

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive for Decision 04 March 2019

Portfolio:	Planning and Development
Subject:	Local Development Scheme
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regulation
Corporate Priorities:	Providing Housing Choices Protect and Enhance the Environment Strong, Safe, Inclusive and Healthy Communities Maintain and Extend Prosperity Leisure Opportunities for Health and Fun Dynamic, Prudent and Progressive Council

Purpose:

To approve the Local Development Scheme (2019) 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 early 2021, beginning with a consultation in Spring 2019 focusing on options to address the issue of meeting the additional housing need.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Executive agrees:

- (a) to adopt the Fareham Borough Local Development Scheme 2019 as set out in Appendix A to the report; and
- (b) that the Director of Planning and Regulation is 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 (March 2019)

Background papers: None

Reference papers: None

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Executive Briefing Paper

Date:	04 March 2019
Subject:	Local Development Scheme
Briefing by:	Director of Planning and Regulation
Portfolio:	Planning and Regulation

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 July 2017. Since this LDS was adopted there have been significant changes to national policy and guidance, particularly the 2018 National Planning Policy Framework and the calculation of housing need, therefore a decision was taken to reconsider the Local Plan process. This was announced at the November 2018 Executive.

NEED TO UPDATE CURRENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

3. The revised timetable demonstrates the Council's intention to deliver an up to date Local Plan which is consistent with the 2018 National Planning Policy Framework and which will be submitted for examination in the summer of 2020. It is considered that this will represent a realistic timetable which, subject to no major changes in Government legislation or requirements, will be achievable.
4. Executive Members will recall the Draft Local Plan which was consulted upon in 2017. This document was the culmination of the analysis of a robust body of evidence which will be built upon to form the new Local Plan to be submitted to and examined by Government.
5. Work is required to address how the borough will meet the need for additional housing identified because of Government changes. Firstly, this will involve re-assessing all previously known sites which have not advanced through the planning system and identifying additional sites to meet the new level of need. The first consultation stage will be on the reasonable options available to meet the additional need. The Council will use the results of this consultation to inform the selection of preferred options to meet the increased housing number which will be subject to a second public consultation

during Winter 2019/2020. Then this preferred option, as amended by the results of the second consultation, will be merged with the contents of the Draft Local Plan 2017 to form the plan that will be published, consulted upon and submitted to Government. It is at this 'publication' stage that the new Draft Local Plan will be subject to Executive and Council approval prior to the final stage of public consultation.

6. The revised timetable for the Fareham Local Plan 2036 is set out as follows:

Autumn 2017	Consultation on Draft Local Plan
Spring 2019	Consultation on 'Issues and Options'
Autumn 2019-Winter 2019/2020	Consultation on Revised Development Strategy and proposed additional allocations
Spring 2020	Consultation on Publication Local Plan
Summer 2020	Submission of Plan to Secretary of State
Estimated – Autumn 2020/Winter 2020/2021	Examination
Early 2021	Adoption

7. The new timetable will mean that the anticipated adoption of the plan is now scheduled to take place in early 2021. 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.
8. The Fareham Local Plan 2036 will enable the Council to plan for up-to-date housing, employment and other needs, as well as taking account of proposed changes to the 2018 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.
9. It is also the intention to review the CIL Charging Schedule in line with the statement made in the previous Viability Study (2017) that supported the draft local plan. Fareham was an early-adopter of CIL and since adoption, developments have taken place in the manner in which CIL is used to fund infrastructure as a consequence of several government changes to CIL regulations. Proposed changes to the CIL regulations are planned for 2019 and after their publication, a timetable will be provided.

PROGRESS AND CHANGES SINCE THE PREVIOUS LDS

10. In addition to updates to the timetable for the Fareham Local Plan 2036 the revised LDS also includes general updates that ensure the document remains accurate and concise.

AUTHORITY MONITORING REPORT

11. 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 winter with publication in the spring. Each AMR will address the preceding monitoring year period (i.e. 01 April until 31 March each year).

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