

Local Development Scheme 2021 to 2024

Date: 6th July 2021

Report of: Chief Planning Officer

Report to: Development Plan Panel

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

What is this report about?

Including how it contributes to the city's and council's ambitions

- The Council is required to set out a 3 year programme of plan-making through a Local Development Scheme. This LDS covers the period 2021 to 2024 and is the eleventh such iteration. The last version was considered by DPP in January 2020.
- A draft is contained at **Appendix 1** and has been updated to take account of good progress on Neighbourhood Planning, the Site Allocations Plan Remittal, an interim Statement of Community Involvement, the Local Plan Update (approved by Executive Board for Regulation 18 consultation on 23.06.21) and what future Local Plan Updates will be about. It also reflects current and proposed Government changes to the planning system.

Recommendations

Members are recommended to:

- a) Note the updated draft Local Development Scheme at Appendix 1 and provide comments prior to the LDS being approved by the Chief Planning Officer, under delegated authority.
- b) Note that, once approved the updated Local Development Scheme will be published on the Council's website.

Why is the proposal being put forward?

1. The local development scheme (LDS) is a public project plan identifying which local development documents will be produced, in what order and when.
2. The LDS acts as the starting point for the community and stakeholders to find out about the authority's planning policies in respect to a particular place or issue, and what the status of those policies. 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 policy documents will be carried out.
3. A LDS is required under section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011).

What impact will this proposal have?

Wards affected:

Have ward members been consulted? Yes No

4. The draft LDS is contained at **Appendix 1**.
5. In sum the LDS has been updated to clarify:
 - i. the status of the Adopted Site Allocation Plan (SAP) and its current SAP Remittal process for 37 policies (Appendix 1, page 18)
 - ii. the process of review that was undertaken in July 2020 for the existing policies in the Local Development Plan and the conclusion that having regard to available resources, and in consultation with DPP, it was necessary to prioritise the updating of these policies against the Council's 3 pillars. This resulted in those policies relating to carbon reduction, flood risk, place making, sustainable infrastructure and green infrastructure being prioritised for updating before others, which will be included in the next plan update. This is known as Local Plan Update (1). (Appendix 1, page 23)
 - iii. progress on the Local Plan Update (1). (Appendix 1, page 23)
 - iv. that the SAP contains two review policies within it first, for ensuring that there are sufficient housing allocations to meet the Core Strategy Selective Review housing requirement and second, for ensuring that there are sufficient Gypsy and Traveller allocations to meet needs. (Appendix 1, page 8, 24 & 25)
 - v. that the next Local Plan Update "LPU (2)" will be scoped during 2021/22 so as to provide a clear direction of travel on all planning matters (Appendix 1, page 8 & 26)
 - vi. the progress of Neighbourhood Plans (Appendix 1, page 9) and Supplementary Planning Documents (Appendix 1, page 11) in preparation

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

6. These are currently operational matters and wider consultation will be required through future policy making in line with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement.

What are the resource implications?

7. 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

What are the legal implications?

8. The LPA has a statutory duty to prepare and maintain a scheme to be known as their local development scheme. The Chief Planning Officer has been granted delegated authority to prepare and maintain the LDS.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

9. The LDS has a risk assessment at Appendix 2 along with mitigating actions. These relate to external factors such as changes to national guidance and capacity and resource issues.

Does this proposal support the council's three Key Pillars?

- Inclusive Growth Health and Wellbeing Climate Emergency

10. The LDS work programme set out in this report establishes the clear role of planning in delivering the Council's priorities:

- Health and Well-being Strategy – through policies including the design of places, affordable housing, quality of housing and accessibility
- Climate Emergency – through policies including the design of places, blue and green infrastructure, 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, affordable housing, the location of development, green infrastructure and connectivity

11. 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.

Options, timescales and measuring success

What other options were considered?

12. None as there is a statutory duty to prepare the LDS

How will success be measured?

13. Success will be measured in terms of progression of DPDs against timescales as set out in the LDS.

What is the timetable for implementation?

14. The LDS details different timetables for each DPD. The LDS itself is updated annually.

Appendices

15. Appendix 1: Leeds Local Development Scheme 2021-2024

Background papers

16. None