

Record of operational decision

Decision title:	Local Development Scheme (LDS) Review
Date of decision:	15/02/2024
Decision maker:	Service Director for Economy and Growth
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>Economy and Place Scheme of Delegation</p> <p>Preparation of development plan documents (part 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004) Preparation of and consultation upon issues and options documents is delegated to Service Director for Economy and Growth</p> <p>Resolution made at the time of a previous LDS review (17/08/2018) to authorise the then programme director housing and growth to make any amendments necessary to ensure the published scheme remains accurate and accords with timetables agreed by the executive for the production of development plan documents. Legal services have confirmed that where functions have been moved around delegations can be moved to the new post so long as what is required is covered by the previous delegation. In this instance the Service Director for Economy and Growth can take the decisions on the review and update of the LDS.</p>
Ward:	'Countywide'
Consultation:	None
Decision made:	The revised Local Development Scheme is approved for publication
Reasons for decision:	<p>The LDS is in essence, the project plan for the preparation of planning documents.</p> <p>The revised scheme (copy attached) has been prepared to reflect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need to update the scheme forward to the new timescale for the Local Plan • include revised progress on other development plan documents and Supplementary Planning Documents; • Inclusion of Herefordshire Design Codes and • The progress made on Neighbourhood Development Plans in the county. <p>The revised scheme includes the details of the proposed target dates for</p>

	<p>preparation of the following development plan documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herefordshire Local Plan - target adoption date Summer 2026 • Minerals and Waste Local Plan – target adoption date Spring 2024 <p>Although Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) (which are prepared to support the understanding of DPDs) are not required to be included in the Local Development Scheme the intention to prepare various SPDs is referenced in the Local Development Scheme.</p> <p>A copy of the draft LDS is attached as Appendix 1</p>
<p>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</p>	<p>It is a legal requirement (Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, Section 15) that a Local Development Scheme is prepared</p> <p>There are no financial or equality implications</p> <p>The current published LDS is out of date and this poses a reputational risk to the authority.</p> <p>Additionally, on the 19 December 2023, in his Written Ministerial Statement on the Long-Term Plan for Housing, the Secretary of State asked all local planning authorities with an out-of-date timetable for producing a local plan, to review and update their current timetable within 12 weeks of the NPPF revisions (dated 19 December 2023). Therefore this update is timely.</p>
<p>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</p>	<p>The previous LDS (May 2023) is now out of date and needs replacing to reflect the current changes in the timescale and content of the Local Plan.</p> <p>The alternative would be to delay revision of the LDS – but such a delay would serve no useful purpose</p>
<p>Details of any declarations of interest made:</p>	<p>No officers or members involved or consulted in the decision-making have declared an interest.</p>

Signed..... Date: