1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Members of the Planning Committee will be aware that increasing weight has been attached to a number of policies within the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan 2011-2036 (Local Plan) since the consultation on the Main Modifications closed in August 2018. On 29th January, the Inspectors’ Report on the Local Plan was received from the Planning Inspectorate concluding, in summary, the Local Plan satisfies the requirements of Section 20(5) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and meets the criteria for soundness in the National Planning Policy Framework. A copy of the Inspectors’ Report may be found at http://www.southeastlincslocalplan.org/inspectors-report/.

1.2 A meeting of the South East Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee will be held on 8th March 2019, at which it is hoped that the Local Plan will be formally adopted. If the Plan is adopted, all Saved Policies within the Boston Borough Local Plan 1999 and associated Supplementary Planning Guidance will be cancelled and no consideration can be given to these documents within decision making.

1.3 The reason for this report is, at the time of writing the report for the item on this Committee’s agenda, it is not known whether the Local Plan will be adopted. It is therefore necessary for consideration, at this stage, to be given to both the Saved Policies of the 1999 Plan and those within the South East Lincolnshire Plan. Should the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan 1999 be adopted on the 8th, with reference to the previous paragraph, any reference to the 1999 plan must be disregarded.

1.4 As a result, should the Local Plan be adopted, an addendum to the planning application report will be provided prior to the meeting to Planning Committee Members and be available for the public at the meeting. The addendum will provide an update on Planning Policies as well as to policies referenced within the recommendation.

1.5 A copy of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan 2011-2036 may be found on the Council’s website http://www.southeastlincslocalplan.org/8th-march-2019/.