



Report of Director of City Development

Report to Development Plans Panel

Date: 13th March 2018

Subject: Development Plan Panel Work Programme Update

Are specific electoral Wards affected? All If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. This report provides an update on the on-going work programme of the Development Plan Panel.

Recommendations

2. Development Plan Panel is recommended to note the contents of this report alongside further material and verbal updates provided at the meeting.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to discuss and agree a forward programme of work for the Council's Development Plan Panel.
- 1.2 The revisions proposed reflect the need to make adjustments to programme matters, milestones and targets. They take into account the rolling forward of the Local Development Scheme (the project plan for how the Local Plan is to be prepared), a review of public consultation arrangements and other matters, including working with other Council boards and panels.

2 Background information

- 2.1 Members of DPP have endorsed and steered a wide variety of Local Plan work for the past year: including the Submission of the Site Allocations Plan, the submission draft of the Core Strategy Selective Review and associated Supplementary Planning Documents, evidence base and monitoring material. Members have also considered significant arising changes to national planning guidance prefaced in the Housing White Paper.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 The Local Development Scheme was last updated in May 2017 and good progress is being made against the timetables set therein. There are some factual updates (e.g. the Adoption of the Aire Valley Leeds Area Action Plan), outstanding work items (e.g. preparation of a revised Statement of Community Involvement) and potentially arising work programme items to reflect through minor revisions. The current LDS is available on-line via the following link:

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/docs/Local%20Development%20Scheme%20May%202017.pdf>

- 3.2 Updates and amendments to the LDS will be tabled at the meeting.
- 3.3 The work programme of DPP stems from the LDS, and implementation issues raised through Panel meetings. Within this context, there are a number of areas of implementation and delivery matters, which are currently outstanding. These are as follows:

- **Housing Delivery / Monitoring**

- i Engagement with small and medium sized building firms on their view of the market and delivery of the overall housing target
- ii Information on the number of permissions granted/permissions implemented and started on site.
- iii Monitoring information on the trajectory for the delivery of 1 & 2 bed Affordable Housing

- iv Outcome of discussions with volume house building industry on volume house building rates and reasons for the fall in the ratio of build out-rate: delivery
- v Consider the policy for Commuted Sum use; whether there was any flexibility and support for cross-ward financing; undertake reviews of the calculation mechanism and best practice operated elsewhere
- vi The role of the independent District Valuer in assessment of scheme viability and presentation of their reports at Panel meetings.
- vii Development outcomes from Commuted Sum spend, follow-up information and involvement of local ward councillors in use of monies; the involvement of Housing Growth Team. (with Annual Monitoring Report to Joint Plans Panel)
- viii An implementation update to be presented to a future meeting
- ix Establish a 'ready reckoner' to calculate windfall sites throughout the year and undertake further research on the number of windfall sites/amount of housing provided over the last three years.
- x A workshop to be arranged / report to Joint Plans Panel on Commuted Sums – calculations, spend; building homes for the future
- xi A report on the outcome of a recent Court decision which provided clarity on how Local Planning Authorities take a view on the 5 Year Housing Land Supply and the balance between what is deliverable and what is actually delivered

- **Local Plan**

- i Providing clarity to plan-users on the different aspects of the Local Plan e.g. through FAQs, a local plan newsletter and dedicated signposting on the web

- **Community Infrastructure Levy**

- i A review of Community Infrastructure Levy requirements to identify whether the requirements remain appropriate for each area and assess the impact of CIL on redevelopment.

- **National Planning Guidance**

- i The NPPF is due to be published before Easter

3.4 Updates in respect of the above work programme will be provided at the meeting and the forward plan of priority areas of work. In addition, a

representative from the Council's Housing Growth Team will also be present to provide an update on the achievements to date and the ongoing work programme of the Housing Growth Board.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 The above matters have been discussed previously through Panel and in consultation with the Panel Chair.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 The preparation of work programme areas will require Equality Impact Assessments at appropriate stages.

4.3 Council policies and Best Council Plan

- 4.3.1 The Local Plan and its DPDs form one of Leeds City Council's main policy documents setting out vision, objectives, policy, allocations and targets for the future growth of Leeds particularly in terms of spatial planning. The Local Plan helps articulate the spatial dimension of other council strategies and plans including 'Vision for Leeds' and the Best Council Plan, so it is important that it is kept up-to-date and work in support of its preparation and implementation is subject to management processes and timetables.

4.4 Resources and value for money

- 4.4.2 The Local Plan will require both staffing and technical resources to support the plan making process and evidence base work. However it is desirable that the Local Plan should be up-to-date in terms of a plan-led system which ensures that the development decisions and investment in Leeds aligns with wider ambitions of the City Council, the Combined Authority and other agencies.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 4.5.1 The Local Plan and DPD preparation will follow the statutory Development Plan process. The Local Plan and implementation activities form part of the budget and policy framework and is therefore not eligible for call-in.

4.6 Risk Management

- 4.6.1 None.

5 Conclusions

- 5.1 This report summarises the overall Panel work programme for 2018/19 and further details in respect of the matters above, together with an update on the Housing Growth Board will be provided at the meeting.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 Development Plan Panel is recommended to note the contents of this report alongside further material and verbal updates provided at the meeting.