



**Policy, Finance and
Development
Committee**

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Matter for Decision

Title: **Local Development Scheme**

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Local Development Scheme sets out the Council's proposal for the preparation of the Local Plan for the Borough of Oadby and Wigston.
- 1.2 The Local Development Scheme establishes a programme of work and identifies milestones that the Council will strive to meet. As well as timescales, the Local Development Scheme outlines the policies that make up the Development Plan for the Borough, whilst the Local Plan is under preparation.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members approve the attached Local Development Scheme 2014 for publication.

3 Information

- 3.1 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 Local Development Documents, for example Supplementary Planning Documents.
- 3.2 The Local Development Scheme breaks down the preparation of the Local Plan and other Local Development 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.
- 3.3 Subsequent to consideration by Place Shaping Member Working Group on the 8th May 2014 the dates for Regulation 18 Consultation (a statutory public consultation stage which sets out the current planning related issues within the Borough as well as the potential options to negate the issues) for the Local Plan Review have been amended to extend into December. This is to reflect additional work that may be required in relation to Sustainability Appraisal and joint working with other Council's in the Housing Market Area to ensure compliance with the Duty to Cooperate.
- 3.4 Further, more detailed information regarding preparation timescales for Local Development Documents is contained within the Local Development Scheme document.

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Implications	
Legal (KG)	It is important that the Local Development Schemes refers to policies that make up the Development Plan and that they are read in conjunction.
Financial (PL)	The Local Development Scheme itself will not require any financial contribution from the Council, however the preparation of the Local Plan and other Local Development Documents will. This is taken into account during the budget planning process.
Equalities (KG)	The Local Development Scheme and the adopted Statement of Community Involvement set out how and when the public and key stakeholders can participate in the document preparation process, particularly through public consultation. External participation throughout the process is integral to shaping the future of the Borough and as a consequence an EIA is to be undertaken.
Risks (AT)	There are no Corporate Risks identified. There is a potential risk of not meeting the document preparation dates set out within the Local Development Scheme, for example there could be a need for further evidence base work to evidence the Local Plan.