



To: Executive Councillor for Planning and Climate Change: Councillor Tim Ward
Report by: Head of Planning Services
Relevant scrutiny committee: Development Plan Scrutiny Sub Committee 25/02/2013
Wards affected: All Wards

Cambridge Local Development Scheme 2014

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 or Area Action Plan).
- 1.2 Following the recommendation of the Joint Strategic Transport and Spatial Planning Group on 6th February 2014 to commence the preparation of an Area Action Plan for the Cambridge Northern Fringe East (CNFE) area and amend the LDS, it is necessary for the council to consider whether it wishes to update the 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 Cambridge Local Development Scheme 2014 and agree to it being brought into effect on 26 February 2014.

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 or Area Action Plan) by the local council.

- 3.2 The council prepared its first LDS in 2005, and issued updates in 2007, 2008, 2012 and 2013. These are available on our website at: <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/local-development-scheme-and-latest-information> .
- 3.3 The CNFE area is a major development priority for Cambridge and the wider area. Both the City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council have committed to its redevelopment through respective policies in their new Local Plans which both propose the preparation of a joint Area Action Plan (AAP). Given the multiple land uses and ownership, and the complexity of the area it is important to provide a clear and comprehensive steer for its redevelopment. The planning system, through the AAP, can provide a clear planning framework for the development of the area to ensure there is an integrated, rather than piecemeal, approach which maximises the potential of the area and ensures development opportunities are not missed or compromised.
- 3.4 The attached 2014 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 2017. In summary the timetable for the preparation of the AAP is;

TIMETABLE FOR PREPARATION OF CNFE AAP	
Commencement of AAP	February 2014
Issues & Options Consultation	December 2014 to January 2015
Publication of Submission Draft AAP & Public Consultation	September 2015 to October 2015
Submission	April 2016
Examination of AAP	April 2016 to September 2016
Adoption and Publication of AAP	October 2016

- 3.5 It is a legal requirement for the council to keep its LDS up to date and approval of this February 2014 LDS will ensure we meet such requirements prior to the formal commencement of work on the Area Action Plan.

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 AAP because it sets out a timetable to which the council is committed to follow in preparing and consulting on the AAP, thereby giving the public 'advance warning' of when consultation periods on the AAP 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>
- Local Development Scheme 2013
<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/sites/www.cambridge.gov.uk/files/documents/local-development-scheme-2013.pdf>

6. **Appendices**

- Appendix A: Local Development Scheme 2014

7. **Inspection of papers**

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