

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive for Decision 01 September 2014

Portfolio:	Planning and Development
Subject:	Local Development Scheme Review
Report of:	Director of Planning and Development
Strategy/Policy:	Fareham Local Plan
Corporate Objective:	Protecting and Enhancing our Environment Maintaining and Extending Prosperity A Safe and Healthy Place to Live and Work Leisure for Health and for Fun A Balanced Housing Market Strong and Inclusive Communities A Dynamic, Prudent, Progressive, Best Practice Council

Purpose:

To approve the revised version of the Local Development Scheme (September 2014) to take effect from 19 September 2014.

Executive summary:

The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a programme management tool that sets out timetables for the preparation of Local Plan documents. This review represents a necessary update to reflect the submission dates of both the Local Plan Part 2: Development Sites & Policies Plan and the Local Plan Part 3: Welborne Plan. This update also provides an indicative timetable for the review of the Local Plan following the upcoming review of the South Hampshire Strategy.

Recommendation:

- a) That the revised Local Development Scheme be approved, as set out in Appendix A to this report;
- b) That the Director of Planning and Development, in consultation with the Executive Member for Planning and Development, be authorised to make any necessary minor amendments to the document;
- c) That the revised Local Development Scheme shall take effect from 19 September 2014;
- d) That the Executive endorses the indicative timetable for the review of the Local Plan following a review of the South Hampshire Strategy.

Reason:

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended by the Planning Act 2008, and the Localism Act 2011, requires each local planning authority to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme.

The Local Development Scheme has been updated to ensure that Fareham Borough Council has an up-to-date and appropriate programme management plan to address the future development needs of the Borough through a resourced programme of work that is realistic and achievable.

Cost of proposals:

The costs associated with revision of the Local Development Scheme itself (production and distribution) can be met within the current Local Plan budget.

However, there are costs to be incurred in preparing each Local Plan document. Cost estimates for these have been prepared to inform the budget reports considered by the Executive each year. The Welborne Plan in particular has been highlighted as a spending pressure and a quarterly financial update is provided to the Executive.

Appendix A: Local Development Scheme (Revised September 2014)

Background papers: None

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Executive Briefing Paper

Date: 01 September 2014

Subject: Local Development Scheme Review

Briefing by: Director of Planning and Development

Portfolio: Planning and Development

INTRODUCTION

1. The Local Development Schemed (LDS) is a programme management tool that sets out timetables for the preparation of Local Plan documents. This revised version will update and replace the existing Local Development Scheme, which came into effect on 28th February 2014.
2. The Planning and Compulsory Act 2004, as amended by the Planning Act 2008, and the Localism Act 2011, requires each local planning authority to prepare and maintain an LDS.
3. The LDS provides a brief description of all the Local Plan documents that Fareham Borough Council is preparing, together with information about their content and the geographic area which they will cover. It explains how the different planning documents are related to each other.

UPDATE TO LDS DATES

4. Since the most recent LDS was published in February 2014 a number of Local Plan documents have progressed to submission. The Council undertook a representation period on both the Local Plan Part 2: Development Sites & Policies (DSP) Plan and the Local Plan Part 3: Welborne Plan between 28th February and 11th April 2014. Following a review of all the representations received the Council submitted both plans to the Secretary of State on the 23rd June 2014. It is important for clarity and continuity that the LDS is reviewed to reflect this progress and to include the correct publication and submission dates.
5. In addition to the Local Plan documents, there has also been progress on a number of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) and the review of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) since the February 2014 version of the LDS. The Council has recently completed consultation on the CIL preliminary draft charging schedule as well as the Draft Welborne Design Guidance SPD, the Draft Welborne Planning Obligations and Affordable Housing SPD and the Draft Planning Obligations & Affordable Housing (Excluding Welborne) SPD. Work on a Design SPD for the Rest of the Borough (excluding Welborne) and Non-Residential Parking Standards SPD is ongoing. The

LDS has been amended to take account of these revised Local Plan timescales and to provide a general update on progress.

INDICATIVE TIMETABLE FOR LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

6. At the 10th February meeting the Executive agreed to a commitment to an early review of the Local Plan following a review of the South Hampshire Strategy. The purpose of this commitment is to ensure the Council is as compliant with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) as soon as possible. The Core Strategy has a time horizon to 2026, in line with the South Hampshire Strategy (October 2012). As the Development Sites and Policies Plan will complete the Local Plan that was started through the Core Strategy, the end date of 2026 is considered to be an appropriate time scale. However, the NPPF states a preference for a plan to have a time horizon 15 years from the date of adoption, and so the Council needs to show a commitment to review the Local Plan, and to extend the time period covered as soon as possible.
7. The NPPF also requires Local Plan's to be based on up to date evidence and for development requirements to be based on objectively assessed needs. Work on understanding the objectively assessed needs of the Borough has been started through the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) Strategic Housing Market Assessment and will be carried through the review of the South Hampshire Strategy (SHS), which is currently being progressed. It will be important, especially during the examination into the Development Sites & Policies Plan, to demonstrate that the Council is planning to meet its objectively assessed needs through an early review of the Local Plan which takes account of the revised South Hampshire Strategy.
8. PUSH has made progression on the timetable for a review of the South Hampshire Strategy. At the PUSH Joint Committee on the 24th June the following timetable was outlined for the review:

May 2014 - Sep 2014	Review and Update to Evidence Review
Oct 2014 - May 2015	Development and testing of initial options
Jul 2015 - Aug 2015	Public consultation on the options
Sep 2015 - Dec 2015	Drafting the new Spatial Strategy
Early 2016	Consultation on the Strategy, final amendments and adoption

9. Using the SHS timetable as a starting point, the following bullet points outline a realistic timetable within which a Local Plan review can be achieved.
 - Summer 2016 – Consultation on draft Local Plan (regulation 18)
 - Summer 2017 – Publication of pre-submission Local Plan (regulation 19)
 - Autumn 2017 – Submission to Secretary of State
 - Winter 2017 – Examination
 - Spring/Summer 2018 – Adoption
10. It is important to note that this timetable is dependent upon the Local Plan Parts 2 and 3 and the SHS review being completed on schedule. Therefore this caveat is included in the LDS.

RISK ASSESMENT

11. For the Local Plan Parts 2 and 3, which have now been submitted to the Planning Inspector, there still remains a degree of uncertainty over the timetable being delivered as shown in the revised LDS. The Plans are now in the hands of an independent Planning Inspector, and whilst he has given indicative dates for hearings which are reflected in the revised LDS there could still be unforeseen delays in the examination process.
12. The indicative timetable for the review of the Local Plan is subject to Local Plan Part 2 and Part 3 being found sound and adopted, and the South Hampshire Strategy review being progressed on the dates put forward at the recent PUSH Joint Committee. It would be inappropriate to progress the Local Plan review without the necessary evidence, which the SHS is expected to provide. Any delay in the progress in the South Hampshire Strategy review will, therefore, have implications for the review of the Local Plan.

NEXT STEPS

13. If approved, the Local Development Scheme (September 2014) will be published on the Council's website from 19th September and paper copies will be available to view at the Council's Civic Offices and libraries within the Borough. The appointed Planning Inspector for the examination into the DSP Plan and the Welborne Plan will also be sent a revised copy of the LDS.

CONCLUSION

14. For the reasons set out above, the published timetables for the submitted plans, alongside an indicative timetable for a review of the Local Plan, need to be updated and published through a revised LDS.

Reference Papers:

[PUSH Joint Committee 24th June Item 10: Spatial Strategy Review Update](#)

[Local Development Scheme \(February 2014\)](#)