

7. REVISED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

REPORT OF: INTERIM HEAD OF ECONOMIC PROMOTION AND PLANNING
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Wards Affected: All
Key Decision: Yes
Report to: Cabinet

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is for Cabinet to consider approving a revised and updated Local Development Scheme.

Summary

2. Cabinet approved the current Local Development Scheme in February 2016. The Local Development Scheme has been updated on the advice of the Planning Inspectorate to reflect the submission of the District Plan in August 2016.
3. In order to comply with the procedures set out in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended, the Council is required to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme. Under the Council's constitution, the Cabinet's approval is required to bring a new Scheme into effect.

Recommendation

4. **Cabinet is recommended to approve the revised Local Development Scheme for Mid Sussex and agree that it will come into effect on 7th September 2016.**
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Background

5. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires local planning authorities to prepare and maintain a project plan for the production of development plan documents such as the District Plan. This document is formally known as the Local Development Scheme.
6. The Mid Sussex District Plan 2014 – 2031 was submitted for Examination on 17th August 2016. Officers have also been producing a revised Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule and a Traveller Sites Allocations Document.

Local Development Scheme

7. The timetables for the preparation of the District Plan, Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule, Traveller Sites Allocations Document and the Site Allocations Document are set out in the revised Local Development Scheme which is attached at **Appendix 1**. The timetables for the CIL Charging Schedule and the Traveller Sites Allocations Document have been adjusted as they need to follow slightly behind that for the District Plan. With the publication of the Focused Amendments to the Pre-Submission Draft District Plan in November 2015, the Council allocated another strategic site and committed to preparing a Site Allocations Document to meet the residual amount of housing proposed in the District Plan.

8. The first section of the Local Development Scheme explains which documents the Council has already adopted as part of its Local Plan. It then sets out the documents that the Council is currently preparing. The final section of the Local Development Scheme sets out a risk assessment, which identifies issues that may impact on the Council's ability to prepare the Development Plan Documents in accordance with the stated timetable.
9. In order to comply with planning legislation, the Council needs to approve the Local Development Scheme and to state when it will come into effect. It is recommended that the revised Local Development Scheme will come into effect on 7TH September 2016.

Policy Context

10. The Corporate Plan and Budget for 2016/2017 states that a key objective for the Planning Policy and Economic Development business unit is the 'adoption of the District Plan and Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule in order to have up to date policies for considering planning applications and the means of delivering infrastructure'.

Other Options Considered

11. The Council is required by planning legislation to have a Local Development Scheme in place to ensure that the public and interested parties are aware of when they can expect to be involved in the plan preparation process.

Financial Implications

12. This report does not give rise to any direct financial implications.

Risk Management Implications

13. Strategic Risk 2 for this year is "Failure to resubmit a District Plan and Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule which meets community needs and aspirations; protects Mid Sussex from inappropriate development; in the case of the District Plan, meets the tests of legality and soundness at Examination; [and] in the case of the Charging Schedule, strikes an appropriate balance between maximising the contributions towards infrastructure and not inhibiting economic growth."

Equality and Customer Service implications

14. Equality Impact Assessments will be produced alongside the District Plan, CIL Charging Schedule, Traveller Sites Allocations Document and Site Allocations Document.

Other Material Implications

15. No other material implications have been identified as arising from this report.

Background Papers

There are no relevant papers.

Appendix

1. Local Development Scheme – September 2016