

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

15 JANUARY 2020

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.

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 Local Development Framework Task Group considered the consultation responses and the emerging evidence base in relation to Gypsy & 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. It was estimated that this work would take around three months.

2.2 Accordingly a new timetable was agreed on 20 November 2019:

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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)

Current Progress

3.1 Work on the Gypsy & Traveller potential additional capacity on existing sites continues however it has not yet been completed; until such time as it has been the Options Report cannot be finalised. Furthermore a new design policy is also being prepared to incorporate the principles of Building for Life. Unfortunately due to the general election the workshops relating to this were delayed and have been rearranged and where due to be held on 8 January 2020. The results of these workshops will be used to finalise a new design policy over the next few weeks.

3.2 Once the capacity work has been concluded to the extent that the Options Report can be finalised this will be presented to Committee for approval for consultation. It is intended that this will be done as soon as possible. Therefore, it may be necessary to hold an additional meeting of the Committee. An updated LDS timetable will also be presented alongside the options report.

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 - FIN19-20/9271

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 & Traveller provision.

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS that:

- (a) **Committee note progress towards meeting the timetable of the adopted Local Development Scheme; and**
- (b) **Committee agree to hold an additional meeting, if necessary, to approve the Options Report for public consultation.**

Reason for Recommendations

To allow Committee to agree an additional meeting date, if necessary.

Background Papers

Local Development Scheme March 2019.

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