

RECORD OF OFFICER DECISION

Local Government (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

Decision Date – 14 September 2022

Decision Maker: Executive Director of Development and City Services

Decision status: Is Key decision?: No

Is subject to call in?: No

Decision details:

1. The UK has a legacy of contaminated land from former unregulated industrial processes. Levels of contamination vary widely depending on the type of industry that was present. This relic contamination can have a significant impact on human health, the natural and built environment, archaeology, and controlled waters. Such sites exist in Norwich City Council's administrative area.
2. A Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy (CLIS) is a policy document which the council is required to produce under Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. It provides a means of identifying and remediating land that poses a significant risk to health or the environment, where there is no alternative solution. It also works in conjunction with planning rules to help ensure that this land is made suitable for use following redevelopment.
3. On the 8 June Cabinet agreed to consult on the draft CLIS and to delegate authority to the Executive Director, Development and City Services, in consultation with the portfolio holder to make any changes following the consultation and adopt the policy.
4. The consultation took place between 13th June 2022 and 4th September 2022. During this period 2 responses were received. These were considered but no changes have been made as a result to the emerging policy
5. The Executive Director, in consultation with the portfolio holder, has agreed to formally adopt the strategy with immediate effect.

Reason for Decision

6. The CLIS is a statutory requirement and therefore NCC has a duty to produce a CLIS. Contamination can have significant health impacts on human health and the environment of our residents. Not having a CLIS is a breach of the council's statutory obligations. Failure to adopt the policy and act on it could have an impact upon the reputation of the council.

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