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Revised Local Development Scheme 2018-2021

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2. Recommendation

- 2.1. **That the Cabinet recommends to the Council that it approves the revised Local Development Scheme 2018-2021.**

3. Background

- 3.1. Chichester District Council's (CDC) Local Development Scheme (LDS) was previously updated and approved by the Council for publication in January 2018.
- 3.2. The LDS is kept under review as it is a statutory requirement. Updates are published on CDC's website so that the local community and developers are kept informed of the current timetable for producing planning policy documents during the rolling three year timeframe. It is necessary to amend the LDS to take account of changes to the timetables of any of the Development Plan Documents. The updated version of the LDS covering the period 2018-2021 is appended to this report.
- 3.3. The LDS contains information about the current Development Plan for the Chichester Local Plan area. It provides a profile for each of the Development Plan Documents (DPD) and Supplementary Planning Documents to be prepared, and a timetable for each main stage of documentation production, including public consultation stages. The LDS also contains information on other documents including Neighbourhood Plans and the Community Infrastructure Levy.
- 3.4. The LDS will be used to monitor CDC's progress in producing planning policy documents as part of the Authority's Monitoring Report.

4. Outcomes to be Achieved

- 4.1. The revised LDS, which covers the period 2018-2021 and details the current Development Plan and proposals for new documents for the Chichester Local

Plan area, will help to manage workloads, resource requirements and enable the public and other interested parties to know when they are able to take part in the planning policy process.

5. Proposal

- 5.1. There are a number of areas where it is proposed to change the LDS, which include amending the timetables for the Chichester Local Plan Review and the Site Allocation DPD. The relevant sections to be amended are addressed below.

Section 3 – The Planning System

- 5.2. The government published the revised NPPF in July 2018 which is a material consideration in decision-making and continues to confirm that the planning system is ‘plan-led’.

Section 4 – The Current Development Plan

- 5.3. Additional documents that now comprise the Development Plan include the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan which was adopted on 20 July 2018 and the recently made Petworth Neighbourhood Plan.

Section 5 – Interim Statements

- 5.4. This section has been removed as there are no interim statements affecting the Chichester Local Planning Authority area (ie outside the National Park).

Section 6 – Development Plan Documents – Timetable

Chichester Local Plan Review

- 5.5. In light of the need to consider recent changes to national policy and the progress of the evidence base studies, which have interlinked dependencies, the timetable for the Chichester Local Plan Review has been reviewed in the LDS. Consultation on the Preferred Approach will now be undertaken during December 2018 and January/February 2019. Following submission of the Plan to the Secretary of State and subject to the examination of the Local Plan Review, it is currently anticipated that the adoption of the Chichester Local Plan Review will now be July 2020.

Site Allocation DPD

- 5.6. The Site Allocation: Proposed Submission Development Plan Document, the final document in the set of documents relating to the adopted Chichester Local Plan: Key Policies 2014-2029, was submitted to the Secretary of State on 31 March 2017. Following the examination hearings (which took place in September 2017), CDC prepared Main and Minor Modifications to the DPD for public consultation. The consultation on the proposed main and minor modifications ran for six weeks from 1 February 2018 until 16 March 2018. All representations received on the Proposed Main Modifications were sent in full to the inspector for her consideration.

- 5.7. CDC has undertaken a Further HRA/Appropriate Assessment at the request of the Inspector, in light of the recent European Court of Justice decision on HRAs (the *Sweetman* case). The consultation on the Further HRA/ Appropriate Assessment closed on 31 August 2018 and representations received were forwarded to the Inspector for her consideration. The timetable for the Site Allocation DPD has, accordingly, been revised in the LDS and adoption is now anticipated for January 2019.

Other Development Plan Documents

- 5.8. These include details of work commencing on a new Site Allocations DPD, which will allocate land for development needs identified the Local Plan Review, such as housing and gypsy and traveller sites. A current timetable for two supplementary planning documents (SPD) relating to pollution is also identified, one relating to air quality and other to noise. These will be consulted on at the same time as the submission version of the Local Pan Review but will not be adopted until after the Local Plan Review has completed the examination process and been adopted in its own right.

Section 7 – Other Documents

- 5.9. Details of the adoption of the Statement of Community Involvement in January 2018 are provided as well as a summary of the Brownfield Land Register maintained by CDC and published on the website.
- 5.10. Both the CIL Charging Schedule and the Planning Obligations and Affordable Housing SPD will require review and possible amendment in the light of the development proposed in the Local Plan Review and the contents of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan and the Whole Plan Viability Assessment (evidence base documents to support the Local Plan Review). At the current time the precise timescales for these reviews are uncertain and the LDS will need to be amended when they have been determined.

6. Alternatives Considered

- 6.1 The timetable for the Chichester Local Plan Review has been prepared to achieve adoption of the Local Plan Review as quickly as possible. Given the need to update the existing Local Plan by July 2020, no alternatives are considered in this report.

7. Resource and Legal Implications

- 7.1. In May 2016, the Cabinet agreed the Local Plan Review - Project Initiation Document which included the estimated costs of the project.

8. Consultation

- 8.1. The LDS itself is not subject to consultation, but it sets out the timetables for when consultation on different planning documents can be expected.

9. Community Impact and Corporate Risks

- 9.1. The production of the Chichester Local Plan Review, Site Allocation DPDs and SPDs requires formal consultation with the public and a wide range of stakeholders to ensure that all potential community impacts and views are considered.

10. Other Implications

Are there any implications for the following?		
	Yes	No
Crime and Disorder		✓
Climate Change		✓
Human Rights and Equality Impact		✓
Safeguarding and Early Help		✓
General Data Protection Regulations		✓
Other (please specify)		✓

11. Appendices

- 11.1. Revised Local Development Scheme 2018-2021

12. Background Papers

- 12.1 None.