Decision required

1.1 This report makes the following recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Growth and Strategic Development:

Agree to public consultation on the Site Allocations Local Plan Preferred Approach (SALP) (Appendix 1); Site Allocations Issues and Options Consultation Statement (Appendix 2) and Interim Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) Report (Appendix 3) for an eight week period.

Agreed/Not Agreed: Date:

Signed........................................................................................................

Councillor Sizwe James, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Growth

Call-In Deadline:
2. **Introduction and Background**

2.1 The Site Allocations Local Plan will be a Development Plan Document (DPD) alongside the Royal Greenwich Core Strategy. It will provide specific policy for key sites in order to ensure that the vision and objectives of the Local Plan’s strategic policies (as set out in the Core Strategy) are implemented. It supports a strategic and proactive approach to development and change, by ensuring that the most suitable sites are brought forward and that the most appropriate combination of uses and scale of development are promoted on each site.

2.2 The Site Allocations Preferred Approach is the second document in the preparation of Royal Greenwich’s Site Allocations Local Plan. The Preferred Approach document has been informed by the previous consultation on the Site Allocations Issues and Options document (Appendix 2), the evidence base for the Local Plan (both existing and new/updated studies) and an appraisal of the emerging allocations for their sustainability, health and equalities implications via the Integrated Impact Assessment process (IIA – Appendix 3).

2.3 Officers have engaged with other departments within the Council and relevant landowners in preparing the allocations, and the Royal Borough is also undertaking an ongoing process of engagement with the statutory bodies, including neighbouring local authorities, as part of the Duty to Cooperate.

3. **Available Options**

3.1 To agree or not to agree to public consultation on the Site Allocations Local Plan Preferred Approach, Consultation Statement and Interim Integrated Impact Assessment.

4. **Preferred Option**

4.1 To agree to public consultation on the Site Allocations Local Plan Preferred Approach, Consultation Statement and Integrated Impact Assessment.

5. **Reasons for Recommendations**

5.1 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) sets out the published timetable for completion of the Site Allocations Local Plan. Agreeing to publish the Preferred Approach will keep the preparation of the document on track. Not agreeing to the publication of the Site Allocations Preferred Approach will
leave the Royal Borough without a complete Local Plan and with no detailed guidance for developers across a number of important development sites.

6. **Consultation Results**

6.1 A six week formal public consultation was carried out on the Site Allocations Local Plan Issues and Options, the first stage in the preparation of the Site Allocations DPD, from 15 February to 29 March 2016.

6.2 The consultation statement (Appendix 2) details how the consultation was carried out, and a summary of the comments made together with the Council’s response and how the issues raised so far have been addressed in the Site Allocations Preferred Approach.

7. **Next Steps: Communication and Implementation of the Decision**

7.1 The Site Allocations Preferred Approach will be published for public consultation for eight weeks in Summer 2019. The document will be available to view on the Royal Greenwich website and in hard copy at all libraries in the Borough. The consultation will be advertised in the local press and via social media. Notifications will also be sent to all interested parties who are already registered on the Planning Policy consultation database.

7.2 Following consultation on the Preferred Approach document, the Royal Borough will take all responses into account and will produce a full draft of the Site Allocations Local Plan (the ‘Publication’ version). This will be subject to public consultation in late 2019/early 2020 in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

8. **Cross-Cutting Issues and Implications**

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<td><strong>Legal</strong> including Human Rights Act</td>
<td>The proposed consultation strategy for the Site Allocations Local Plan Preferred Approach (SALP), Site Allocations Issues and Options Consultation Statement and Interim Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) Report, which is set out in this report, meets the requirements of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.</td>
<td>Ross Fletcher Lawyer, Legal Services 06-02-19</td>
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There are no legal implications arising from the comments of this report.

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<th>Finance and other resources including procurement implications</th>
<th>Cabinet are requested to agree to public consultation on the Site Allocations Local Plan Preferred Approach (SALP) for a six week period. The minor cost of consultation will be met from existing revenue resources.</th>
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<td>Equalities</td>
<td>The decisions recommended through this report have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no apparent equality impact on end users.</td>
<td>Karen Montgomerie, Planning Policy Manager, 16-01-19</td>
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9. **Report Appendices**

9.1 The following documents are to be published with and form part of the report:
- Appendix 1: Site Allocations Local Plan Preferred Approach (SALP)
- Appendix 2: Preliminary Consultation Statement
- Appendix 3: Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA)

10. **Background Papers**
- Royal Greenwich Local Plan: Core Strategy with Detailed Policies (2014)
- Royal Greenwich Statement of Community Involvement 2016
- Royal Greenwich Local Plan: Site Allocations (2016)

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