

## **ADOPTION OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (LDS) TIMETABLE**

### **Cabinet – 5 March 2015**

Report of	Chief Planning Officer
Status:	For Decision
Also considered by:	Local Planning and Environment Advisory Committee – 27 January 2015
Key Decision:	No

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#### **Executive Summary:**

This report seeks approval of the latest Local Development Scheme (LDS) timetable.

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#### **Recommendation to Local Planning and Environment Advisory Committee:**

That the recommendation to Cabinet is endorsed.

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That the Local Development Scheme (LDS) timetable is agreed.

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#### **Reason for recommendation:**

To ensure the timely production of planning policy documents in accordance with the Local Development Scheme (LDS).

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#### **Introduction and Background**

- 1 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a rolling project plan that sets the work programme for the development of Local Plan (formerly Local Development Framework) 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.
- 2 The latest formally adopted version of the Local Development Scheme was agreed by Cabinet in March 2012 and is out of date.
- 3 Advisory Committee and Cabinet considered a draft timetable in July 2014, but given the uncertainties at that time over the examination of the ADMP and the Gypsy and Traveller Plan, it was agreed to postpone the adoption of a new Local

Development Scheme until later in the year, when there would be greater certainty regarding the adoption of the ADMP and progress on the Gypsy and Traveller Plan.

- 4 The LDS has been updated to reflect the current timetable for the preparation of local planning documents. It is proposed that the LDS be updated to include the timetable as set out in Appendix A. This edition of the LDS includes amendments to bring the LDS up to date in the following ways:

**Development Plan Documents (DPDs):**

- 5 The timetable reflects the anticipated adoption date for the ADMP in February 2015, and the actual adoption date of the CIL Charging Schedule (February 2014).
- 6 The work programme for the Gypsy and Traveller Plan has been updated to reflect the anticipated dates for consultation and examination. Publication is now programmed for summer 2015, with the examination to take place in spring 2016 and adoption in summer/autumn 2016. Central government has recently consulted on potential changes to planning policy for Gypsy and Travellers, and therefore the proposed programme may need to be revised if these potential changes in national policy are implemented.
- 7 An additional work-stream has been added to the LDS, namely the Local Plan Review. This is a commitment from the ADMP examination, that the Council will undertake an early review of the Core Strategy, in part or in whole, within the next five years. The Council's evidence base will be updated, starting with a Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA), as agreed by Cabinet in July 2014. Options will then be developed and a revised Local Plan will be prepared, culminating in initial public consultation at the end of 2016. The draft revised Local Plan will be published and submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in 2017, for examination and adoption in 2018.

**Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs):**

- 8 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.
- 9 Residential Character Area Appraisals for Swanley and Edenbridge are scheduled to be prepared in 2016, provided there is sufficient capacity within the team. However, the preparation of the Gypsy and Traveller Plan and Local Plan Review are the priorities, and the Character Area Appraisals will be re-scheduled if necessary.
- 10 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 February 2015).
- 11 An update of the Statement of Community Involvement was prepared and adopted in 2014.

## **Next Steps**

- 12 Once approved, the updated LDS will be made available and published on the Council's website.

## **Conclusions**

- 13 This report seeks approval for the updated Local Development Scheme timetable.

## **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

None – the costs of preparing the LDS are part of the Planning Policy budget.

### Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement

None – the Council is required to publish an up to date LDS.

### Equality Assessment

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

## **Appendices**

Appendix A – Updated Local Development Scheme 2014 and timetable

## **Background Papers**

[Inspector's Report on the ADMP](#)

[Inspector's letter to the Council regarding 'main modifications'](#)

[ADMP Main Modifications consultation document](#)

[ADMP Draft for Submission](#)

[CIL Charging Schedule](#)

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