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**Report of Chief Planning Officer**

**Report to Development Plan Panel**

**Date: 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020**

**Subject: Local Development Scheme (Local Plan Work Programme) Update**

Are specific electoral wards affected? If yes, name(s) of ward(s): ALL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Has consultation been carried out?	<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
Will the decision be open 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

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**Summary**

1. The Council is required to set out a 3 year programme of plan-making through a Local Development Scheme. This LDS covers the period 2020 to 2023 and sets the administrative context for the review of the SAP and update of the Local Plan.

**Recommendations**

2. That members note and comment upon the updated Local Development Scheme before it is placed on the Council's web-site.

## 1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider the Local Development Scheme, which is a statutory project plan for how the Local Plan is to be prepared. This is the tenth such iteration.

## 2. Background information

- 2.1 The Local Development Scheme provides an overview of what the planning policies are for the Leeds district, and sets out the current documents which form the Local Plan for the district.
- 2.2 It also sets out a detailed programme for the preparation of Local Development Documents, and progress of neighbourhood plans including timetables, which tell people when the various stages in the preparation of the Local Development documents will be carried out.
- 2.3 A Local Development Scheme is required under section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011).

## 3. Main issues

- 3.1 **Appendix 1** is the draft latest revised version of the LDS. The revisions proposed reflect adjustments to programme matters, milestones and targets.
- 3.2 The Local Development Scheme was last updated in 2018 and good progress has been made since with:
- Adoption of the Site Allocations Plan
  - Adoption of the Core Strategy Selective Review
  - 8 made Neighbourhood Plans
  - a Hot Food Takeaway SPD
- 3.3 For this iteration an Executive Summary has been provided so as to make the document more accessible (this is provided at pages 3 and 4 of **Appendix 1**).
- 3.4 As well as setting out progress on existing plans in preparation the LDS Update also captures the need for Local Development Document updates as follows:
- a SAP Review
  - a wider Local Plan update
- 3.5 The LDS also notes that a review of all local plan policies to see if they need updating has been carried out. This will be considered by Panel Members at their February meeting and will help lay the foundations for thinking about the scope of the Local Plan Update. The LDS notes the imperative for plan-making to help address the Council's declared Climate Emergency and commitment to net zero carbon by 2030 as part of that Update.
- 3.6 The involvement of local people in the planning system is also noted. It is not only heartening that the Council now has 14 Made Neighbourhood Plans with 33 at various stages of preparation but that many more inner city plans are making good progress.
- 3.7 Members are asked to note the contents of the LDS and provide comments.

## **4. Corporate considerations**

### **4.1 Consultation and engagement**

4.1.1 The LDS is a work programme which is not subject of wider consultation, however the individual plans within it are subject to formal consultation as set out in the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). The SCI itself is noted within the LDS as being in the process of review.

### **4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration**

4.2.1 An EDCI is not required for this report. Appropriate EDCI screenings / assessments will be undertaken in the course of the projects noted in the report.

### **4.3 Council policies and the Best Council Plan**

4.3.1 The LDS work programme set out in this report establishes the clear role of planning in delivering the Council's priorities at page 3 of the Executive Summary as follows:

Health and Well-being Strategy – through policies including the design of places, quality of housing and accessibility

Climate Emergency – through policies including the design of places, the location of development, accessibility to public transport, use of brownfield land, energy generation and energy efficiency of buildings

Inclusive Growth Strategy – through policies including the links between homes and jobs, the location of development, green infrastructure and connectivity

4.3.2 Planning is relevant to the delivery of all the priorities in the Best Council Plan and this role will be appraised and maximised as the projects described in the LDS are progressed and implemented.

### **4.4 Resources, procurement and value for money**

4.4.1 There are no specific implications to this report. However, the plans and programmes listed will require resources to deliver, not least a Local Plan Update and accompanying evidence base. In general these will be met from within existing budgets.

### **4.5 Legal implications, access to information, and call-in**

4.5.1 There are no legal implications for the contents of this report.

### **4.6 Risk management**

4.6.1 The LDS has a risk assessment at Appendix 2 (page 24 of **Appendix 1**) along with mitigating actions. These relate to external factors such as changes to national guidance and the departure of the UK from the EU alongside capacity and resource issues.

## **5. Conclusions**

- 5.1 This report sets out an updated Local Development Scheme work programme for the period 2020 to 2023. It notes the contents of the Statutory Development Plan for Leeds and the non-statutory documents that are also relevant to decision making. It sets out the key documents that are to be updated during this period including the Site Allocations Plan Review and the Local Plan Update.

## **6. Recommendations**

- 6.1 That members note and comment upon the updated Local Development Scheme before it is placed on the Council's web-site.