

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

20 NOVEMBER 2019

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK PROGRESS UPDATE

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To update Members on progress towards delivery of the Plan Review in relation to the Allocations and Development Management Policies and to propose amendments to the timetable within the Local Development Scheme (LDS).

2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 Consultation on the Allocations & Development Management Issues Paper concluded on 19 August 2019. In total 59 organisations and individuals responded, including a number suggesting potential development sites. The current LDS timetable envisaged that the next stage of the Plan Review process, the Allocations & Development Management Options Report, would be published for public consultation in October 2019. It was agreed at the September Committee that an additional meeting of the Committee should be arranged to approve the Options Report in October. This was to allow members to fully consider the proposed policy approach to meeting Gypsy & Traveller housing policy.
- 2.2 Local Development Framework Task Group have considered the consultation responses and the emerging evidence base in relation to Gypsy and Traveller housing provision and where advised by officers that detailed site analysis of potential additional capacity on existing sites was necessary to ensure that additional pitch requirements were realistic. This work is estimated to take around three months.

3.0 Proposals

- 3.1 It is therefore proposed to update the LDS timetable to reflect the additional work that is being undertaken. The following timetable is proposed:

Amended Allocations & Development Management DPD
Issues Report (July/Aug 2019) Review of Development Management Policies, updated sites position, outline approach to Gypsy & Traveller policy and call for sites
Options Report (January/February/March 2020) Detailed Approach to Gypsy & Traveller policy and allocations
Publication of Draft DPD (and final Integrated Impact Assessment) for period of Public Representation (June/July 2020) Consideration of representations and any potential amendments
Submission of DPD to Secretary of State (September 2020) Examination by Inspector (December 2020)
Consultation on Main Modifications (February/March 2021)
Receipt of Inspector's Report (May 2021)
Adoption and Publication (June 2021)

3.2 The LDS envisages that a number of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) also need to be reviewed. It is proposed that work on the Developer Contributions and Planning Obligations SPD and the Affordable Housing SPD will now be undertaken next year with these SPDs being scheduled for consultation in October/November 2020 with a view to adopting them at the end of 2020. Work on reviewing other SPDs will be carried out during 2021.

4.0 Equalities Implications

4.1 An Integrated Impact Assessment is being prepared alongside the Plan Review process to ensure that the impact on groups with protected characteristics of the proposals are considered as part of the policy making process.

5.0 Financial Implications - FIN19-20/3555

5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

6.0 Community Plan – Alignment to Objectives

6.1 The Community Plan Objective “Accelerate the supply of new homes including associated facilities” includes a requirement to complete the Plan Review and identify sites for Gypsy and Traveller provision.

7.0 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 3 of the report; and**
- (c) the amended Local Development Scheme comes into force on 21 November 2019;**

Reason for Recommendations

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

Background Papers

Local Development Scheme March 2019.

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