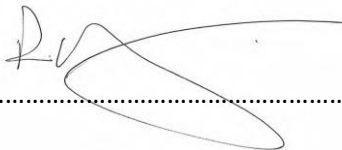


### Record of operational decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	Local Development Scheme (LDS) Review
<b>Date of decision:</b>	05/03/25
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Director for Growth
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	<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 Director for Growth.</p> <p>Resolution made at the time of a previous LDS review (17/08/2018) to authorise the then Programme Director for Housing &amp; 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, providing that what is required, is covered by the previous delegation. In this instance the Director for Growth can take the decisions on the review and update of the LDS.</p>
<b>Ward:</b>	'Countywide'
<b>Consultation:</b>	Cabinet member for Planning and Environment
<b>Decision made:</b>	The revised Local Development Scheme is approved for publication
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>The LDS is in essence, the project plan for the preparation of planning documents. A review of the LDS is warranted by the need to set out a revised programme for Local Plan preparation in light of the government's revisions to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and standard method housing figure published in December 2024.</p> <p>In addition to the usual requirements, the government has required that all LPAs produce a new LDS and submit it to them by the 6th March 2025. They set out that the updated LDS should include clear, realistic, and specific dates for consultation and submission of the local plan.</p> <p>A copy of the draft LDS is attached as Appendix 1</p>

<p><b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b></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 financial implications as the Council has to produce a new Local Plan to accommodate the level of growth as required by the new mandatory housing target set by Government. There are no equality implications.</p> <p>The current published LDS is out of date and this poses a reputational risk to the authority.</p>
<p><b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b></p>	<p>The previous LDS (February 2024) is now out of date and needs replacing to reflect the current changes in the timescale and content of the Local Plan. This is a requirement by the government, therefore, there are not alternative options.</p>
<p><b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b></p>	<p>No officers or members involved or consulted in the decision-making have declared an interest.</p>



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