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**Committee:** Cabinet

**Agenda Item**

**Date:** 13 September 2012

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**Title:** Uttlesford Local Development Scheme –  
Revision

**Portfolio holder:** Councillor S Barker

Key decision: No

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## Summary

1. The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is the project plan for the Uttlesford Local Development Framework (LDF). The sixth revision to the LDS was approved by Cabinet in May 2012 and submitted to Government. There are two proposed changes to the LDS which relates to the timing of the consultation, submission and adoption of the draft Local Plan and the other relating to the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) consultation.

## Recommendations

2. That the amendments to the LDS are approved. The revised LDS will then be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate and posted on the Council's website.

## Financial Implications

3. There are no impacts on budgets.

## Background Papers

4. The following papers were referred in the preparation of this report and are available for inspection from the author of the report.

Local Development Scheme – sixth Revision – Approved by Uttlesford District Council on May 2012

## Impact

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Communication/Consultation	When the revised LDS comes into effect it will be put on the website and made available for inspection.
Community Safety	N/A
Equalities	The policy documents which will be prepared are subject to separate equalities

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	impact assessments
Health and Safety	N/A
Human Rights/Legal Implications	N/A
Sustainability	The policy documents which will be prepared are subject to separate Sustainability Appraisal
Ward-specific impacts	All
Workforce/Workplace	Existing permanent staff

### Situation

6. The Sixth revision of the LDS envisaged the production of a new Local Plan to include a consultation at the beginning of November 2012. This proposal is that this consultation now happens from the beginning of January 2013, with corresponding changes to the submission, examination and adoption dates.
7. It is important that we have the necessary information and supporting reports available to make sure that the decisions made and the draft Local Plan are robust and sound. It has become evident that some of these studies will not be ready to allow a consultation in November.
8. There have been a considerable number of representations made during the previous consultation and this alteration of the timetable will ensure that we take full account of the comments.
9. The government has not yet revoked the Regional Spatial Strategy. It is important that the progress to its revocation is monitored closely.
10. It has also become apparent that while work has commenced on the Infrastructure Delivery Plan and CIL Charging Schedule we are not in a position to publish a draft charging schedule in October 2012. It is therefore proposed to publish a preliminary schedule in December 2012 and a draft schedule in March 2013. While the consultations for this document will be open to comment by all it is expected that this will most likely be of interest to developers and land owners it is therefore not envisaged that there would be any problems with holding consultations separately to the rest of the Local Plan.
11. The revised LDS is attached.

### Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
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<p>1) That further delays to the LDF will cause additional pressure on housing supply as new sites are not being identified.</p>	<p>2 – there is already a shortfall in the 5 year housing supply and this will increase if new sites are not allocated.</p>	<p>3 – planning applications being determined through the appeals process rather than a managed approach to housing delivery.</p> <p>3 – further delays in the programme could impede the supply of housing and reduce the amount of financial support the Council receives from the New Homes bonus.</p>	<p>Amend the LDS to ensure a robust programme for delivering the Local Plan.</p>
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1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.