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Revised Local Development Scheme 2019-2022

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2. Recommendation

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

3. Background

- 3.1. The Council's Local Development Scheme (LDS) was previously updated and approved by Council for publication in November 2018.
- 3.2. The LDS is kept under review as it is a statutory requirement. Updates are published on the Council'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. The Government has recently emphasised the importance of providing clear timetables for the progression of plans. It is therefore 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 2019-2022 is attached as Appendix 1.
- 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 the Council'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 2019-2022 details the current Development Plan and proposals for new documents for the Chichester Local Plan area. Its purpose is to help 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 update the LDS, which include amending the timetables for the Chichester Local Plan Review and the supporting Site Allocation DPD. In addition, given the need set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) for plans to provide for a period that covers 15 years from the date of adoption, the plan period for the Local Plan Review is now identified in the LDS as 2019 to 2036. Other relevant sections to be amended are addressed below.

Section 3 – The Planning System

- 5.2. The Government revised the NPPF in February 2019 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 Site Allocation Development Plan Document representing the second and 'daughter' document to the adopted Chichester Local Plan: Key Policies 2014 – 2029. The Site Allocation Development Plan Document was adopted on 22 January 2019.

Section 5 – Development Plan Documents – Timetable

Chichester Local Plan Review

- 5.4. Consultation on the Preferred Approach Plan took place between December 2018 and February 2019. In light of the representations received and the issues arising that will necessitate updating the evidence base studies, the timetable for the Chichester Local Plan Review has been revised. Officers are particularly mindful of the need for the new Council to have sufficient time to engage in the Local Plan Review process, however, the programme continues to retain the plan's submission for examination by July 2020. Any further delay to the plan timetable will preclude the Council being able to meet the requirement for a review within 5 years. 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 be in March 2021.

Other Development Plan Documents

- 5.5. The LDS also contains details of the Site Allocations DPD, which will allocate land for development needs identified in the Local Plan Review, such as non-

strategic housing, employment and gypsy and traveller sites. The current timetable for preparation of two supplementary planning documents (SPD) relating to pollution is also identified, one relating to air quality and the other to noise. It is intended that these latter documents will be consulted upon at the same time as the Submission version of the Local Plan Review but that they would 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

- 5.6. Now that the Statement of Community Involvement has been adopted by the Council, it is proposed that the timetable that led to its adoption be removed from the LDS.

6. Alternatives that have been considered

- 6.1 The timetable for the Chichester Local Plan Review has been prepared to enable its submission for independent examination by July 2020. In light of this requirement, no alternatives are considered in this report.

7. Consultation

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

8. Community impact and corporate risks

- 8.1. The production of the Chichester Local Plan Review, Site Allocation DPD 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.

9. Other Implications

Are there any implications for the following?		
	Yes	No
Crime & Disorder:		✓
Climate Change and Biodiversity:		✓
Human Rights and Equality Impact:		✓
Safeguarding and Early Help:		✓
General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)		✓
Health and Wellbeing		✓
Other (Please specify):		✓

10. Appendices

10.1. Appendix 1 – Revised LDS 2019-2022.

11. Background Papers

11.1 None.