



Title	Local Development Scheme (LDS)	
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Wards of the District directly affected	All	
Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006?	No	
Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number	Executive, 06 Feb 2019 (item 10)	
Background Papers		
Contrary to the policy framework:	No	
Contrary to the budgetary framework:	No	
Key Decision?	Yes	
Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)	Yes (ref 1039)	
Equality Impact Assessment Undertaken		
Officer/Councillor Approval		
Officer Approval	Date	Name
Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive	09/10/19	Bill Hunt
Head of Service	09/10/19	Dave Barber
CMT	09/10/19	Chris Elliott/Bill Hunt/Andy Jones
Section 151 Officer	09/10/19	Mike Snow
Monitoring Officer	09/10/19	Andy Jones
Finance	09/10/19	Mike Snow
Portfolio Holder(s)	16/10/19	Cllr John Cooke
Consultation & Community Engagement		
Final Decision?	Yes	
Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)		

1. **Summary**

- 1.1 This report seeks approval for a refreshed Local Development Scheme (LDS). The LDS sets out the work of the Planning Policy team over the next 3 years in terms of the production of planning documents, and is a requirement of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and is updated annually.

2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1 That Executive notes the content of the LDS (Appendix 1) and agrees to adopt the LDS and its proposals for delivery of planning documents over the forthcoming 3 years.

3. **Reasons for the Recommendations**

- 3.1 The adoption and publication of a Local Development Scheme is a statutory requirement of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, which lays out the coverage and duration of the document required. This includes a provision for an annual review of the Scheme to ensure it remains relevant and up-to-date, although there is provision to refresh the LDS more frequently if required.
- 3.2 The Warwick District Local Plan (2011–2029) was adopted in September 2017, and as such a revision of the LDS is required to detail the Development Plan Documents (DPD) and Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) that are required to support the Local Plan and add further detail for applicants and decision makers.
- 3.3 Much of the programme of work is driven by commitments within the recently adopted Local Plan. As well as these commitments, additional work will arise in response to either local planning issues or changes in national legislature.
- 3.4 The 2018/19 LDS was adopted by Executive in February 2019. However, following the local elections a new strategic requirement has arisen to address the environmental implications of planning, through a Development Plan Document. This has meant that alterations to the LDS have been made, and an opportunity for other amendments to take place.
- 3.5 Two SPDs have been removed from the LDS; South of Coventry and East of Whitnash. The South of Coventry SPD has been rendered unnecessary by the continued progress of the Kings Hill and A46 applications. The significant access issues at East of Whitnash, as well as a comprehensive suite of policies in the Local Plan and the Whitnash Neighbourhood Plan, have meant that the East of Whitnash SPD is no longer required. Finally, the proposed Developer Design Framework SPD will come forward as Guidance, utilising existing Local Plan policies and their connection to the Building For Life 12 principles as well as the recently released Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) on Design.
- 3.6 Two new documents have been added to the LDS. Firstly, as mentioned above, the Climate Change and Sustainable Buildings DPD, which replaces the Sustainable Buildings SPD. Secondly, a Developer Contributions SPD which will lay out the contributions that should be expected from developments.

- 3.7 The final change is that, following public consultation, the Purpose Built Student Accommodation (PBSA) SPD has been replaced with a PBSA DPD and will be drafted once the Climate Change DPD is adopted.
- 3.8 It should be noted that central government is currently consulting in proposed changes to Part L of the Building Regulations. This relates to energy efficiency of buildings, and may in part cover the outputs of the Climate Change and Sustainable Buildings DPD. Furthermore, one of the proposed changes removes the ability of Local Planning Authorities to require standards greater than the revised Building Regulations. It is, however, not proposed to cease the work on the DPD for two specific reasons. The outcomes of the current consultation are uncertain, and although the stated aim of government is to adopt new Regulations in 2020 there is a degree of uncertainty regarding precisely when they will be introduced. Furthermore, the proposed DPD looks at areas of policy beyond the energy efficiency of buildings and in the event the revised Regulations prevent locally-set efficiency standards the DPD will solely address these other matters.

4. Policy Framework

4.1 Fit for the Future (FFF)

The Council’s FFF Strategy is designed to deliver the Vision for the District of making it a Great Place to Live, Work and Visit. To that end amongst other things the FFF Strategy contains several Key projects.

The FFF Strategy has 3 strands – People, Services and Money and each has an external and internal element to it. The table below illustrates the impact of this proposal if any in relation to the Council’s FFF Strategy.

FFF Strands		
People	Services	Money
External		
Health, Homes, Communities	Green, Clean, Safe	Infrastructure, Enterprise, Employment
<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Improved health for all Housing needs for all met Impressive cultural and sports activities Cohesive and active communities	<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Area has well looked after public spaces All communities have access to decent open space Improved air quality Low levels of crime and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Dynamic and diverse local economy Vibrant town centres Improved performance/productivity of local economy Increased employment and income levels
Impacts of Proposal		
Will help co-ordinate the delivery of the strategic aims of the Local Plan through the	Will help co-ordinate the delivery of the strategic aims of the Local Plan through the provision	Will help co-ordinate the delivery of the strategic aims of the Local Plan through the provision Planning Policy Documents

provision Planning Policy Documents	Planning Policy Documents	
Internal		
Effective Staff	Maintain or Improve Services	Firm Financial Footing over the Longer Term
<u>Intended outcomes:</u> All staff are properly trained All staff have the appropriate tools All staff are engaged, empowered and supported The right people are in the right job with the right skills and right behaviours	<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Focusing on our customers' needs Continuously improve our processes Increase the digital provision of services	<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Better return/use of our assets Full Cost accounting Continued cost management Maximise income earning opportunities Seek best value for money
Impacts of Proposal		
By coordinating the delivery of a variety of Planning Policy documents staff are able to programme work for maximum efficiency and effectiveness.	By coordinating the delivery of a variety of Planning Policy documents staff are able to programme work for maximum efficiency and effectiveness, giving greater guidance to applicants and Case Officers	None

4.2 **Supporting Strategies**

Each strand of the FFF Strategy has several supporting strategies. The Local Plan is one of the key strategies, cutting across many of the FFF strands. The LDS details the delivery of commitments made within the Local Plan.

5. **Budgetary Framework**

- 5.1 There are no costs directly incurred as a result of the approval LDS as the work will take place within the current staffing and budgetary frameworks.

6. **Risks**

- 6.1 There are no specific risks associated with approving the LDS.

7. **Alternative Option(s) considered**

- 7.1 The Council could choose not to adopt this Local Development Scheme, and instead suggest a different range of priorities for the identified documents. However, the attached LDS has been developed to bring forward the right documents as swiftly and efficiently as possible.
- 7.2 The Council could choose not to adopt this LDS and retain the previously approved version. This, however, would mean that we would not produce policy

relevant to the environmental agenda and would instead concentrate on other, lower priority, work.

- 7.3 The preparation and maintenance of a LDS is a requirement of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, and so not adopting a LDS has been discounted as an option.

8. Background

- 8.1 The Warwick District Local Plan (2011-2029) was adopted in September 2017. This comprehensive Plan sets out the required additional planning documents which form the basis of the Local Development Scheme.
- 8.2 The production and maintenance of a LDS is a requirement of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and has in the past few years principally focussed on the adoption of the Local Plan. Now that this has been achieved, the focus of the LDS turns to Development Plans and Supplementary Planning Documents.