

Title of meeting: Cabinet Member for Culture and City Development

Date of meeting: 29th November 2019

Subject: Revised Local Development Scheme

Report by: Ian Maguire, Assistant Director Planning & Economic Growth, Regeneration

Wards affected: All

Key decision: Yes

Full Council decision: No

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To purpose of this report is to outline the revisions to the Local Plan timetable set out in the Local Development Scheme (LDS).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **To approve the revised Local Plan timetable set out in the Local Development Scheme (LDS) for progression to a Cabinet decision meeting (4th February 2020).**

3. Background

- 3.1. The Local Planning Authority is preparing a new Portsmouth Local Plan for the period up until 2036. The Plan will set out details on the level of development which will take place in the city and where it will be located; and identify the infrastructure needed to support this growth. It will contain planning policies that will inform and influence the quality of development delivered in the city. These will be used to guide decision making on planning applications. Critical to this will be evidence to assess the impacts, viability and deliverability of development.
- 3.2. A Local Development Scheme is required under section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)¹. This must specify the development plans, the subject matter of those plans and the geographical areas they cover and the timetable for the production and adoption of the plans. For the Council is this primarily the new Portsmouth Local Plan 2016-2036.
- 3.3. Local planning authorities have an obligation to keep the Local Development Scheme up to date and publish it on their website. Portsmouth's Local

¹ <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/section/111/enacted>

Development Scheme was last updated on 5th February 2019 following approval by Cabinet².

4. Reasons for recommendations

- 4.1 Following a rigorous review of the work and resources required to prepare a refreshed Local Plan, it is necessary to update the timetable within the Local Development Scheme. Revised timescales are set out in Table 1 below and the full Local Development Scheme can be found in Appendix A. It is worth noting that these timescales may be amended further if external factors beyond the Planning Authority's control impact on them; for example, significant changes to national planning policy or a significant amount of feedback received during public consultation on the Plan.

Table 1. Updated Timetable for production

Timetable for production		
Preparation ('Reg. 18')	Issues and Options consultation	July 2017
	Evidence base consultation ('Local Plan update')	February 2019
	Consultation on a draft Local Plan	June 2020
Publication ('Reg. 19')	Consultation on the proposed Local Plan for submission	November 2020
Submission ('Reg. 22')	Submission of Plan to Secretary of State	March 2021
Examination hearings ('Reg. 24')	Examination of the Plan by an appointed Inspector	Spring/Summer 2021
Inspectors report ('Reg. 25')	Inspectors Report on whether the plan is legally compliant and sound	Summer 2021
Adoption ('Reg. 26')	Formal adoption of the plan by the council	Winter 2021

5. Equality impact assessment

- 5.1 An equality impact assessment is not required as the recommendations do not have a disproportionate negative impact on any of the specific protected characteristics as described in the Equality Act 2010. All projects/plans within the Local Development Scheme would be subject to their own EIA if there was a potential positive or negative impact on any of the protected characteristics.

6. Legal implications

- 6.1 Legal comments are contained within the body of this report. The Regulations referred to in Table 1 are the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, which provide the statutory framework for the

² <https://democracy.portsmouth.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=126&MId=4068&Ver=4>

production of a local plan as envisaged by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

7. Director of Finance's comments

7.1 The recommendations within this report regarding the updated LDS timetable do not directly have an adverse impact on Council resources. It is anticipated that the costs for any external technical work required to inform the final production of the Local Plan will be met from the existing cash limited budget.

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Appendices: Appendix A: Revised Local Development Scheme

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by on

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