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COUNCIL PUBLISHES DRAFT GROWTH STRATEGY

Bexley's Draft Growth Strategy has been published in advance of its approval for public consultation at the meeting of the Council's Cabinet on 11 April.

The draft strategy outlines the Council's vision for growth and how it can be achieved in a way that is sustainable and benefits people across the borough.

It includes –

- Development Frameworks for five growth areas
- Proposals for the location of main land uses: residential, commercial (town centre), industrial/employment, green spaces and transport infrastructure.

“We have prepared the strategy because, like the rest of London, Bexley is growing and we want to manage this growth so that it benefits our current residents and businesses and those looking to move and invest here,” said Cllr Teresa O'Neill OBE, the Leader of the Council. “The south-east is experiencing an increase in population and employment because of London's position in the global economy. Our aim is to play our part in the capital's continuing success, while respecting our borough's essential character and identity.”

The draft Growth Strategy will be published formally for a six week public consultation in May, when there will be the opportunity for residents, businesses and others to influence it. A summary will be produced and roadshows held at a number of locations around the borough. Full details will be widely available well in advance with all documents available online, in local libraries and at Council offices.

It is hoped that the final version of the Strategy will be formally adopted in the autumn. It will provide the Council's manifesto for positive growth and inform a set of new planning policies for the borough, including planning frameworks for 'opportunity areas' and town centre masterplans.

A special feature on the purpose of the Growth Strategy and the implications for local people was included in the Spring issue of the Bexley Magazine. This can be viewed on the Council's website at <https://www.bexley.gov.uk/node/511>

You can watch the Cabinet discussion of the Growth Strategy live or after the event

and access the papers for the meeting on the Council's website at
<https://bexley.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>

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