

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITY: ENVIRONMENT

CABINET

14TH DECEMBER, 2006

Wards Affected

County wide

Purpose

To approve the revised Local Development Scheme.

Key Decision

This is not a key decision.

Recommendation

THAT the revised Local Development Scheme be approved and have effect from 31st January, 2007.

Reasons

To ensure that the Council's Local Development Scheme, a statutory requirement of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, is up to date.

Considerations

1. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 introduced a new system of development planning, known as the Local Development Framework. One of the requirements placed on local planning authorities is to publish a statement of how their forward planning work will be organised over a three year period – known as the Local Development Scheme. The Scheme must be revised as necessary.
2. The current Local Development Scheme was published in January 2006. The Scheme has been reviewed in response to a number of factors and a copy of the revised document is attached.
3. The revised Scheme has been prepared to reflect the following factors:
 - The need to roll the Scheme forward a year and include proposals for additional local development documents.
 - The current timetable for the review of parts of the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS), including housing and employment land provision. The Regional Assembly (Regional Planning Body) is undertaking this review to a timetable which has slipped during the year. The new timetable sees submission of a

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preferred option to Government in December 2007 (was June 2007) and final approval in early 2009 (was autumn 2008).

- The likely UDP timetable, with adoption expected in April 2007.
 - The need to consider recommendations made by the Inspector following the UDP Inquiry.
 - The need to reflect current timetables for Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) which are to be prepared in parallel to the final stages of the UDP.
4. The revised Scheme includes the following principal amendments:
- Core Strategy: the timetable for the Core Strategy has been revised to align with the new timetable for the RSS revisions, so that the Core Strategy can be prepared on the basis of the most up to date regional policies;
 - Following the Core Strategy, programmes are now established for the preparation of documents setting out development control policies and dealing with site allocations for housing, employment and other uses such as retail.
 - Timetables have been reviewed and established for new SPD's including those for Edgar Street Grid, planning obligations, archaeology and development and historic landscapes.
5. On approval, the Scheme must be submitted to the Government Office for consideration before it can be brought into effect. The Secretary of State has powers under the 2004 Act to direct that Schemes be amended. The recommendation is subject to this consideration.

Risk Management

Maintenance of the Local Development Scheme is a statutory requirement.

Alternative Options

There are no alternative options, preparation of the Local Development Scheme being a statutory requirement.

Consultees

Planning Committee 24 November 2006 and Government Office for the West Midlands

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Revised Local Development Scheme

Background Papers

Planning Policy Statement 12: Local Development Frameworks