

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

12 SEPTEMBER 2018

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK PROGRESS REPORT

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To update Members on the progress of the various elements of the Local Development Framework (LDF) contained within the Local Development Scheme (LDS) timetable and to propose amendments to the timetable to address the issues that have arisen as part of the Amended Core Strategy Examination.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 The current LDS was adopted by Full Council on 11 July 2017 and came into force on 12 July 2017. Full Council adopted the LDS to ensure that the Amended Core Strategy could be submitted for Examination in September 2017. As reported to 20 June meeting, the Amended Core Strategy DPD (ACS) was submitted for examination on 29 September 2017 in line with the Local Development Scheme. The Planning Inspectorate appointed Inspector Mr. Paul Griffiths BSc (Hons) BArch IHBC to carry out the Examination process.

2.2 The Examination Hearings took place on 1 and 2 February 2018. The Inspector identified a small number of issues where he believed that the Council need to make modifications to the Plan to make the Plan sound. The Inspector has however following consideration (and several exchanges of correspondence) of the Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) concluded that a new assessment will need to be undertaken.

2.3 A recent ruling by the European Court on the process of ensuring that plans and programmes do not have adverse impact on a protected European habitat has also impacted on the ACS. This required the production of an Appropriate Assessment, which has subsequently been submitted to the Planning Inspector.

3.0 Progress

3.1 Following the submission of the Appropriate Assessment the Planning Inspector has indicated that the proposed Main Modifications which he requires to make the Plan sound are acceptable for consultation. Subsequently the District Council commenced consultation on the proposed Main Modifications for a period of just over six weeks from 8 August until 21 September 2018. In addition to the consultation on the Main Modifications the Council is also consulting on the following:

- a number of minor modifications/clarifications along with the Appropriate Assessment;
- An assessment of the impact of the Main Modifications and the Minor Modifications/Points of Clarification on the Integrated Impact Assessment & HRA; and
- Appropriate Assessment.

3.2 Once this process is concluded the Inspector will consider any responses on the Main Modifications and any comments on the Appropriate Assessment and prepare his Inspectors Report.

4.0 **Amendments to the LDS**

4.1 The Local Development Scheme will need to be updated both to reflect the recent progress on the examination of the ACS and the requirement to undertake a new GTAA as part of the Allocations & Development Management DPD. The following dates are proposed for the remaining stages of the ACS:

- Consultation on Main Modifications (August/September 2018)
- Receipt of Inspector's Report (November 2018)
- Adoption and Publication (December 2018)

4.2 The Council have appointed consultants to undertake the GTTA and it is estimated that given the need to undertake significant survey work this will take 9 months to complete. It is proposed to undertake the production of the Plan in two phases with an initial Issues Paper consultation in January 2019 focusing on an outline approach to Gypsy & Traveller policy and call for sites. This consultation will also allow the Council to consult on amendments to Development Management Policies which will need to be in line with the recently published National Planning Policy Framework and update the position in relation to the various existing allocations and identifying Opportunity sites. Once the GTAA is completed a further stage of consultation will be undertaken in June/July 2019. The proposed timetable for production is set out in the table below:

Amended Allocations & Development Management DPD
Issues Report (January/Feb 2019) Review of Development Management Policies, updated sites position, outline approach to Gypsy & Traveller policy and call for sites
Options Report (July/August 2019) Detailed Approach to Gypsy & Traveller policy and allocations
Publication of Draft DPD (and final Integrated Impact Assessment) for period of Public Representation (October/November 2019) Consideration of representations and any potential amendments
Submission of DPD to Secretary of State (January 2020) Examination by Inspector (May 2020)
Consultation on Main Modifications (July/August 2020) Receipt of Inspector's Report (October 2020)
Adoption and Publication (November 2020)

4.3 It is also proposed that production of two updated Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) will be consulted upon over the next year as a priority. The table overleaf sets out timetables for updating the Developer Contributions & Planning Obligations SPD and the Affordable Housing SPD. A proposed timetable of the Newark Gateway Master Plan, to be incorporated as an SPD as set out elsewhere in the Committee Agenda is also included. Further SPDs will be updated or developed to assist in the implementation of the various elements of the Development Plan once the Allocations & Development Management DPD has been adopted.

SPD Timetable	
Developer Contributions & Planning Obligations SPD	Consultation: January/February 2019 Adoption: March 2019
Affordable Housing SPD	Consultation: June/July 2020 Adoption: September 2020
Newark Gateway Master Plan SPD	Consultation: Sept/Oct 2020 Adoption: November 2020

5.0 Impact on Budget/Policy Framework

5.1 The Constitution gives responsibility to Economic Development Committee for agreeing the update of the Local Development Scheme.

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS that:

- (a) **Committee note progress towards meeting the timetable of the adopted Local Development Scheme;**
- (b) **Committee agree to amend the Local Development Scheme to reflect the proposed approach set out in Section 4 of the report; and**
- (c) **the amended Local Development Scheme comes into force on 13 September 2018.**

Reason for Recommendations

To comply with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and amending regulations.

Background Papers

Local Development Scheme July 2017.

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