

## **Agenda Item No 6**

### **Executive Board**

**22 March 2018**

#### **Report of the Assistant Chief Executive & Solicitor to the Council**

#### **Local Development Scheme (LDS) – March 2018**

### **1 Summary**

- 1.1 This report brings to Members a revised up to date Local Development Scheme.

#### **Recommendation to Executive Board**

**That the Local Development Scheme is approved**

### **2 Local Development Scheme**

- 2.1 This report brings to Members an update of the Local Development Scheme (LDS) to reflect the work that has been carried out and to ensure that the legal process for the production of the documents is adhered to.

- ... 2.2 The revised document is attached as Appendix A. It can be altered / updated at any time.

- 2.3 As can be seen from the revised LDS the main focus of work continues to relate to the progression of a Local Plan incorporating the draft site allocations and the draft development management plans.

### **3 Report Implications**

#### **3.1 Finance and Value for Money Implications**

- 3.1.1 The costs of the programme of work have been the subject of other reports and are funded through the Local Development Framework budget.

#### **3.2 Legal and Human Rights Implications**

- 3.2.1 It is a requirement of the 2004 Act that a Local Development Scheme is prepared that outlines the work programme to produce the various Local Development Documents.

### 3.3 Environment and Sustainability Implications

3.3.1 Sustainability appraisals are required to accompany all Local Development Documents identified by this Local Development Scheme. Consultants are engaged to work alongside the Forward Planning Team. The Local Development Scheme and the associated plans and documents take into account evidence of housing needs, landscaping appraisal, habitat biodiversity audit and other assessments to inform future development frameworks. All the various assessments help inform a sustainability appraisal.

### 3.4 Equality Implications

3.4.1 An equality impact assessment has been carried out on the Local Plan which sets out the overarching spatial vision for the Borough over the next 15 years.

### 3.5 Links to Council's Priorities

3.5.1 The delivery of the Local Development Framework is linked to all of the Council priorities.

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### Background Papers

Local Government Act 1972 Section 100D, as substituted by the Local Government Act, 2000 Section 97

Background Paper No	Author	Nature of Background Paper	Date

***Local Development  
Scheme  
for  
North Warwickshire***



**North Warwickshire  
Borough Council**

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## **Introduction**

- 1 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 introduced the requirement for Councils such as North Warwickshire Borough Council to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS). An LDS sets out a timetable for the production of new or revised Development Plan Documents (such as a Local Plan) by the local council.
- 2 It sets out a planning work programme for the Council over a three-year period to 2021. It will be regularly reviewed to keep it up to date. This March 2018 LDS version supersedes previous versions.

## **What are the current adopted Development Plan Documents for North Warwickshire?**

- 3 The current Development Plan Documents for North Warwickshire are:
  - North Warwickshire Core Strategy (adopted October 2014)
  - Warwickshire Waste Core Strategy (adopted July 2013)
  - Warwickshire Minerals Local Plan
  - Saved policies from the 2006 North Warwickshire Local Plan
  - Arley Neighbourhood Plan
  - Austrey Neighbourhood Plan
  - Coleshill Neighbourhood Plan
  - Hartshill Neighbourhood Plan
  - Mancetter Neighbourhood Plan
- 4 The Statement of Community Involvement was adopted in April 2007.
- 5 A further 6 Neighbourhood Plan Areas have been formally designated.
- 6 Work is on-going on CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) and it is envisaged that a charging schedule will be in place during 2018/19.

## **What new Development Plan Documents are to be prepared?**

- 7 The Borough Council has been working on the production of two individual documents following the adoption of the Core Strategy in October 2014. Consultation has been carried out on the Draft Site Allocations Plan and the Draft Development Management Plan. It however become clear that there is a need to join these plans together and review, where necessary, any policies from the Core Strategy. The LDS of September 2016 confirmed the production of a single plan. The Draft Local Plan went out for consultation from 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2016 with a formal period of consultation from 11 November 2016 until 31 March 2017. This allowed for two sets of public consultation events to be carried out. Regulation 19 consultation was carried out between 14 December 2017 and 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 following a LDF meeting in September, an Executive Board meeting in October and then Full Council approval in November 2017.
- 8 This LDS confirms the updated work programme which is attached as Appendix A. The new Local Plan for North Warwickshire will be adopted quickly as possible in 2018, following examination by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State.
- 9 The needs of the Gypsy & Traveller community will be incorporated into the emerging Local Plan rather than a separate document as originally envisaged.

- 10 The Minerals and Waste Documents are the responsibility of Warwickshire County Council. The County Council is reviewing the Minerals Plan with further consultations taking place this year. Further information can be found on the County Council's website: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk).
- 11 A schedule setting out more detail on the preparation of the new Local Plan is set out below.

**Appendix A**

**Development Plan Document to be produced**

<b>Document Title</b>	<b>Subject matter and geographical area</b>	<b>Chain of Conformity</b>	<b>Consultation</b>	<b>Publication of Submission Draft DPD &amp; Public Consultation</b>	<b>Submission and Examination of DPD</b>	<b>Adoption and Publication of DPD</b>	<b>Policies it will replace</b>
<b>North Warwickshire Local Plan</b>	Sets out vision, objectives and strategy for the spatial development of Borough. Lists allocated sites illustrated on an accompanying Policies Map. Sets out policies against which planning applications will be considered. Covers the whole of North Warwickshire Borough Council's administrative area.	Conformity with the NPPF	Growth Options – summer 2016  Draft Local Plan (incorporating previous consultations versions of Site Allocations & Development Management Plan policies) 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2016 to 31 March 2017	Submission version – December 2017 to January 2018	Submission - March 2018  Examination - Spring 2018	Autumn 2018	It will replace:  1. All remaining saved policies from 2006 Local Plan; and, 2. Core Strategy 2014

### **Further Information Sources**

Below are links to websites which will assist should you require further information on LDSs:

- The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004:  
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2004/5/contents>
- Neighbourhood Plan Act  
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2017/20/contents/enacted>
- The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012:  
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/767/contents/made>
- Planning Advisory Service:  
<http://www.pas.gov.uk>
- Planning Portal:  
<http://www.planningportal.gov.uk>
- Planning Practice Guidance  
<http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/>