. Following the public consultation and consideration of the responses, the decision whether to submit (or not) the draft plan to the Planning Inspectorate will need to be made. This has previously been made by Cabinet and if it is agreed to be submitted there is further opportunity for public representation and the draft document will be subject to the scrutiny of an independent Planning Inspector. Should the draft plan be found sound by the Inspector, the decision to adopt it then has to be made by Full Council.

CLLR GARRATT - I'd also suggest spelling out the mitigating actions that would be taken to minimise risks e.g. procuring additional capacity, re-scheduling of activities.

CLLR ABRAHAM - Additional wording has been added to the Local Development Scheme on this point as set out below (where additions are underlined):

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Mitigation to negative impacts could be provided by procuring additional capacity and/or amending the timetable

Timetabling

It is acknowledged that the programme set out in the LDS is a challenging one, and dependent upon a number of factors. The council will endeavour to meet the timetable.

The timetabling for the later stages of the process will be determined by the Planning Inspectorate, and as such will be out of the control of the council.

Mitigation to negative impacts could be provided by procuring additional capacity and / or amending the timetable.