

# Chichester District Council

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## Revised Local Development Scheme 2023-2026

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### 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That following consideration by the Development Plan and Infrastructure Panel the 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 March 2021.
- 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 2023-2026 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) 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, the Community Infrastructure Levy and the Statement of Community Involvement.

- 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 2023-2026 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 It is proposed to update the LDS timetables for the new Chichester Local Plan and the supporting Site Allocation DPD. Other relevant sections of the LDS to be amended are addressed below.

#### **Section 3 – The Planning System**

- 5.2 The Government revised the NPPF in July 2021 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 – Interim Position Statement for Housing Development**

- 5.4 At the current time, the Council is not able to demonstrate a five year supply of housing as required by national policy. On that basis an Interim Position Statement for Housing Development (IPS) was prepared to set out how the Council is taking a proactive approach in seeking to boost its supply of housing and draws together adopted and emerging plan policies to help guide development to the most sustainable locations in the Plan area. The IPS does not form part of the current Development Plan, however it is a material consideration in the determination of planning applications at the current time. It was approved for use by Planning Committee on 4 November 2020.

#### **Section 6 – Development Plan Documents - Timetable**

- 5.5 Progress on the new Local Plan has been reported to Members on a regular basis. There has been a need for further significant evidence to enable the Council to finally conclude an appropriate development strategy and in particular, whether the full identified need for development set by Government could be met. This included agreeing the position with key partners on the capacity and deliverability of additional investment on the A27 as well as working with Southern Water in relation to the required improvements to wastewater treatment to support the new planned development. Now this additional work has been completed, a formal Regulation 19

consultation is planned between 3<sup>rd</sup> February and 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Following submission of the Plan to the Secretary of State and subject to the examination of the Local Plan, it is currently anticipated that the adoption of the new Chichester Local Plan will be in Summer/Autumn 2024.

## **Other Development Plan Documents**

- 5.6 The LDS also contains details of the Site Allocation DPD, which will allocate land for development needs identified in the Local Plan, such as non-strategic housing, employment and gypsy and traveller sites.

## **6. Alternatives Considered**

- 6.1 Preparing a Local Development Scheme is a statutory requirement. Key infrastructure concerns and advice received from the Planning Advisory Service led to an unavoidable delay in the timetable between the Regulation 18 and planned Regulation 19 consultation. This further key evidence was deemed crucial to support the new Local Plan in order that it is found sound at Examination.

## **7. Resource and Legal Implications**

- 7.1 The proposals in this report do not have any immediate resourcing implications for the Council over and above the budgets already agreed for this work.
- 7.2 The preparation of the Local Plan has to follow the requirements of the 2004 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and associated regulations. The Town and Country Planning Act (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 are of particular relevance.

## **8. Consultation**

- 8.1 There is no requirement for consultation on the LDS. The intention is for the LDS to be placed on the Council's website, with further updates provided, as appropriate.

## **9. Community Impact and Corporate Risks**

- 9.1 The production of the new Chichester Local Plan, 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.

## **10. Other Implications**

<b>Are there any implications for the following?</b>		
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Crime and Disorder</b> The NPPF requires that local plans should develop robust and comprehensive policies that set out the quality of development that will be expected for the area, and that planning policies should ensure that developments create safe and accessible environments where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine quality of life or community cohesion.	X	

<p><b>Climate Change and Biodiversity</b> The NPPF identifies the mitigation and adaptation to climate change and improvements to biodiversity, as fundamental issues to address in order to deliver sustainable development. Local plans are expected to adopt proactive strategies to mitigate and adapt to climate change in line with the provisions and objectives of the Climate Change Act 2008, and to co-operate to deliver strategic priorities which include climate change. Plans should also seek to minimise the impacts on and provide net gains for biodiversity.</p>	X	
<p><b>Human Rights and Equality Impact</b> The Equality Act 2010 sets statutory duties on public bodies such as local authorities with regard to promoting equality and reducing inequalities of outcome. To ensure that the statutory requirements are achieved, it is intended to undertake and publish an equality impact assessment which will be published as one of the supporting documents when the new Local Plan is submitted to the Secretary of State for formal examination.</p>	X	
<p><b>Safeguarding and Early Help</b></p>		X
<p><b>General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)</b></p>		X
<p><b>Health and Wellbeing</b> The NPPF states that planning policies and decisions should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places.</p>	X	

## 11. Appendices

11.1 Appendix 1 – Revised Local Development Scheme 2023-2026

## 12. Background Papers

12.1 None.