



To: Executive Councillor for Planning and Climate Change: Councillor Tim Ward  
Report by: Head of Planning Services  
Relevant scrutiny committee: Development Plan Scrutiny 09/07/2013  
Wards affected: All Wards

## **Cambridge City Council Local Development Scheme 2013**

### **Not a key decision**

#### **1. Executive summary**

- 1.1 Cambridge City Council is required to maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS). An LDS sets out a timetable for the production of new or revised Development Plan Documents (such as a Local Plan).
- 1.2 Following Full Council approval on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2013 of the Proposed Submission Cambridge Local Plan, it is necessary to update the Council's LDS with the latest timetable and publish it on our website.

#### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 The report is being submitted to Development Plan Scrutiny Sub-Committee for prior consideration and comment before decision by the Executive Councillor for Planning and Climate Change.
- 2.2 The Executive Councillor is recommended to
  - 1) Approve the updated Local Development Scheme 2013 and agree to it being brought into effect on 10 July 2013.

#### **3. Background**

- 3.1 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 introduced the requirement for councils to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS). An LDS sets out a timetable for the production of new or revised Development Plan Documents (such as a Local Plan) by the local council.
- 3.2 The Council prepared its first LDS in 2005, and issued updates in 2007, 2008 and 2012. These are available on our website at:

- 3.3 The attached 2013 version of the LDS, which, if approved, will supersede previous versions, sets out a work programme for the Council over a three-year period to April 2016.
- 3.4 This version of the LDS has been simplified from previous versions, in line with streamlining the planning system. It now just focuses on some brief background to the development plan system in Cambridge and a timetable for the production of any new development plans i.e. the Cambridge Local Plan. Previous versions of the LDS contained considerable detail on wider plans, projects and evidence documents. This detail reflected the legislative requirements and government guidance in force at that time. However, such national requirements have been considerably simplified, enabling our LDS to be likewise simplified. All the material in the old LDS (such as a list and web link to our evidence base documents) is available on our website in any event.
- 3.5 As can be seen in the LDS, it sets out the next stages for the preparation of the Cambridge Local Plan, leading to its adoption by the end of 2014.
- 3.6 It is a legal requirement for the Council to keep its LDS up to date and approval today of this July 2013 LDS will ensure we meet such requirements and ensure it is published prior to the commencement of the important consultation on the Local Plan, which is scheduled to commence on 19 July 2013.

## **4. Implications**

### **(a) Financial Implications**

4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

### **(b) Staffing Implications (if not covered in Consultations Section)**

4.2 There are no direct staffing implications from this report.

### **(c) Equal Opportunities Implications**

4.3 There are no direct equal opportunities implications from this report.

### **(d) Environmental Implications**

4.4 There are no direct environmental implications arising from this report.

(e) **Consultation**

4.5 The LDS is not subject to direct public consultation. However, the LDS is an important tool to aid consultation on the Local Plan because it sets out a timetable to which the Council is committed to follow in preparing and consulting on the Local Plan, thereby giving the public 'advance warning' of when consultation periods on the local plan are likely to take place.

(f) **Community Safety**

4.6 There are no direct community safety implications arising from this report.

5. **Background Papers**

- The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004:  
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2004/5/contents>
- The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012:  
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/767/contents/made>

6. **Appendices**

- Appendix A: Local Development Scheme 2013

7. **Inspection of papers**

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