

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

DISTRICT PLANNING EXECUTIVE PANEL – 21 SEPTEMBER 2017

REPORT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (LDS) SEPTEMBER 2017

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

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**Purpose/Summary of Report**

- This report presents an updated version of the Council's Local Development Scheme (LDS): the schedule and work programme that sets out the timeline for preparation of the District Plan. It replaces the LDS May 2016 (Version 6).

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DISTRICT PLANNING EXECUTIVE PANEL: That Council, via the Executive, be advised that:**

<b>(A)</b>	<b>the Local Development Scheme (LDS) September 2017, attached at Essential Reference Paper 'B', be agreed to take effect from September 2017.</b>
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1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) requires Councils to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS).
- 1.2 Local development schemes set out when an authority expects to reach key milestones in the plan-making process. They include information on the preparation of any Local Development Documents (LDDs) that a local planning authority is preparing. LDD's include Development Plan Documents (DPDs), Supplementary Planning Document's (SPD's) and the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).
- 1.3 At present the Council is proposing a single DPD, namely the East Herts District Plan. The Council does have a suite of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) which it will be reviewing, as appropriate, in due course. The Council's Statement

of Community Involvement (SCI) was adopted in March 2013.

1.4 Version 6 (May 2016) of the LDS was presented to Members at the District Planning Executive Panel on 24 May 2016, and subsequently adopted at Full Council on 27 July 2016. The District Plan was submitted in-line with Version 6 of the LDS but since submission the timeline has been updated and therefore a new LDS is required.

## 2.0 Report

2.1 A copy of the LDS is contained in **Essential Reference Paper 'B'**. As Members will be aware, the Council has already undertaken the following stages in the plan-making process:

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Regulation</b>	<b>Undertaken</b>
Awareness Raising	-	2008 – 2009
Issues and Options	-	September – November 2010
Preferred Options	18	February – April 2014
Publication	19	October 2016
Submission	22	March 2017

2.2 The timeline for the remaining stages of District Plan preparation is set below, against the regulatory milestones contained within the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012. An explanation of the regulatory stages is contained in Appendix A of the LDS.

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Regulation</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
Inspectors Consideration of Representations	23	April – October 2017
Examination Hearings Start	24	October 2017
Further Hearing Dates (if required)	24	November 2017
Receipt of Inspector's Report	25	Early 2018
Adoption	26	Summer 2018

2.3 The timeline above seeks to estimate the dates of the various stages of District Plan preparation. All the stages above are dependent upon a number of factors, including external, and therefore are subject to change.

2.4 Where the Inspector identifies that main modifications are required in order to resolve issues that would otherwise make the Plan unsound or not legally compliant, then arrangements for a

public consultation will need to be made prior to receipt of the final Inspector's Report.

2.5 The LDS also sets out an assessment of any potential risks to the timeline. This is set out in a Risk Assessment (Section 4 of the LDS) and includes measures to mitigate these risks as well an assessment of their potential impact.

### 3.0 Implications/Consultations

3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

### Background Papers

None

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