

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE – 12 FEBRUARY 2019

REPORT BY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (LDS) MARCH 2019

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

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 any emerging Local Development Documents. It replaces the previous LDS dated September 2017.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE: To recommend to Council that:

(A)	The Local Development Scheme (LDS) March 2019, attached at Essential Reference Paper ‘B’, be agreed to take effect from March 2019.
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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 preparation of any emerging Local Development Documents (LDD’s). LDD’s include Development Plan Documents (DPD’s), Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD’s) and the Council’s Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).

1.3 Previous iterations of the LDS focussed on the production of the emerging East Herts District Plan (a DPD). Given the recent adoption of the District Plan on 23 October 2018, the LDS does not set out a timeline for its revision or the preparation of any other DPD's.

1.4 Instead the focus of the latest LDS is on introducing the various documents that will make up the Statutory Development Plan in 2019, as well as identifying timelines for the production of a number of emerging SPD's.

2.0 Report

2.1 A copy of the LDS is contained at **Essential Reference Paper 'B'**. It notes that the following documents make up the statutory development plan for East Herts:

- The East Herts District Plan 2018
- Minerals Local Plan Review 2002-2016
- Waste Core Strategy and Development Management Policies (2011-2026)
- Waste Site Allocations Document (2011-2026)
- Bishop's Stortford Silverleys and Meads Neighbourhood Plan
- Bishop's Stortford All Saints, Central, South and part of Thorley Neighbourhood Plan
- Buntingford Community Area Neighbourhood Plan
- Braughing Parish Neighbourhood Plan
- Walkern Neighbourhood Plan

2.2 The LDS also sets out detailed individual timelines for the production of the following SPD's:

- Affordable Housing
- Open Space
- Vehicle Parking
- Air Quality
- Gilston Area Development Charter
- Birchall Garden Suburb
- Retail Frontages, Design and Signage
- Custom and Self Build Housing
- Governance and Stewardship

2.3 The LDS also includes a Risk Assessment, setting out potential risks to the timeline for preparation of the SPD's and any mitigation measures.

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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