LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR D EVANS

A. That taking into consideration the recommendations of the Local Plan Cabinet Working Group, reports from officers and all relevant matters, it is Cabinet's view that:
   a. the Local Plan Review Preferred Options consultation generated a significant amount of feedback on the proposals, and the Council need to take time to fully consider that feedback and ensure the right new Local Plan is prepared for West Lancashire, including matters relating to Climate Change and how the Local Plan might address this important issue; and
   b. due to the age of parts of the current evidence base and the need to progress the Local Plan to submission by 31 March 2020 if it were to be based on that evidence, progressing with the current Local Plan Review would not allow the Council the time to fully consider all the matters raised by, and since, the Preferred Options consultation.

B. Accordingly, it be agreed that:

   i) the current Local Plan Review cease in its entirety
   ii) the current Local Plan Cabinet Working Group be dissolved
   iii) a new Local Plan Cabinet Working Group be established to commence work imminently on a new Local Plan, including preparing new evidence studies where necessary, in accordance with Government Guidance in order to deliver a new 15 year Local Plan
   iv) the Leader advise the Borough Solicitor of the Terms of Reference, the size and composition of the new Working Group, including the appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman
   v) the appropriate budgetary provision for the preparation of a new Local Plan and its evidence be considered as part of the budget-setting process for 2020/21 and beyond.