

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

Report By: Forward Planning Manager

Wards

Countywide

Purpose

1. To consider the second review of the Council's Local Development Scheme.

Financial Implications

2. None

Introduction

3. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 introduced new provisions and requirements for development planning. 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.
4. This Committee considered the first Scheme in 2004 and a first review in November 2005. Following approval by Cabinet this came into effect in January 2006.
5. The Scheme has been reviewed in response to a number of factors and a copy of the revised document is attached for Committee's initial consideration.

The revised Scheme

6. 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 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.
7. 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;
 - DPD's: 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.
 - SPD's: timetables have been reviewed and established for new SPD's including those for Edgar Street Grid, planning obligations, archaeology and development and historic landscapes.
8. Following approval by Cabinet, the revised Scheme must be submitted to Government Office with a four week period for comment before it can come into effect.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee endorse the Local Development Scheme and recommend its approval to Cabinet by the Cabinet Member (Environment).