

Committee: Cabinet

Date:

Title: Local Development Scheme

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Key decision: No

Summary

1. The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is the project plan for the Uttlesford Local Plan. The last revision to the LDS was approved by Cabinet in July 2017 to set out a timetable for the production of a plan.
2. It has become necessary to update the timetable and a revised version is attached. The revised LDS, once approved, will be posted on the Council's website and forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate for information.

Recommendations

3. That Cabinet adopt the revised Local Development Scheme.

Financial Implications

4. None - costs can be met from existing budgets

Background Papers

5. There are no background papers.

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	The revised LDS will be posted on the Council website for inspection.
Community Safety	N/A
Equalities	The policy documents which will be prepared will be subject to separate equalities impact assessments
Health and Safety	N/A
Human Rights/Legal Implications	N/A

Sustainability	The policy documents which will be prepared will be subject to separate Sustainability Appraisals
Ward-specific impacts	All
Workforce/Workplace	Existing staff resources

Situation

6. Local Planning Authorities are required to hold and keep up to date a LDS setting out a programme for Development Plan and Supplementary Planning document preparation. The Cabinet last considered the LDS in July 2017 and it is now necessary to bring the document up to date.
7. Since the 2017 LDS the District Council has completed formal consultation on the Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan and also jointly carried out an 'Issues and Options' consultation on the West of Braintree Garden Community Plan.
8. The LDS has been updated to reflect the revised timetable for the production of the Uttlesford Local Plan. The key dates are as follows:
 - **June 2018**
Regulation 19 Draft Local Plan approved
 - **June – August 2018**
Regulation 19 Local Plan pre submission consultation
 - **Autumn 2018**
Regulation 22 Local Plan Submission
 - **Winter 2018/19**
Regulation 24 Start for hearing sessions for the public examination
 - **Summer 2019**
Receipt of Inspector's Report
 - **Autumn 2019**
Regulation 25 Adoption
9. The revised timetable provides for a six month slippage in the local plan preparation. This slippage has arisen for the following primary reasons:
 - the Environment Agency expressed significant concerns in the formal representation stage of the local plan and it has been necessary to commission additional Water Cycle Studies. These concerns have centred on the feasibility of delivering drainage solutions to the Garden Communities, including Easton Park; and

- the number and scope of the representations to the local plan, at around 6,000, was significantly higher and more complex than anticipated and has led to the need for additional work on the evidence base of the local plan.
8. The revised LDS is attached. Members should be aware that this timescale is planned on the basis of what we know at this point of time. It is expected that Cabinet and Full Council will consider the Regulation 19 Draft of the Local Plan in June 2018 with the provisional date for consultation being set for seven weeks from 25 June until 13 August 2018.
 9. The timescale in the LDS may need to be reviewed in the event of any significant or extensive formal representations during the 19 Consultation stage, or as a result of any major new factors that may arise.

Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
The Local Plan may be found to be unsound because it has not been prepared in accordance with the LDS	The LDS will be monitored and updated as necessary.	If the Local Plan is found to be unsound this will cause delay and uncertainty	Amend the LDS to make sure the programme for delivering the Local Plan is up to date and deliverable.

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.