

**BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Local Development Scheme September 2012  
Cabinet Meeting**

**26<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

**Local Development Scheme 2012**

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Kit Taylor
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
Relevant Head of Service	Ruth Bamford
Ward(s) Affected	<b>All</b>
Ward Councillor(s) Consulted	N/A
Key Decision / Non-Key Decision	Key Decision

**1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS**

- 1.1 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a revised and updated version of the Local Development Scheme adopted by Bromsgrove District Council in July 2012. This revised scheme is required to update the programme of preparing planning policy documents but it also reflects the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework. The purpose of the Local Development Scheme is to provide a programme for the production of Local Planning Policy Documents to adoption. The most significant addition to the timetable is an extra phase of consultation to consider the request under the duty to cooperate from Redditch Borough Council to accommodate growth which cannot be delivered sustainably within the Borough.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the members note the contents of this report and the proposed amendments to the Local Development Scheme.
- 2.2 That appendix A is approved by members as Bromsgrove District Council's forthcoming programme for planning policy documents from 26th September 2012.

**3. KEY ISSUES**

**Financial Implications**

- 3.1 Whilst there are no immediate direct financial implications of submitting the revised Local Development Scheme, the costs to progress planning policy documents through an independent Examination and associated evidence gathering should be noted.

**Legal Implications**

- 3.3 The LDS is produced under the Localism Act 2011, Part 6, Chapter 1, Paragraph 111. The legislation states that Councils must prepare and maintain a local development scheme specifying:

*The documents which are to be development plan documents,  
The subject matter and geographical area of each document,  
Any matter or area in respect of which the authority have agreed; and,  
The timetable for preparing and revising the documents.*

- 3.4 The Localism Act 2011 removes the requirement to submit the LDS to the Secretary of State. It is important for Councils to publish up to date information on their progress of the local development scheme. Bromsgrove District Council thus have flexibility to decide how best to present this information to the public.

**Service / Operational Implications**

- 3.5 The Local Development Scheme sets out the key Development Planning Documents (DPDs) to be progressed by Bromsgrove District Council. The LDS outlines that Bromsgrove District Council are progressing a District Plan, this is the new name for the document previously known as the Core Strategy, and a Town Centre Area Action Plan which are based on supporting evidence.
- 3.6 Bromsgrove District Plan and Proposals Map DPD
- 3.7 Following the successful completion of the Draft Core Strategy 2 consultation period, on 15th April 2011, the Council were seeking to produce a Publication version of the Core Strategy by September 2012. Under the duty to cooperate provisions of the Localism Act, a formal request has now been received from Redditch Borough Council for help in accommodating the growths needs of Redditch which cannot be delivered sustainably within the Borough. Bromsgrove District council has responded to this approach and has agreed to work with Redditch on this issue. The formal request and the acknowledgement letter can be seen in the appendix A. As a result of this an extra period of public consultation has been added to the timetable for February 2013 and other dates for production have been amended to reflect this.
- 3.8 The Bromsgrove District Plan will not repeat national guidance but will provide a spatial strategy specific to the needs of Bromsgrove. It will contain a set of primary policies for delivering the strategic priorities and will identify strategic allocations for development through the production of a proposals map. This map will illustrate all the policies designations and proposals contained in development plan documents.
- 3.9 Town Centre Area Action Plan DPD
- 3.10 The Town Centre Area Action Plan will set out a strategy to guide the regeneration of the whole of the Town Centre and adjoining areas. This document will be in conformity with the Bromsgrove District Plan.
- 3.11 It is considered the Town Centre AAP is clearly justified as it seeks to ensure the vitality of the town centre, promote a competitive town centre environment and

set out policies for the management and growth of centres over the plan period. Such objectives are supported within the National Planning Policy Framework.

3.12 LDS Timetable

- 3.13 The LDS timetable (see appendix A) indicates the schedule for the production of the Development Plan Documents. The chart identifies the key dates in the process although the dates are only an indication at this stage, further information will be provided on the publication consultation as the process moves on. The examination date is subject to consultation with the Planning Inspectorate, the body responsible for holding examinations into local plans.

**Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications**

- 3.7 The Local Development Scheme has no direct impact on the Councils Equalities and Diversity policies. Notwithstanding the publication of the LDS will allow residents and stakeholders of Bromsgrove District to identify how they can become involved in the various stages of progressing the development planning documents.

**4. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 4.1 The most significant risk is without an up to date and sufficiently Local Development Scheme the Council would not be fulfilling its statutory obligations. In addition, a Local Development Scheme is essential to set the overall programme and identify how the documents will be managed and progressed.
- 4.2 Without an up to date Local Development Scheme the Development Plan Document could be found unsound as the authority would have failed to respond to a statutory duty within the Localism Act 2011.

**5. APPENDICES**

Appendix A - Local Development Scheme September 2012

**6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Local Development Scheme 2010-2013

**7. KEY**

AAP – Area Action Plan  
DPDs – Development Plan Documents  
LDS – Local Development Scheme  
NPPF – National Planning Policy Framework

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