

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive for Decision 10 July 2017

Portfolio:	Planning and Development
Subject:	Local Development Scheme
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regulation
Strategy/Policy:	Fareham Local Plan Review
Corporate Objective:	To protect and enhance the environment To maintain and extend prosperity To ensure that Fareham remains a safe and healthy place to live and work To provide a reasonable range of leisure opportunities for health and fun To build strong and inclusive communities To be a dynamic, prudent and progressive Council

Purpose:
To approve the Local Development Scheme (2017) for adoption.

Executive summary:
Local Planning Authorities are required by legislation to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS). The purpose of the Fareham Borough LDS is to set out the timetable for producing the Fareham Borough Local Plan Review and the Authority Monitoring Reports (AMR).

An up-to-date LDS ensures that the community and other interested parties are aware of the programme for preparing the Fareham Local Plan 2036 and, importantly, when there will opportunities to respond to consultations on it.

The timetable set out in the LDS aims for the adoption of the Fareham Local Plan 2036 in summer 2019.

Recommendation:
It is recommended that the Executive:

(a) agrees to adopt the Fareham Borough Local Development Scheme 2017 as set out in Appendix A to the report; and

(b) approves that the Director of Planning and Regulation 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 published on the Council's website.

Reason:

To meet the Council's statutory responsibility for setting out an up-to-date timetable for the production of the Fareham Local Plan 2036 so that local communities and interested parties can keep track of progress.

Cost of proposals:

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Appendices: A: Fareham Borough Local Development Scheme 2017 (July 2017)

Background papers: None

Reference papers: None

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Executive Briefing Paper

Date:	10 July 2017
Subject:	Local Development Scheme 2017
Briefing by:	Director of Planning and Regulation
Portfolio:	Planning and Development

INTRODUCTION

1. Local planning authorities are required by legislation to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS). The LDS provides the timetable for the preparation of the Fareham Local Plan 2036 (the new Local Plan) as well as the Authority Monitoring Reports. The purpose of producing a LDS is to ensure that local communities and interested parties are kept up-to-date with the programme for preparing the Local Plan and importantly when there will be opportunities to respond to consultations on it.
2. The existing LDS was adopted in September 2016. Since this was adopted, additional time has been taken in the Local Plan timetable to allow a full draft Local Plan to be prepared which takes into account emerging changes in national policy and guidance that was included in the government White Paper (Fixing Our Broken Housing Market: Feb 2017). This need for additional time was announced at the 2017 March Executive.

NEED TO UPDATE CURRENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

3. The revised timetable demonstrates the Council's intention of delivering an up to date Local Plan which is in consistency with the National Planning Policy Framework and which will be submitted for examination in autumn 2018. It is considered that this will represent a realistic timetable which, subject to no major changes in Government legislation or requirements, will be achievable. The slight delay from the currently published LDS (approximately 6-9 month delay) has allowed Officers to consider and address the proposed and envisaged changes to national planning policy which will now be more appropriately considered and addressed as part of the Draft Plan which is due to be published for consultation in the autumn.
4. The revised timetable for the Fareham Local Plan 2036 is set out as follows:

Autumn 2017
Summer 2018
Autumn 2018
Winter 2018/19
Summer 2019

Consultation on Draft Plan
Consultation on Publication Plan
Submission of Plan to Secretary of State
Examination
Adoption

5. The new timetable will mean that the anticipated adoption of the plan is now scheduled to take place in summer 2019. However, the Council has little control over the length of the examination phase which is managed by the Planning Inspectorate from submission of the Plan to the Secretary of State. Should this phase be concluded sooner than is estimated in the timetable, then adoption of the Plan would accordingly be undertaken sooner.
6. The Fareham Local Plan 2036 will enable the Council to plan for up-to-date housing and employment needs, as well as taking account of proposed 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.

PROGRESS AND CHANGES SINCE THE PREVIOUS LDS

7. In addition to updates to the timetable for the Fareham Local Plan 2036 the revised LDS also takes account of other areas where progress has been made. For instance, the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), which previously featured in the 2016 LDS, was consulted on and adopted in accordance with the timetable. The SCI was adopted in March 2017. The SCI has therefore been removed from the timetable as this work is now complete.
8. Other changes include general updates that ensure the document remains accurate and concise. In addition, there has been the inclusion of a section relating to Neighbourhood Plans, there is also greater clarity on the parts of the existing Local Plan that the new Fareham Local Plan 2036 will supersede. In particular, this includes clarity that it is not currently intended to review or replace the adopted Welborne Plan, it will instead seek to replace the Core Strategy (Local Plan Part 1) and the Development Sites and Policies Plan (Local Plan Part 2).

AUTHORITY MONITORING REPORT

9. The LDS highlights that an Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) will be published annually and gives a timetable for the expected publication each year showing preparation of the document in the autumn with publication in the winter. Each AMR will address the preceding monitoring year period (i.e. 01 April until 31 March each year).

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