

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
SUBJECT:	SOUTHAMPTON CITY VISION – LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (LDS) UPDATE
DATE OF DECISION:	20 DECEMBER 2021
REPORT OF:	COUNCILLOR MOULTON CABINET MEMBER FOR GROWTH

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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY
Not Applicable.
BRIEF SUMMARY
<p>All Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) are required to set out their intentions with regards to developing planning documents, and the timetable/s for doing so, in a 'Local Development Scheme' (LDS). The purpose of the LDS is to set out to the public the direction of travel with regards to the LPA's Development Plan Documents but to also serve as means for the Government to monitor performance against.</p> <p>In the case of Southampton City Council, the LDS 'Preparing Our Development Plans' was adopted in July 2019 with a subsequent update in December 2019. However, given the progress with the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan over the past year and the impacts upon the Southampton City Vision Local Plan as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic it is considered necessary to update this document again to ensure it presents an accurate view of the current situation and planned activity for the future.</p> <p>The amendments proposed concern:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The position related to the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan update; 2. The requirement to review the Bassett Neighbourhood Plan in due course; and 3. The Southampton City Vision Local Plan timetable (Appendix 1 of the adopted LDS) <p>All other details in the LDS will remain as existing in the adopted version.</p>

Approval is sought for the update and publication of the LDS as set out in Appendix 1 (note: tracked changes have been used to highlight all changes to the current adopted version).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

	(i)	To resolve that the revised Local Development Scheme (Appendix 1) is to have effect from 21 st December 2021.
	(ii)	To delegate authority to the Head of Planning and Economic Development, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Growth, to make minor amendments to 'Preparing our Development Plans' before publication.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1.	To ensure that Southampton City Council is providing an up-to-date position regarding the development and update of planning documents, including an accurate timeline for the production of the Southampton City Vision Local Plan.
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ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

3.	Do nothing – This option was rejected as leaving the LDS as it currently is would suggest that the details contained within it are still up to date and accurate, which they are not. The Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan is further advanced, and this should be acknowledged, likewise the Bassett Neighbourhood Plan is in need of review now that five years have passed since adoption, plus the timetable for the Southampton City Vision Local Plan is now out of date and needs updating for the purposes of transparency to the public and Government monitoring.
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DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

4.	<p>As the local planning authority, Southampton City Council has a statutory duty to produce a Local Development Scheme (LDS). The LDS must set out the Council's timetable for producing and reviewing its development plan documents, which includes documents such as the Local Plan. This document must also outline any planning policy documents the Council intends to produce and the timescales for doing so in order for progress to be monitored by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC).</p> <p>The current LDS, 'Preparing our Development Plans', was adopted in July 2019 with subsequent updates approved by Cabinet in December 2019. The most recent version is attached in Appendix 2. This report seeks the approval of an updated version (Appendix 1) in which details on the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan are revised to reflect recent progress; a statement is added to communicate the need to review the Bassett Neighbourhood Plan in due course; and the timetable for the preparation of Southampton City Vision, our new Local Plan, is amended to account for delays experienced as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. All other details are proposed to remain as existing.</p>
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RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Revenue

5.	There are no direct revenue implications associated with the revised Local Development Scheme. The wider Local Plan work is being funded by existing budget allocations in the Place Directorate.
<u>Property/Other</u>	
6.	Not applicable.
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
7.	As the Local Planning Authority, Southampton City Council has a statutory duty to revise its Local Development Scheme at such time as it considers appropriate.
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
8.	Development plan documents must be prepared in accordance with the local development scheme. Future examination of development plan documents will consider whether this requirement has been met. The council must make the following available to the public — (a) the up-to-date text of the scheme, (b) a copy of any amendments made to the scheme, and (c) up-to-date information showing the state of the authority's compliance (or non-compliance) with the timetable mentioned in subsection (2)(f)
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
9.	The risk of Southampton City Council not updating the LDS would mean that an inaccurate view of planning document development continues to be presented publicly. Furthermore, continuing with an out-of-date timetable for the Southampton City Vision Local Plan would mean that DLUHC's monitoring will continue to show that the Council is non-compliant with the timetable for production and the Council could be 'designated' as a result. Similarly, if the LDS is not updated, upon examination of any Development Plan Documents (DPDs) the appointed Planning Inspector may find the Council non-compliant with the legal requirement to keep the LDS up to date and to clearly communicate to the public the proposed changes intended for the Local Development Plan, the timetable for making such changes and the Council's compliance (or non-compliance) with the timetable. Non-compliance could result in the Council needing to republish an up-to-date LDS and timetable and re-running statutory public engagement activities for the Local Plan to demonstrate that the public have been adequately notified and involved in the plan-making process.
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
10.	The Local Development Scheme is a statutory document that Southampton City Council is required to produce and maintain, in accordance with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

KEY DECISION?	No
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None

<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>	
Appendices	
1.	Preparing Our Development Plans – Proposed Updated Version
2.	Preparing Our Development Plans – Current Adopted Version
Documents In Members' Rooms	
1.	N/A
2.	
Equality Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out.	No
Data Protection Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out.	No
Other Background Documents	
Other Background documents available for inspection at: N/A	
Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
1.	N/A
2.	