

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to Planning and Development Policy Development and Review Panel

Date **19 July 2016**

Report of: **Director of Planning and Regulation**

Subject: **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME**

SUMMARY

This report summarises the revised Fareham Borough Local Development Scheme (LDS). The purpose of the LDS is to set out the work programme timetable for producing the Fareham Borough Local Plan Review, as well as the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) and the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR).

RECOMMENDATION

The Panel is invited to support the Local Development Scheme and make any comments they wish in terms of the timetables set out for the Local Plan Review, Statement of Community Involvement and Authority Monitoring Report.

The Panel approves the Director of Planning and Regulation to be authorised to make any necessary minor changes to the Local Development Scheme, providing that these do not change the overall direction, shape or emphasis of the document, prior to the document being considered by the Fareham Borough Executive in September 2016.

INTRODUCTION

1. This report provides a summary of the key revisions made to the Fareham Borough Local Development Scheme.
2. The existing Fareham Borough Local Development Scheme (LDS) was adopted in September 2014 and provided the timetable for the completion of the Fareham Borough Local Plan Part 2 (Development Sites and Policies) and Local Plan Part 3 (Welborne Plan), which were both subsequently adopted in June 2015.
3. The adopted LDS set out a simple timetable for the preparation, examination and adoption of the Local Plan Review. The purpose of this LDS is to update that timetable and to provide further information on the work programme for the Local Plan Review.

REQUIREMENT FOR A LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

4. Local planning authorities are required by legislation to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS). A LDS provides a timetable for the preparation of a Local Plan and any other Local Development Documents, such as the Authority Monitoring Report, by a Local Planning Authority. The purpose of the LDS is to ensure that the community is aware of the programme for preparing the Local Plan and importantly when there will opportunities to respond to consultations on it.

NEED TO UPDATE CURRENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

5. During the examinations of Local Plan Part 2 & Local Plan Part 3, the Council made a commitment to commence an early review of the Local Plan, following the commencement of a review of the South Hampshire Strategy by the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH). A timetable that was considered to be achievable to undertake a review of the Local Plan at that time was agreed to by the Planning Inspector and published in the existing Local Development Scheme (2014).
6. That timetable was based on the PUSH review timeline for the South Hampshire Strategy (now known as PUSH Spatial Position Statement). Due to the complexity of the PUSH review, the timetable for completion of that Strategy was subsequently increased by PUSH by approximately three months from March 2016 until June 2016.
7. In order for the Local Plan Review to be informed by, and be in consistency with, the PUSH Spatial Position Statement and its supporting evidence, it is considered necessary to revise the timetable for the development of the Fareham Borough Local Plan Review through this Local Development Scheme. The revised timetable will still enable the Council to meet the Government's target for having a NPPF compliant Local Plan submitted for examination by March 2018, with submission scheduled for late 2017.
8. The revised timetable for the Fareham Local Plan Review is set out as the following:

Winter 2016/17	Consultation on Draft Plan
Summer – Autumn 2017	Consultation on Publication Plan
Winter 2017	Submission of Plan to Secretary of State
Winter 2018 – Summer 2018	Examination
Autumn 2018	Adoption

9. The new timetable will mean that the anticipated adoption of the plan is now scheduled to take place in autumn 2018, rather than spring/summer 2018 as previously timetabled. However, the Council has little control over the length of the examination phase, which is managed by the Planning Inspectorate, and should the examination phase be concluded sooner than estimated, then adoption of the Plan would accordingly be undertaken sooner.
10. The purpose for the Local Plan Review is to enable the Council to plan for up to date housing and employment needs, as well as taking account of recent changes to the NPPF and other new planning guidance and legislation. The Local Plan Review will also enable the Council to simplify the current Local Plan by preparing a new Local Plan that is clearer, more concise and more engaging for local communities.
11. In addition to the revised timetable for the Local Plan Review, the Local Development Scheme also sets out the timetable for the update to the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) and for the annual preparation of the Council's Authority Monitoring Report (AMR).

STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND AUTHORITY MONITORING REPORT

12. The SCI sets the standards and approach Fareham Borough Council takes to involve stakeholders and the community in the production of Local Development Documents as well as the handling of major applications. The Council is currently reviewing its adopted SCI from January 2011 and an updated version will be published for consultation in September 2016.
13. The Council will continue to prepare an Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) on an annual basis, in accordance with the Town and Country Planning Regulations 2012. The AMR will report on the progress of the timetables set out in the revised Local Development Scheme 2016-2018.

RISK ASSESSMENT

14. There are no significant risk considerations in relation to this report

CONCLUSION

15. The Panel is invited to support and agree the proposed update to the timetable for the Local Plan Review.

Appendices:

Appendix A – Local Development Scheme 2016 – 2018 (Draft) (July 2016)

Reference Papers:

None

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