



**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 Local Development Scheme 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 Development Plan Documents and 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 The various milestones set out for the Local Plan Review have been amended. This is to reflect additional work that may be required in relation to the Sustainability Appraisal and joint working with other Council's in the Housing Market Area to ensure compliance with the Duty to Cooperate.
- 3.4 More detailed information regarding preparation timescales for Local Development Documents is contained within the Local Development Scheme document.

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<b>Implications</b>	
Legal (KG)	No direct implications
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. The Local Development Scheme has no direct impact on New Homes Bonus.
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. An Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken.
Risks (AT)	There are potential risks that could affect the preparation timescales as set out in the Local Development Scheme. These potential risks are outlined within the document itself in Section 10.