

## LOCAL PLAN UPDATE - LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (LDS)

Cabinet - 14 July 2016

Report of Chief Planning Officer

Status: For Consideration

Also considered by: Planning Advisory Committee - 21 June 2016

Key Decision: No

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**Recommendation to Planning Advisory Committee:** To note the revised Local Development Scheme

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

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### Summary

- 1 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 2015 and this update has been prepared to bring the timetable up to date. The main changes from earlier versions are the new dates for the production of the Local Plan and the removal of the residential character area assessments for Swanley and Edenbridge, which are now being prepared by alternative routes.

### Introduction and Background











- 2 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) no longer has to be submitted to the Secretary of State for approval, but an up-to-date programme has to be made available and published on the Council's website.

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 below. This edition of the LDS includes amendments to bring the LDS up to date in the following ways:

Local Development Scheme  
 (Planning Policy Timetable)  
 Updated May 2016

	2016												2017												2018												2019													
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D		
<b>Development Plan Document</b>																																																		
Local Plan																																																		

Development Plan Documents

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|  | Preparation / Evidence Base                |  | Pre-Hearing Meeting             |
|  | Informal Consultation (Regulation 18)      |  | Hearing                         |
|  | Pre-Submission Publication (Regulation 19) |  | Main Modifications Consultation |
|  | Cabinet/Committee Approval                 |  | Inspector's Report              |
|  | Submission (Regulation 22) - Key Milestone |  | Adoption - Key Milestone        |

### **Development Plan Documents (DPDs):**

- 3 The timetable for the production of the Local Plan is now the sole item within the Local Development Scheme. The Council undertook a commitment during the ADMP examination in 2014, to undertake an early review of the Core Strategy, in part or in whole, within the next five years. An evidence base is currently in preparation in order to draft an issues and options plan for initial public consultation in late spring 2017. The draft Local Plan will then be subject to formal public consultation, published and submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in 2018, for examination and adoption in 2019.
  - Issues and Options consultation - late Spring 2017
  - Draft Local Plan consultation - Spring 2018
  - Pre-submission Publication - Summer 2018
  - Submission - Autumn 2018
  - Adoption - Summer 2019
- 4 The ADMP and CIL Charging Schedule are no longer included in the LDS timetable as these documents are now adopted. The work programme for the Gypsy and Traveller Plan is no longer included as a separate item within the LDS as this element will now be included within the wider Local Plan review.

### **Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs):**

- 5 LDS no longer need to include the programme for preparing Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD). However, information on the Council's adopted SPDs is included within the document for information. The Green Belt SPD and Statement of Community Involvement have been adopted.
- 6 The Residential Character Area Appraisals for Swanley and Edenbridge, which are scheduled to be prepared in 2016, are not now included within the LDS, as these workstreams are being progressed by the Neighbourhood Plan team in Edenbridge and through the Swanley and Hextable Master-Vision.

### **Next Steps**

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

### **Conclusions**

- 8 This report outlines the updated Local Development Scheme timetable.

## **Other Options Considered and/or Rejected**

The reasons for the changes in the content and programme of the LDS 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 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 - Local Development Scheme

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