

 <b>EXECUTIVE Feb 2019</b>		<b>Agenda Item No.</b> <h1 style="text-align: center;">10</h1>	
<b>Title</b>		Local Development Scheme (LDS)	
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<b>Wards of the District directly affected</b>		All	
<b>Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006?</b>		No	
<b>Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number</b>		Executive, 07 March 2018, Item 11	
<b>Background Papers</b>			
<b>Contrary to the policy framework:</b>		No	
<b>Contrary to the budgetary framework:</b>		No	
<b>Key Decision?</b>		Yes	
<b>Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)</b>		Yes	
<b>Equality Impact Assessment Undertaken</b>			
<b>Officer/Councillor Approval</b>			
<b>Officer Approval</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	
Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive	03/01/19	Bill Hunt	
Head of Service	03/01/19	Dave Barber	
CMT	03/01/19	Chris Elliott/Bill Hunt/Andy Jones	
Section 151 Officer	03/01/19	Mike Snow	
Monitoring Officer	03/01/19	Andy Jones	
Finance	03/01/19	Mike Snow	
Portfolio Holder(s)		Cllr Alan Rhead	
<b>Consultation &amp; Community Engagement</b>			
<b>Final Decision?</b>		Yes	
<b>Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)</b>			

## 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, 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.
- 2.2 That Executive notes the Authority's Monitoring Report (AMR) was published on the Council's website in the autumn and can be found at [www.warwickdc.gov.uk/amr1718](http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/amr1718)

## 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.
- 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. Where possible these are factored into the Scheme, and a refreshed LDS is produced annually to reflect progress made and any new areas of policy being worked on.
- 3.4 The 2017/18 LDS was adopted by Executive in March 2017. It detailed seven SPDs to be adopted during the financial year. During the course of 2017/18 so far; three SPDs have been adopted, one has completed public consultation with a further three currently undergoing public consultation. Due to the restrictions of purdah it is likely that at least one of the outstanding SPDs will not be adopted prior to the summer of 2019.
- 3.5 Members should note that there have been alterations made to the timing of certain documents included in the LDS. The Canalside DPD has been put back to begin its consultation in the autumn of 2019 to allow for the necessary analysis to take place in the context of the recently adopted Canal Conservation Area. Also, the Affordable Housing SPD has been put back to begin its consultation in Q3 2019 to allow for further work to be done on housing need assessments in light of the recent standard methodology consultations.

- 3.6 Two new document have been added to the LDS. Firstly, a SPD for the South of Coventry that will articulate the delivery requirements of the vision for the growth and development of the area, as per Policy DS20 and Appendix B of the Local Plan. Secondly a Development Design Framework SPD that responds to the revised NPPF's greater emphasis on quality design as well as the best practice encapsulated in Building For Life 12.
- 3.7 There is also a new work stream in the LDS to review the evidence base and policy context of the Plan, in line with Policy DS19 of the Plan. Once this work has been completed we will be able to update members with whether any further work is required.
- 3.8 There is also a statutory requirement for an Authority's Monitoring Report (AMR) to be published at least annually. The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 lays out the required content of the AMR. As agreed by Executive in March 2018, the AMR was published on the WDC website in the autumn of 2018.

#### 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.

<b>FFF Strands</b>		
<b>People</b>	<b>Services</b>	<b>Money</b>
<b>External</b>		
<b>Health, Homes, Communities</b>	<b>Green, Clean, Safe</b>	<b>Infrastructure, Enterprise, Employment</b>
<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
<b>Impacts of Proposal</b>		
Will help co-ordinate the delivery of the strategic	Will help co-ordinate the delivery of the strategic	Will help co-ordinate the delivery of the strategic

aims of the Local Plan through the provision Planning Policy Documents	aims of the Local Plan through the provision Planning Policy Documents	aims of the Local Plan through the provision Planning Policy Documents
<b>Internal</b>		
<b>Effective Staff</b>	<b>Maintain or Improve Services</b>	<b>Firm Financial Footing over the Longer Term</b>
<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
<b>Impacts of Proposal</b>		
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. Therefore, this option has been discounted. The preparation and maintenance of a LDS in a requirement of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

## **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.
- 8.3 Commencement of a full Local Plan review is not current included within the LDS as there is not yet sufficient clarity about the timing of this. The Local Plan (Policy DS19) commits the Council to a "undertake a review of national policy, the regional context, updates to the evidence base and monitoring data before 31 March 2021 to assess whether a full or partial review of the plan is required", and this review work has been programmed in. Further, the revised NPPF that came into force in July 2018 commits Local Planning Authorities to review their Local Plans every 5 years. The current Local Plan was adopted in September 2017, meaning that a full plan review will need to take place by September 2022.