

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK WORKING GROUP

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LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 Members may recall that the Executive Cabinet adopted the Bromsgrove Local Development Scheme in January 2005 and approved two further amendments in October 2005 and September 2006. Matters arising since this time requires that a new version be produced to accurately reflect the current situation.
- 1.2 Over recent years the Planning Policy Section has seen increased turnover of staff and difficulty in recruiting experienced staff. Whilst this situation has improved, the section is still currently understaffed. Consequently, in some areas, targets identified in previous versions of the Local development Scheme have not been met. To prevent any future slippage in respect of key milestones within the LDS it is necessary to amend the target dates.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Members agree to the submission of the amended Local Development Scheme to Government Office for approval and then to Full Council for adoption.

3. CHANGES TO THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

- 3.1 The immediate key changes to the scheme include the following;
- Delaying the production of the Core Strategy Preferred Options until November 2007
 - Commencing consultation on the 'Affordable Housing' and 'Managing Housing' SPDs in April/ May 2008
 - Commencing the production of the Development Control Policies DPD in June 2008
- 3.2 Attached to this report is the revised Local Development Scheme.

4. CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 For the Council to continue to meet targets and obtain planning delivery grant it must alter the Local Development Scheme to reflect a more realistic timetable for document production for the next three years.
- 4.2 A key performance indicator for the council is Development Plan Production currently this indicator is not being met due to the inability of the section to meets development plan production targets, caused by the staffing problems outlined above. These revised targets are based on what it is envisaged a fully staffed section could produce.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The ability of the council to meet its targets set out in the LDS may have implications for the amount of planning delivery grant the council receives in future.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None

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