



**Report To:** Planning Portfolio Holder

13 December 2016

**Lead Officer:** Joint Director for Planning and Economic Development

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## **Local Development Scheme Update**

### **Purpose**

1. The purpose of this report is to agree an update to the Local Development Scheme (LDS) for South Cambridgeshire.
2. This is a key decision and was on the Corporate Forward Plan in October 2016. However, it is also giving effect to a decision of Council of 17 November 2016 to amend the scheme to delete the proposal to prepare Area Action Plans for the new settlements identified in the Submitted South Cambridgeshire Local Plan.

### **Recommendations**

3. It is recommended that the Planning Portfolio Holder approve the updated Local Development Scheme (attached as Appendix A).

### **Reasons for Recommendations**

4. The Council is required to prepare and keep updated a Local Development Scheme (LDS) for the district. The publishing of a list of plan documents that the Council intends to prepare and a timetable for this work allows stakeholders and the local community to be aware of the stages in production of these plans and ensures that those with an interest in plans for the District can find information about how and when they can get involved.
5. Full Council on 17 November 2016 agreed that a report should be brought to the Planning Portfolio Holder meeting on 13 December 2016 to revise the Local Development Scheme, to delete reference to the Area Action Plans for New Settlements.

### **Background**

6. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) requires all local planning authorities to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS). The LDS sets out the timetable for plan-making within the district.
7. The LDS for South Cambridgeshire approved by the Planning Policy and Localism Portfolio Holder on 11 February 2014 has been subject to a number of addendums in 2015 and 2016, to update timetables of the Local Plan and Cambridge Northern Fringe East AAP, and the identification of Neighbourhood Areas for the purposes of Neighbourhood Planning. The Council has also maintained a 'live' timetable on its website to keep those interested in the plan aware of any revisions to the timetable of Local Plan and the Examination. Progress against the LDS has also been monitored in the Annual Monitoring Report.

## **Considerations**

8. The updated Local Development Scheme is attached as Appendix A.
9. A number of modifications to the emerging Local Plan was agreed by Full Council on 17 November 2016. These modifications included that there would no longer be a requirement to prepare Area Action Plans for new settlements (Waterbeach New Town and New Village at Bourn Airfield) and as a consequence it was agreed that these would be removed from the LDS. The revised LDS in Appendix A has been amended to reflect this. Whilst Supplementary Planning Documents are proposed to be produced for the New Settlements, the Council is not required to list Supplementary Planning Documents it intends to produce within the LDS.
10. The updated LDS also incorporates the latest timetable position regarding the Local Plan, but is subject to progress of the Local Plan Examination.
11. The list of neighbourhood areas designated in the district has also been updated.

## **Options**

12. This update to the LDS is largely to give effect to the decision of Council, therefore there are no reasonable options.

## **Implications**

13. There are no significant implications

## **Consultation responses (including from the Youth Council)**

14. None.

## **Effect on Strategic Objectives**

### **A. LIVING WELL Support our communities to remain in good health whilst continuing to protect the natural and built environment**

15. The commitment by the Council to prepare plans for the district is a good means of ensuring that the quality of life of its residents and their environs is protected and enhanced into future years.

### **B. HOMES FOR OUR FUTURE**

#### **Secure the delivery of a wide range of housing to meet the needs of existing and future communities**

16. The Local Plan aims to support delivery of new homes to meet identified needs.

### **C. CONNECTED COMMUNITIES**

#### **Work with partners to ensure new transport and digital infrastructure supports and strengthens communities and that our approach to growth sustains prosperity**

17. Preparing development plans for the district means transport and digital infrastructure can be appropriately planned to accommodate growth.

#### **D. AN INNOVATIVE AND DYNAMIC ORGANISATION**

**Adopt a more commercial and business-like approach to ensure we can continue to deliver the best possible services at the lowest possible cost**

18. The LDS provides clear information about future plan making.

#### **Appendices**

**Appendix A: Revised Local Development Scheme 2016-2019.**

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