

Agenda Item No: 8

Report To: CABINET

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Report Title: Local Development Scheme (LDS) Update 2018

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Summary:

The draft LDS 2018 sets out the project plan and timetable for preparation of the Local Plan to 2030 and the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation DPD until the end of 2019.

The LDS is required under legislation and compliance with it is a matter of 'soundness' for Development Plan Documents (DPD's). It is therefore essential that it is kept up to date.

The draft LDS 2018 and revised Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation DPD timetable conforms with the regulations.

Key Decision: YES

Significantly Affected Wards: All

Recommendations: **The Cabinet is recommended to:-**

- i. Recommend to Full Council the adoption of the Local Development Scheme 2018, as required under Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011).**

Policy Overview: An up to date LDS is required under Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 Section 15 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) which is also accompanied by a number of detailed regulations. This revised LDS is in accordance with this legislation.

Financial Implications: None

Legal Implications Compliance with the adopted LDS timetable is a test of soundness for DPD's at Examination Stage.

Equalities Impact Assessment Not required as no policy changes proposed.

Other Material Implications: None

**Exempt from
Publication:**

NO

**Background
Papers:**

**Draft Local Development Scheme (LDS) May 2018
(attached)**

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Introduction and Background

1. The Local Development Scheme (LDS) sets out the scope and project timetable for the production of the Local development plan documents. The LDS enables the local community to find out about planning policies for their area and sets out the timetable for the production of the future Local Plan documents, giving dates for key production and public consultation stages as well as outlining the subject matter and the geographical extent.
2. The production of an LDS is required under Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) and is accompanied by a number of detailed regulations. Compliance with the adopted LDS timetable is a test of soundness for Development Plan Documents (DPDs) at Examination stage, and therefore it is essential that it is kept up to date.

Proposal/Current Position

3. The current adopted LDS was published in 2017 and contains a timetable for the Local Plan 2030 and Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation DPD.
4. Since the adoption of the 2017 LDS, significant progress has been made on the Local Plan 2030. As set out in the LDS 2017 timetable, a second round of Regulation 19 consultation was held in the summer, with the draft Local Plan 2030 submitted in December 2017. Consequently, the Ashford Local Plan is now the subject of an Examination which will be conducted by two Independent Inspectors who have been appointed by the Planning Inspectorate.
5. With regards to the progress of the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation DPD, the Issues and Options report is currently out for a six week Regulation 18 consultation that is running between 21st February 2018 and 6th April 2018. As part of the Issues and Options consultation, the Council are seeking opinion on the issues and options for Gypsy and Traveller site selection in Ashford.
6. Once a period of consultation on this Issues and Options document has been undertaken, the responses received will be taken into account in the next stage of plan preparation. The next stage is the production of the Draft Submission version of the DPD. As a result of public consultation carried out on the Draft Submission Document, minor changes may be agreed and these are notified to the Secretary of State when the DPD is submitted for approval. The revised LDS up-dates the timetable for the production of the Gypsy and Traveller DPD.

Implications and Risk Assessment

7. To ensure that the Local Plan 2030 remains in conformity with the adopted LDS, the targets and milestones contained within the LDS Timetable will be analysed annually as part of the Authority Monitoring Report and 6 monthly development

update process. These updates can then form an addition to the LDS presented at Examination stage.

Equalities Impact Assessment

8. Not required as no policy changes proposed.

Consultation Planned or Undertaken

9. There is no requirement for public consultation on the LDS.

Other Options Considered

10. Production of an up to date LDS is a statutory requirement, and therefore is not optional. The Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation DPD timetable that is set out in the current LDS is now out of date and has consequently been amended in this new version of the LDS to reflect the up-dated position.

Next Steps in Process

11. If the Cabinet agree the recommendation, then it will be for the Full Council to approve the revised LDS and timetable.
12. In addition, the relevant regulations require the borough council to publish the revised LDS on the council's website, and within the local libraries for information.

Conclusion

13. The revision of the LDS is essential to meet the requirements set out in Regulations, particularly relating to the Local Plan to 2030 and 'soundness' at Examination and also provides a useful tool to measure the current DPD's and progress and milestones of the future DPDs preparation.

Portfolio Holder's Views

14. The Local Development Scheme is a statutory requirement and provides a timetable for the production of relevant Development Plan Documents. It is important that it is kept up to date and hence an up-dated version of the LDS is attached and I commend it to you.

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