

PLANNING POLICY AND LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE

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REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PLACE)

A.2 – LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2021-2024

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PART 1 – KEY INFORMATION

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To seek the Planning Policy & Local Plan Committee's agreement to publish a new 'Local Development Scheme' (LDS) in order to update the proposed timetable for preparing planning documents including the Local Plan and the Development Plan Document (DPD) for the Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of the Local Development Scheme (LDS) is to set out an indicative timetable for preparing key planning documents. It is particularly useful for the public, partner organisations and third parties to understand, broadly, the programme of work and how the Council proposes to resource and manage it.

The LDS covers the adoption of the new Local Plan, the Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community Development Plan Document (DPD); the future review of the Local Plan and the production of other key planning documents. It includes the anticipated timetable of consultation periods, examinations and expected dates of adoption. Publishing the LDS ensures that stakeholders, including members of the public, Town and Parish Councils, landowners and developers, partner organisations and the Planning Inspectorate are kept aware of the timetable the Council is working to can forward plan and organise their time and resources accordingly.

Section 1 of the Tendring District Local Plan has already been adopted. Section 2 of the Local Plan has been through a series of consultation exercises and an Examination in Public. The proposed modifications have been agreed with the Planning Inspector and are due to be consulted upon in mid-2021. Subject to the Planning Inspector finding the new Local Plan to be sound, it is anticipated it will be adopted in Autumn 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Planning Policy and Local Plan Committee approves the updated Local Development Scheme (LDS) 2021-2024 (attached as Appendix 1) for publication on the Council's website.

PART 2 – IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

DELIVERING PRIORITIES

Priorities within the Corporate Plan 2020-2024 include the Garden Community, having effective planning policies and having a proactive planning service. Having an up to date framework of planning policies, other planning documents and supplementary guidance in place is critical to achieving such priorities and the LDS is a requirement of local authorities to set out the timescales and resources required to achieve that.

RESOURCES AND RISK

The Local Development Scheme (LDS) has been prepared by the Council's Officers in the Strategic Planning and Place Team within the agreed Local Plan Budget. The LDS itself identifies the resources required to progress the Local Plan. Without an up to date LDS containing a realistic timetable for producing a new Local Plan and other planning documents, it will be difficult to ensure the Council makes the most efficient use of its resources.

The LDS itself contains an assessment that identifies the possible risks to delivering the Local Plan and other planning documents on time and the likelihood and potential impact of these risks; which include public opposition, the loss or turnover of planning staff, a financial shortfall, changing political priorities and legal challenges.

LEGAL

Every Local Planning Authority must prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS) in accordance with **section 15 of Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)**.
99The LDS is the Council's rolling project plan (often covering a period of three years) for producing its Local Development Documents and sets out a timetable for the delivery.

The LDS must identify:

- Which of their Local Development Documents are local plans or supplementary planning documents;
- The subject matter and geographical area to which any local plan relates;
- Which local plans (if any) are to be prepared jointly with another Council and
- The timetable for the preparation and revision of the local plans.

Local Planning Authorities must revise their LDS at such time as they consider appropriate and make available to the public the up-to-date text and a copy of any amendments made and published on the Council's website, together with up-to-date information showing compliance (or

non-compliance) with the timetable.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Area or Ward affected: All wards.

Consultation/Public Engagement: The Local Development Scheme (LDS) sets out the anticipated timetable for public consultation on the Local Plan and other planning documents.

PART 3 – SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Background

The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is designed to set out the process for producing the Local Plan. It includes the anticipated timetable of consultation periods, examinations and expected dates of adoption. Publishing the LDS ensures that stakeholders, including members of the public, Town and Parish Councils, landowners and developers, partner organisations and the Planning Inspectorate are kept aware of the timetable the Council is working to and organise their time and resources accordingly. The LDS is updated to cover three year cycles of plan preparation.

The update to the Local Plan timetable has a provisional adoption date of Autumn/Winter 2021 for Section 2, this reflects current progress with the Main Modifications and projected timeline for Consultation.

The revised timeframe for the Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community DPD is outlined in the LDS with a draft DPD scheduled for Member approval in Winter 2021/22 with the Draft DPD consultation to follow shortly after.

The LDS also sets out the broad timescales for the following Supplementary Planning Documents:

- Hartley Gardens SPD
- Jaywick Sands Design SPD
- Open Space SPD
- Climate Change SPD

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – The Tendring District Council Local Development Scheme (LDS) 2021-2024.