

**BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Cabinet**  
2021

7<sup>th</sup> July

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**Bromsgrove District Plan – Local Development Scheme**

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Adam Kent
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
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Wards Affected	All Wards
Ward Councillor(s) consulted	No
Relevant Strategic Purpose(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Run and Grow a Successful Business</li><li>• Work and Financial Independence</li><li>• Living Independent, Active and Healthy</li><li>• Affordable and Sustainable Homes</li><li>• Communities which are Safe, Well Maintained and Green</li><li>• The Green Thread runs through the Council Plan</li></ul>
Non-Key Decision	
If you have any questions about this report, please contact the report author in advance of the meeting.	

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Cabinet RECOMMEND that:-**

**That Appendix A: Bromsgrove District Council Local Development Scheme 2021 is approved as the Council's programme for plan-making, effective as of 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**2. BACKGROUND**

2.1 The previous Local Development Scheme (LDS) was adopted by the District Council in March 2018. This new LDS is required to update the programme of preparing and consulting on strategic planning documents, whilst continuing to reflect the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Since the previous LDS, the Bromsgrove District Plan Review (BDPR) has significantly progressed with the Issues and Options consultation being carried out in Autumn 2018, and a Review Update and Further Consultation and Call for Sites' consultation taking place in Autumn 2019. **It must be stressed this report only addresses the timescales**

**for the BDPR, the content of that review will be considered in subsequent reports.**

- 2.2 A significant element of the LDS is the identification of the next stages in plan production. Unless some of the planning reforms identified in the 2020 'Planning for the Future' White Paper are brought forward more quickly than expected, the Preferred Option (PO) is the next significant stage in the BDPR development. The PO is the first version of the plan which looks and reads like a local plan with areas identified for development and policies drafted to guide that development. The PO is scheduled to be published for a full and wide-ranging consultation in summer 2022. The number of responses received to early consultations, in particular the Call for Sites element, and the level of analysis that has had to be done as a consequence, have lengthened the time that the plan will take to produce.

**3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 Whilst there are no immediate direct financial implications of adopting the revised Local Development Scheme, the costs to progress the District Plan Review through all stages of the plan-making process, including associated evidence gathering and ultimately independent examination will be considerable. The allocation of financial resources for progression of the District Plan Review has being considered though the budget setting process.

**4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The Local Development Scheme is produced under Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended). The legislation states that Councils must prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme specifying:

- the Local Development Documents (LDDs) which are to be Development Plan Documents (DPDs);
- the subject matter and geographical area of each Development Plan Document;
- which Development Plan Documents (if any) are to be prepared jointly with one or more other local planning authorities;
- any matter or area in respect of which the authority has agreed (or propose to agree) to the constitution of a joint committee; and,
- the timetable for the preparation and revision of the Development Plan Documents.

- 4.2 The Localism Act 2011 removed the requirement to submit the LDS to the Secretary of State. It is however important for Councils to continue to publish up-to-date information on the progress of local development documents. The District Council thus has flexibility to decide how best to present this information to the public, although as a minimum Planning Practice Guidance states that the LDS should be published on the Council's website.

**5. STRATEGIC PURPOSES - IMPLICATIONS**

**Relevant Strategic Purpose**

- 5.1 The publication of the LDS in itself does not have any direct implications for the strategic purposes. The BDPR will be a wide-ranging policy document which will likely impact on many if not all of the strategic purposes. These impacts will be covered fully in subsequent reports.

**Climate Change Implications**

- 5.2 The publication of a new LDS has no direct climate change implications although production of a new plan as soon as possible is critical in helping to meet new climate change targets. The BDPR will be prepared mindful of the need to meet the target for at least a 100% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions (compared to 1990 levels) in the UK by 2050.

**6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

**Equalities and Diversity Implications**

- 6.1 The publication of a new LDS has no Equality or Diversity implications. The BDPR will be accompanied by an Equalities Impact Assessment.

**Operational Implications**

- 6.2 There are no operational implications.

**7. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 7.1 A Local Development Scheme is essential to set the overall programme and identify how strategic planning documents will be managed and progressed.

- 7.2 Without an up to date Local Development Scheme, development plan documents at independent examination could be found unsound due to

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the Council failing to comply with a statutory duty contained in the Localism Act 2011.

**8. APPENDICES and BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Appendix 1 – Bromsgrove Local Development Scheme 2021

**9. REPORT SIGN OFF**

<b>Department</b>	<b>Name and Job Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
Portfolio Holder	Adam Kent	12 <sup>th</sup> May
Lead Director / Head of Service	Ruth Bamford	12 <sup>th</sup> May
Financial Services	James Howse	12 <sup>th</sup> May
Legal Services	Clare Flanagan	12 <sup>th</sup> May
Policy Team (if equalities implications apply)	Rebecca Green	4 <sup>th</sup> May
Climate Change Officer (if climate change implications apply)	Kath Manning	28 <sup>th</sup> April