
REPORT TO:	Environmental & Development Services Committee	AGENDA ITEM: 12a.
DATE OF MEETING:	1st February 2007	CATEGORY: DELEGATED
REPORT FROM:	Deputy Chief Executive	OPEN
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SUBJECT:	LDF Member Working Panel	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	All	TERMS OF REFERENCE:EDSG

1.0 Reason for Urgency

1.1 A decision is necessary in order that the relevant work can be progressed to meet the Government's timetable for submitting a revised Local Development Scheme and the milestones contained within it.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 Members agree to the setting up of a Local Development Framework (LDF) Working Panel.

3.0 Purpose of Report

3.1 To seek approval for the setting up of a Working Panel to consider from time to time various aspects relating to documents that will make up the Local Development Framework

5.0 Detail

5.1 The Government has set a new requirement that revised Local Development Schemes must be submitted by 31st March 2007. Given this tight deadline, committee scheduling, the elections and other work commitments, it is considered prudent to set up a Working Panel that will act as a sounding board prior to submission of documents for approval by full Council.

5.2 In particular meetings of the Working Panel will be necessary to ensure that the following reports are ultimately approved by Council as follows:

- Revised Local Development Scheme (setting out the milestones in terms of stages of preparation for all the documents that will ultimately constitute the Local Development Framework) to be agreed by Council on 1st March 2007.
- Preferred option for the Woodville-Swadlincote Town Centre Area Action Plan – to be agreed by Council on 19th April 2007.

6.0 Financial Implications

- 6.1 None specifically relating to this report.

7.0 Corporate Implications

- 7.1 Meeting the milestones set out in the LDS is a priority BVPI currently at risk (amber).

8.0 Community Implications

- 8.1 The Area Action Plan will set out long term proposals for improving the environment and the provision of jobs for the local community.

9.0 Conclusions

- 9.1 The establishment of a Working Panel will facilitate Member engagement in the process and enable the outcome of current work to be reported to Council in a timely fashion.

10.0 Background Papers

- 10.1 None