

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
& CULTURE COMMITTEE****Agenda Item 14**

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	Revised Local Development Scheme, 2014 – 2017		
Date of Meeting:	19 June 2014		
Report of:	Executive Director Environment Development & Housing		
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Ward(s) affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT**

- 1.1 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 the set of documents that make up the development plan for Brighton & Hove, and covers the period from 2014 to 2017.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee approves the revised Local Development Scheme 2014-2017.
- 2.2 That the Committee resolves that the scheme is to have effect from 19 June 2014.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 All local planning authorities are required to produce a Local Development Scheme (LDS) under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The LDS is a public statement of a local planning authority's programme for the production of Development Plan Documents (DPDs). DPDs set out policies on the development and use of land in a local authority area. The scheme outlines in advance when public examinations and major public consultations are due to take place, and when the documents are due to be adopted.
- 3.2 The LDS includes a three year timetable showing the main stages for community and stakeholder involvement in producing DPDs.
- 3.3 The previous version of the LDS (2011 – 2014) set out for the first time the proposed timetable for producing the City Plan, following the withdrawal of the previous Core Strategy. The revised LDS (2014 – 2017) follows a similar approach to the previous version, with no significant additional development plan documents. To summarise, the main changes to the previously approved version of the Local Development Scheme are:

- *Amendments to the timetable for the production of City Plan Part One. An urban fringe assessment has been commissioned in response to the initial conclusions of the Inspector, following the public hearings held to examine part one of the City Plan. There are two timetable scenarios for adoption of the City Plan Part One; the longer one is based upon the examination hearing being re-opened by the Planning Inspector. See paragraph 3.2.1, page 7 and Figure 1 on page 11 of the LDS for further detail.*
- *Amendments to the timetable for producing the Shoreham Harbour Joint Area Action Plan, to undertake studies relating to flood risk management and transport.*
- *Amendments to the timetable for producing the City Plan Part Two, to focus on the completion of part one of the City Plan and to make best use of resources.*

3.4 The council is also a waste and minerals planning authority and works jointly with East Sussex County Council and the South Downs National Park Authority to prepare local development documents relating to waste and minerals planning. The timetable for completion of these is included in the Local Development Scheme.

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

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

4.1 The main 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.

5.2 The production of all DPDs includes stages of public consultation, which is undertaken in accordance with statutory requirements and the Statement of Community Involvement. The SCI is due to be revised in 2014.

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 government guidance.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

7.1 Preparation costs for local development documents have been funded from the existing Planning Strategy revenue budget.

- 7.2 Costs for the production of local development documents have been identified and financial implications of each local development document will be assessed and commented upon within future committee reports.

Finance Officer Consulted: Steve Bedford

Date: 29/04/2014

Legal Implications:

- 7.3 The Local Development Scheme, and any revisions to it, must comply with statutory requirements, notably s15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The 2004 Act requires that the up-to-date text of the LDS, a copy of any amendments made to it, and up-to-date information showing the state of the authority's compliance (or non-compliance) with the timetable for the preparation and revision of its DPDs as set out in the LDS are made available to the public.
- 7.4 It is not considered that any human rights implications arise from the report.

Lawyer Consulted: Hilary Woodward

Date: 28/04/2014

Equalities Implications:

- 7.5 The LDS will make the planning system more accessible and transparent to the community. The Council has already adopted a Statement of Community Involvement, which will be updated shortly. This encourages effective social inclusion for all groups to influence the policy-making agenda. Individual development plan documents are subject to an Equality Impact Assessment.

Sustainability Implications:

- 7.6 Sustainability considerations are central to the planning system. Each local development document requires an integrated sustainability appraisal.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 7.7 Development plan documents will address priorities relating to the agreed Community Safety, Crime Reduction and Drugs Strategy 2011-2014.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 7.8 The programme management of development plan documents includes risk management procedures. A dedicated risk log is maintained, regularly monitored and updated. The proposed timetable has been risk assessed; key concerns centre around risk of delay as well as financial and staff resource issues.

Public Health Implications:

- 7.9 Development plan documents will address priorities relating to the forthcoming Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 7.10 Development plan documents help to deliver the Sustainable Community Strategy and a number of key council and city-wide strategies such as the Corporate Plan.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Revised Local Development Scheme 2014-2017

Documents in Members' Rooms

Background Documents

1. Local Development Scheme, September 2011