

Gloucester City Plan
Changes made since Overview and Scrutiny Committee
18 September 2019

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Reference	Requested change	Cabinet response
Vision	Reference tackling climate change in the Vision.	Agreed – wording amended.
Neighbourhood planning, introductory and overview section	Amend text to be more supportive of neighbourhood planning.	Agreed – additional wording added to paragraph 1.6 stating ‘The City Council will welcome and support communities that wish to take forward a Neighbourhood Plan.’
Policy A2 – Affordable housing	Ensure supporting text adequately reflects the need to deliver affordable rent as part of the overall affordable housing requirement.	Agreed. Paragraph 3.1.19 provides a link to the JCS and the requirement to deliver a mix of dwellings that meets the city’s needs. Additional wording added to reference affordable rent.
Policy A5 – Specialist housing	Ensure homeless / supported accommodation adequately reflected in policy and supporting text.	Agreed – Title amended to ‘Specialist accommodation’ (removing ‘Housing choice for older, frail and disabled people’). Additional reference ‘Accommodation for the homeless’ as an example of Specialist Housing at paragraph 3.1.35.
Policy B6 – Protection of public houses	Reference opportunities for community ownership initiatives.	Agreed. Additional criterion added to paragraph 3.2.29 which states that in complying with the policy, applicants will normally be required to demonstrate e) Opportunities have been explored for the public house to be taken forward through a community ownership initiative’.
Policy G1 – Sustainable transport	Amend supporting text to state City Council support to moving bus / taxi fleets away from fossil fuels to renewables.	Agreed. New paragraph inserted to the supporting text at paragraph 3.7.11, which states ‘At present, buses and taxis operating within the city are fuelled by petrol/diesel. The City Council supports a move away from vehicles that use fossil fuels to the use renewable sources. Applications for infrastructure to support this, such as electric charging points, will be supported

		where they comply with other policies with the JCS and GCP.'
Policy G5 – Broadband connectivity	Ensure policy is relevant to changing circumstances e.g. when 'superfast' broadband has been superseded.	Agreed – supporting text at paragraph 3.7.22 amended.
Policy SA09 – Former Quayside House, Blackfriars	Reference need to ensure links made to sustainable transport links.	Agreed. Design and layout criterion amended to read 'Improved pedestrian permeability through the site and connectivity with nearby bus stops.'
Gypsy / Traveller provision	Ensure position regarding Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople need is clearly communicated.	Agreed – new introductory section to 'Site Allocations' provided in advance of Cabinet. Paragraphs 4.1 and 4.16 summarise the City Council's position regarding accommodation for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople.
Gambling harm – consider policy	Gambling is something akin to hot food takeaways that can adversely affect health and wellbeing.	To be taken forward through the JCS Retail and City/Town Centre Review.

ADDITIONAL OFFICER CHANGES

Reference	Change
Introduction and Overview	Additional/amended text to better communicate the purpose of the GCP and how it fits with other planning documents.
Planning for Gloucester	Additions/amendments to the 'portrait' to communicate better the issues and opportunities that exist in the city.
Vision	Amendments to improve the way in which the vision reads. Additional text added to reflect the climate change omission as identified at Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
Supporting texts	Various amendments/additions made to more clearly communicate context and links with the JCS and other strategies and plans.
Policy A6 – Accessible and adaptable housing	Additional supporting text to explain the evidence and rationale behind the policy.
Policy B2 – Safeguarding employment sites and buildings	Criterion (b) amended to better communicate the policy requirements.
Policy B4 – Development within and adjacent to Gloucester Docks and canal	Additional reference within the policy to, where appropriate, take opportunities
Policy C2 - Allotments	Rephrased second criterion to better communicate the policy requirement.
Policy C4 – Hot food takeaways	Rephrased second criterion to better communicate the policy requirement.

Policy C6 – Cordon sanitaire	Revised supporting text to better explain the outputs of the 2019 review of likely odour nuisance. Revised boundary includes on the policies map.
Policy E5 – Green Infrastructure: Building with Nature	Reference added to the Building with Nature website.
Policy F1 – Materials and finishes	Supporting text amended to refer to the Council’s Townscape Character Assessment (2019).
Policy F4 - Gulls	Additional supporting text regarding the provision of access arrangements for maintenance.
Policy F6 – Nationally Described Space Standards	Supporting text strengthened to provide detail on the evidence that sits behind the policy.
Policy SA06 – Blackbridge Sports and Community Hub	Amended text regarding flood risk requirements.
Section 5 - Monitoring framework	Proposed monitoring framework inserted.