

## DRAFT VISION AND OBJECTIVES

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### The Vision

***“Newport will be a City that celebrates its culture and heritage while being a focus for accessible economic growth. It will be a place that people recognise as being culturally vibrant with interconnected communities and as an attractive City at the gateway to Wales.”***

This vision is proposed as the core purpose of the LDP. It will drive forward the intended changes for Newport from 2011. The vision addresses the main priorities for taking Newport forward in land use terms, as discussed at the three consultation events, and taking into account the Community Strategy and the Wales Spatial Plan. Importantly, it is also distinctive to Newport.

### Objectives

#### Sustainable use of land

The most important aim of the LDP will be to achieve sustainable development.

Sustainable development is recognised by many as “Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs” (see the Ministerial Foreword to Planning Policy Wales (March 2002)).

Sustainability will be at the heart of every stage of the plan and the LDP will be tested by a Sustainability Appraisal incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment as required by the Welsh Assembly Government and the SEA Directive<sup>1</sup>.

Objective 1

**To ensure that all development uses land as effectively as possible and makes the best use of resources**

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<sup>1</sup> SEA is a legally enforced European assessment procedure required by Directive 2001/42/EC (known as the SEA Directive). Information on its application in Wales can be found at <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/consmanagement/sea/SEAinWales/?lang=en>

## Climate change

Climate Change is now a key issue for every LDP in Wales. There is a need to make a positive commitment to reducing the impact development and the use of land has on climate change. The LDP will require development proposals to make an early commitment to addressing the climate change impact. This could be shown in terms of the location of development or by utilising sustainable energy technologies.

Objective 2

**To ensure that development and land uses in Newport make a positive contribution to helping to minimise the causes of climate change and mitigating the impacts.**

## Economic growth

Newport is seen as a major economic hub nationally and locally. It occupies a strategic location in Wales where there are opportunities for Newport to play an even more vital role in the regional economy. There are strong aspirations to drive forward the existing economic growth so as to provide investment and thereby employment for the indigenous and growing population of the City.

Objective 3

**To provide a diverse economy that meets the needs of the people of Newport and those of the wider south east Wales economic region.**

## Housing

One of the main land use issues for the LDP is for it to guide the provision and distribution of housing in the City. The LDP will need to provide an adequate supply of housing land capable of meeting the housing needs of the city in the most sustainable locations. Development proposals should therefore, make maximum use of previously developed land and be close to facilities.

Objective 4

**To ensure that there is an adequate supply of land for housing in the right locations and to ensure that the housing provision meets the needs of the population.**

## Conservation

Conservation of the natural and built environment is fundamental to and a long standing aspect of the planning process. It is now well recognised that the existing population have a duty to preserve and enhance the natural and built environment for future generations. Development proposals will be favoured where they recognise the importance of local distinctiveness and the contribution built and natural heritage can make to communities.

Objective 5

**To ensure that all development or land use does not adversely effect, and seeks to enhance, the quality of the built and natural environment.**

## Community facilities

In order to avoid placing pressure on existing facilities, appropriate new or enhanced community facilities will be encouraged as proposals in their own right or as part of other development proposals.

Objective 6

**To ensure the provision of appropriate new and/or enhanced community facilities wherever possible.**

## Accessibility

The principle that services and facilities should be accessible to all regardless of age, gender and impairment is fundamental to achieving sustainable development. Development proposals should therefore, provide convenience and enjoyment of use for all, and should strive to achieve the same outcome for all.

Objective 7

**To ensure that proposed developments and uses are accessible to all and seek to achieve the same outcome for all regardless of impairment.**