

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME UPDATE

Local Planning and Environment Advisory Committee – 22 January 2014

Report of Chief Planning Officer

Status: For consideration

Key Decision: No

Executive Summary:

The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a rolling project plan that sets out the Council's proposals and timetable for the production of planning policy documents.

The current Local Development Scheme was agreed by Cabinet in March 2012 and is now somewhat out of date in its timetabling and content. This draft update has been prepared to bring the timetable up to date and will also enable the Allocations and Development Management Plan (ADMP) Inspector to see our latest proposals for producing planning policy documents.

The main changes from earlier versions are the new consultation dates for the Gypsy and Traveller DPD and the addition of the Statement of Community Involvement update and a Fort Halstead Development Brief.

This report supports the Key Aims of the Community Plan

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Recommendation to Local Planning and Environment Advisory Committee:

That the Local Planning and Environment Advisory Committee to note the Local Development Scheme draft update.

Reason for recommendation:

To update the work programme for the production of planning policy documents to reflect current timetabling and content.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is the document that sets out the Council's proposals and timetable for the production of Local Development Documents. The LDS no longer has to be submitted to the Secretary of State for approval, but has to be made available and published on the Council's website.
- 1.2 The Council's current LDS was approved in March 2012 and is now somewhat out of date in its timetabling and content. This draft update (please see below) has been prepared to bring the timetable up to date and to outline proposals for future documents. The full LDS document is attached at Appendix 1.

2. Changes to the Local Development Scheme

- 2.1 This edition of the LDS includes amendments to bring the LDS up to date in the following ways:

Development Plan Documents (DPDs):

- 2.2 The timetable reflects the actual hearing dates of the CIL Charging Schedule (October 2013) and the Allocations and Development Management Plan (ADMP) (March 2014) and the anticipated adoption dates for both documents (February 2014 for CIL / August 2014 for the ADMP).
- 2.3 The work programme for the Gypsy and Traveller DPD has been updated to reflect the new anticipated dates for consultation and examination. The timetabling has altered from the previous version due to resourcing issues within the planning policy team. Public consultation is now programmed for spring and winter 2014, with the hearing to take place in summer 2015 and adoption by the end of 2015.

Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs):

- 2.4 LDS are not required to include SPDs. However, the main SPDs are included here for information to show how the timetable for their preparation relates to the proposals for DPDs. The list of SPDs is not intended to be complete and it should be noted that Conservation Area Management Plans and Neighbourhood Plans are not included.
- 2.5 The timetable for SPDs is dependent on the ADMP being found sound at the hearings in March, as some of these documents relate to the ADMP and others would be re-prioritised.
- 2.6 Residential Character Area Appraisals for Swanley and Edenbridge will be prepared in the latter half of 2014, once the ADMP has been examined.
- 2.7 The Green Belt SPD has been prepared and has been subject to public consultation. This document provides further explanation of the green belt policies contained in the ADMP and therefore will be adopted at the same time as the ADMP (programmed for August 2014).

2.8 A new SPD, the Fort Halstead Development Brief, has been programmed to reflect a commitment in the ADMP. Work on this document will commence once the ADMP has been examined.

2.9 An update of the Statement of Community Involvement has been programmed for spring 2014 and the draft document is to be considered by LPEAC on 22 January.

2.10 A Horsiculture SPD is programmed for 2015 although this can be reviewed if this is no longer considered a priority.

2.11 It is intended to keep the LDS update as a draft until the Inspector's Report is received on the Allocations and Development Management Plan given that the programme for future documents is dependent on the adoption of this Plan.


3. Conclusion





3.1 This report outlines the proposed updates to Local Development Scheme which sets out the work programme for the production of planning policy documents.

Local Development Scheme - Timetable




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Development Plan Documents																												
Allocations & Development Management Plan																												
CIL Charging Schedule																												
Gypsy and Traveller DPD																												
Supplementary Planning Documents																												
Residential Character Areas SPD - Swanley																												
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Statement of Community Involvement																												
Horsiculture SPD																												

Development Plan Documents

-  Preparation
-  Informal Consultation (Regulation 18)
-  Pre-Submission Publication (Regulation 19)
-  Cabinet/Committee Approval
-  Submission (Regulation 22) - Key Milestone

-  Pre-Hearing Meeting
-  Hearing
-  Inspector's Report
-  Adoption - Key Milestone

Supplementary Planning Documents

-  Preparation
-  Consultation
-  Adoption

Other Options Considered and/or Rejected

As the LDS is out of date it cannot remain unchanged. The reasons for the changes in its content and programme are explained above.

Key Implications

Financial

No additional costs to the Council arise from the amendment of the LDS

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

All local authorities are required to produce an LDS to set out their timetable for the production of planning policy documents.

Equality Impacts

Consideration of impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty:		
Question	Answer	Explanation / Evidence
a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to disadvantage or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	Sevenoaks District Council aims to effectively involve the community in the development of all documents, SPDs and DPDs that make up the Local Plan, in line with the Statement of Community Involvement.
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have the potential to promote equality of opportunity?	Yes	
c. What steps can be taken to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?	N/A	

Appendices

Appendix – SDC Local Development Scheme

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