



Policy, Finance and Development Committee	Tuesday, 26 March 2024	Matter for Decision
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Report Title: **Revised Local Development Scheme (Spring 2024)**

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Purpose of Report:	This report seeks Committee's approval for the adoption of the revised Local Development Scheme as the Council's most up to date Local Development Scheme.
Report Summary:	<p>The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a statutory document that sets out the Council's proposal for the preparation of the Local Plan and other planning policy documents. The LDS is a statutory document that is required by Government and needs to be kept up to date.</p> <p>This LDS has been produced in line with the Government Announcement that sets out that all local authorities should have submitted a new Local Plan to the Planning Inspectorate for Examination by June 2025.</p> <p>The Local Development Scheme establishes a programme of work for the period Spring 2024 to Summer / Autumn 2026 and identifies milestones that the Council will need to meet.</p> <p>It is important that the Council meets the milestones set out in the Local Development Scheme to enable the Council to have a Plan examined under the existing Local Plan Legislation. The Local Development Scheme will ensure that planning policy and guidance documents are robust, up to date and in line with the target of Local Plan submission by June 2025.</p> <p>Having up to date planning policy and guidance documents ensures that the Council is able to make robust, justified and informed planning decisions. It also reduces the risk of developer appeals.</p>
Recommendation(s):	That the Local Development Scheme (Spring 2024) be approved.
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Strategic Objectives:	Our Council (SO1) Our Communities (SO2) Our Economy (SO3) Our Environment (SO4) Our Partners (SO5)
Vision and Values:	"Our Borough - The Place To Be" (Vision) Customer & Community Focused (V1)
Report Implications:-	
Legal:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Financial:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Corporate Risk Management:	Regulatory Governance (CR6)
Equalities and Equalities Assessment (EA):	There are no implications arising from this report. EA not applicable
Human Rights:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Health and Safety:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Statutory Officers' Comments:-	
Head of Paid Service:	The report is satisfactory.
Chief Finance Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Monitoring Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Consultees:	None.
Background Papers:	None.
Appendices:	1. Local Development Scheme (Spring 2024)

1. Information

- 1.1 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a statutory document that sets out the Council's proposal for the preparation of the Local Plan and other planning policy documents. The LDS is a statutory document that is required by Government and needs to be kept up to date.
- 1.2 On a periodic basis, the Local Development Scheme is updated to reflect the ongoing preparation and development of the Council's Local Plan and other planning policy related documents, for example, Development Plan Documents and Supplementary Planning Documents such as the Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document.
- 1.3 The Local Development Scheme breaks down the preparation of the Local Plan and other planning policy related documents into specific stages and gives a timescale by which

these stages will be completed as well as outlining the potential risks to meeting these timescales.

- 1.4 This LDS has been produced in line with the Government Announcement that sets out that all local authorities should have submitted a new Local Plan to the Planning Inspectorate for Examination by June 2025. This deadline exists for local authorities to have a Plan examined under the existing Local Plan legislation. If a Plan is submitted after the June 2025 deadline, it will be subject to a new Local Plan process which has yet to be published and is therefore currently unknown. By not meeting the deadline, the Council will no longer have an up-to-date Local Plan which manages development and the Council could be forced into a position where it must permit poor development and poor contributions to local infrastructure without control on the location of such growth. By meeting the June 2025 deadline, the Council ensures a level of continued control on forthcoming development and its infrastructure requirements and allows for a smooth transition into the new Local Plan period.
- 1.5 The various milestones set out for the new Local Plan within the Spring 2024 Local Development Scheme are as set out below:
- Regulation 18B (Issues and Options): Spring 2024
 - Regulation 19 (Pre-Submission Consultation): Spring 2025
 - Regulation 22 (Submission to the Planning Inspectorate): April 2025
 - Regulation 24 (Estimated Examination Hearing Sessions): Autumn 2025 (date to be determined by the Planning Inspectorate)
 - Main modifications as recommended by the Independent Planning Inspectorate: Winter / Spring 2026 (date to be determined by the Planning Inspectorate)
 - Regulation 26 (Adoption): Summer / Autumn 2026 (date to be determined by the Planning Inspectorate)
- 1.6 The need to amend the Local Development Scheme is to ensure that planning policy and guidance documents are robust, up to date and in line with the target of Local Plan submission by June 2025.
- 1.7 More detailed information regarding preparation timescales and the key milestones for Local Development Documents is contained within the Local Development Scheme document.