

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

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**REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMITTEE HELD ON 10 MARCH 2020**

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2020-2022

Issue for Decision

The Local Development Scheme 2018-2022 was approved in July 2018 and outlined the delivery timetable for the Local Plan Review. Since this previous iteration was approved there have been changes to the delivery timetable. Hence, the Local Development Scheme has been updated and a new Local Development Scheme 2020 – 2022 (Appendix 1) has been produced which needs to be adopted.

Recommendation Made

That the Local Development Scheme 2020-2022 be approved.

Reasons for Recommendation

The Maidstone Borough Local Plan includes a commitment to review the plan by April 2021 (Policy LPR1). Under Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) the Council must prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS). The LDS must outline what development plan documents the Council will produce, which will then form part of the development plan. A LDS must also provide a timetable for when those development plan documents (local plans) will be produced.

The Local Development Scheme 2018-2022 was approved in July 2018 and outlined the delivery timetable for the Local Plan Review up to adoption. Since the Local Development Scheme 2018-2022 came into effect in 2018, the Council has undertaken a Call for Sites between March and May 2019, in which over 300 submissions were received. The Local Plan Review Scoping, Themes and Issues document was subject to consultation (Regulation 18a) between July and September 2019.

The number of Call for Sites submissions, and the significance of the matters raised during the Regulation 18a consultation, combined with changes in National Guidance and the need for a robust preferred approach at Regulation 18b stage (preferred approaches) which will be based on as much evidence as possible at the time, mean it is now necessary to seek approval to a revised timetable for the LPR.

The LDS (Appendix 1) outlines the updated delivery programme. Key stages are outlined in the table below. The preferred approach stage will be split into two,

the first focussing on future strategies for growth and the second on detailed topic areas.

Preferred approaches consultation (Regulation 18b) (with emphasis on future strategies for growth)	Preferred approaches consultation (Regulation 18b) with emphasis on detailed topic areas	Draft DPD Consultation (Regulation 19)	Examination	Adoption
October 2020	February 2021	December 2021	June/July 2022	October 2022

The LDS is part of the 'Local Development Framework'. As outlined in the constitution, amendments to the component parts of the local development framework is a matter for Council.

Alternatives Considered and Why Not Recommended

That the Council could decide to revise the Local Development Scheme further, this is not recommended as the SPI Committee have considered the LDS in full prior to recommendation to Council.

Background Documents

Local Development Scheme – Report to the Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Committee – 10 March 2020

Appendix

Local Development Scheme 2020-2022