

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Environmental and Development Services Committee	<b>AGENDA ITEM: 7</b>
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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Local Plan - Local Development Scheme</b>	<b>REF:</b>
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## **1.0 Recommendations**

That Members:

- (i) endorse the Local Development Scheme (LDS) for publication.

## **2.0 Purpose of Report**

- 2.1 To endorse the publication of the updated LDS for the Local Development Framework as it forms a piece of evidence base for the Local Plan production.

## **3.0 Detail**

- 3.1 The LDS is an important piece of evidence that sets out the programme for preparing the documents that will form the Local Plan and also the documents to be written as Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs). It also sets out the possible risks that exist with producing the documents listed in the LDS. The LDS is monitored through the Annual Monitoring document.
- 3.2 The LDS was previously put before Members at this Committee on the 10<sup>th</sup> April which unfortunately has already in part become out of date due to the changes that occurred through Amber Valley's examination in regard to an increased housing target for the Derby Housing Market Area. The document can be seen at Appendix 1.
- 3.3 The LDS sets out all Development Plan Documents so in the case of South Derbyshire this refers to the Local Plan Part 1 & 2.
- 3.4 The Local Plan Part 1 at the time of writing is intended to be submitted on the 8<sup>th</sup> August. Following this an Inspector will be appointed to consider the 'soundness' of the Plan. This will initially take place through questions from the Inspector followed by a date being set for the Examination in Public which it is assumed will be around September/October this year though this is set by the Inspector.
- 3.5 It was intended to undertake a consultation on the Local Plan Part 2 in the summer this year but this is one of the main changes that has had to be made to the LDS. Due to the uncertainty regarding the housing target at the time of considering consultation of Part 2 it

wasn't possible to consult on a specific number. The 'options' style consultation will now according to the LDS take place at the end of the year. The Part 2 also has to undertake the statutory stages of consultation and an Examination in Public. The timetable in the LDS still assumes one round of consultation plus the Regulation 19 consultation followed by an Examination which would now mean submission to the Secretary of State in March 2015.

- 3.6 Through the current process of the Local Plan it has been established that a Design SPD, Cycling and Greenways SPD and a Car Parking Standards SPD will be written.
- 3.7 In particular the Design SPD will replace some of the current guidance used by Development Management and will allow information to be updated and be in one location. It is intended that this document has a timetable that parallels the Local Plan Part 1 so that it can be brought before this Committee shortly after adoption of the Part 1 Local Plan.
- 3.8 The timetable for the Greenways SPD has also changed this is due to the County Council not having made a start on an update of their Greenways Strategy. It is essential that the SPD for South Derbyshire is informed by the revised Greenways Strategy.
- 3.9 There is a statutory requirement to have an up to date LDS and due to the stage the Local Plan is at, it is essential that it is updated. All other documents that form the evidence base for the Local Plan will be sent to the Inspector and will help inform their decision into the soundness of the Local Plan.

#### **4.0 Financial Implications**

- 4.1 None arising directly from this report.

#### **5.0 Corporate Implications**

- 5.1 The adoption of a South Derbyshire Local Plan is a key function of the District Council and an action within the Economic Growth priority in the Corporate Plan. The LDS is an essential part of the evidence for the Local Plan.

#### **6.0 Community Implications**

- 6.1 The LDS when published will allow members of the Community and others to be more aware of the timetable that is being followed for the Local Plan but also the other documents that are intended to support the Local Plan policies.

#### **7.0 Background Papers**

- 7.1 None

### *Appendices*

#### *Annex 1: Local Development Scheme*