

Brighton & Hove City Council

Tourism, Equalities, Communities & Culture Committee

Agenda Item 85

Subject: Local Development Scheme Update

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Report of: Executive Director, Economy Environment & Culture

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Ward(s) affected: All

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1. Purpose of the report and policy context

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the revised Local Development Scheme (LDS). This is the three-year work programme setting out the timetable for the preparation of planning documents produced by the Local Planning Authority, including those that make up the development plan for Brighton & Hove. It covers the period from 2022 to 2025.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That Committee approves the revised Local Development Scheme 2022 – 2025, attached as Appendix 1.

3. Context and background information

3.1 All Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) are required to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS) under s15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The LDS is a public statement of a LPA's programme for the production of Development Plan Documents (DPDs), the subject matter and geographical area to which each is to relate, and which are to be prepared jointly with one of more other LPAs. It also sets out the programme for preparing other planning documents, for example Supplementary Planning Documents, and provides an update on the progress of neighbourhood plans in the city. The 2004 Act provides that a LPA must revise its LDS as such time as they consider appropriate or when directed to do so by the Secretary of State.

3.2 DPDs set out policies on the development and use of land in a local authority area. The LDS outlines in advance when public consultations are due to take place, when DPDs are expected to be submitted to the Secretary of State for public examination, and when they are expected to be adopted.

3.3 The previous LDS was published in 2020 to cover the period 2020-2023 and an update is now required to ensure the document is up-to-date.

3.4 Key updates in this iteration of the LDS include:

- An update to the timetable for the production of City Plan Part Two;
- Amendments to the timetable for the current targeted review of certain policies in the Waste & Minerals Local Plan to reflect slippage against the previously published timetable
- An indicative timetable for the review of City Plan Part One.
- An indicative timetable for a full review of the Waste & Minerals Local Plan.
- An updated list of adopted Supplementary Planning Documents to reflect the recent adoption of the Urban Design Framework and Hove Station Area Masterplans
- Updates on the progress of Neighbourhood Plans in the city.

3.5 Full details and timetables are set out in the revised LDS, which is included as an appendix to this report.

3.6 The council's performance against the LDS timetable is assessed in the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) which is published annually.

4. Analysis and consideration of alternative options

4.1 The council is required by planning legislation to produce and maintain an up-to-date LDS. The alternative options considered and evaluated in preparing the LDS relate to the type of development plan documents to be prepared over the next three years, how they will be resourced and prioritised, and when the key stages will be undertaken. The proposed timetable is considered the best option with the resources available.

5. Community engagement and consultation

5.1 The LDS is not subject to public consultation, however the production of all DPDs, SPDs and Neighbourhood Plans set out within it include stages of public consultation.

6. Conclusion

6.1 Approval of the LDS will ensure that there is an up-to-date timetable for preparing development plan documents in accordance with planning legislation. The approved LDS will be published on the Council's website.

7. Financial implications

7.1 There are no direct financial implications as a result of the revised Local Development Scheme. The costs of preparing the revised Local Development Scheme has been and will be met from existing revenue budgets.

Name of finance officer consulted: John Lack Date consulted: 09/02/22

8. Legal implications

- 8.1 The statutory background to the requirement to produce and revise a local development scheme is set out in the body of the report.

Name of lawyer consulted: Hilary Woodward Date consulted: 10/2/22

9. Equalities implications

- 9.1 None relevant to this report.

10. Sustainability implications

- 10.1 None relevant to this report.

11. Other Implications

- 11.2 None relevant to this report.

Supporting Documentation

1. Appendices

1. Revised Local Development Scheme 2020-2023

