
Development Control Committee – 2nd February 2015

Report of the Strategic Director (Environment, Economy and Housing)

Local Development Scheme 2015 - 2018

Purpose of Report

- 1 To inform Members of the Council's Local Development Scheme (LDS) (2015-2018).

Background

- 2 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is the Council's three-year project plan that identifies which local plan documents will be produced, in what order and by when.
- 3 The Council has had an adopted LDS since 2005 and the updated version took effect on the 14th January 2015. The LDS covers the period 2015 – 2018 and provides a summary of planning policy documents included within it, as well as timescales for their progression, what stage they are currently at and the anticipated date of adoption. These policy documents are referred to collectively as the Dudley Local Plan and are used as a basis for considering planning applications.
- 4 Dudley Council has a duty to maintain an up-to-date LDS and make it publically available: it is important that local communities and interested parties are aware of the key milestones so that they have the opportunity to get involved in the plan-making process and are aware of the likely dates for involvement.
- 5 The Council needs to review its portfolio of planning documents at regular intervals to assess whether some or all of them need updating. This LDS therefore also provides information of the timetabling of a number of existing approved planning documents which need to be reviewed. The LDS also lists those planning policy documents which have already been adopted and are used as working documents.
- 6 It is intended to review the LDS annually; however the tables within it, which set out the timetable for the progression of the relevant planning policy documents, will be updated on a monthly basis and displayed on the website.
- 7 The main Local Plan documents which are currently proposed to be delivered within the 2015-2018 timeframe are –
 - a) Dudley Borough Development Strategy (anticipated adoption date March 2016);
 - b) Dudley Area Action Plan (anticipated adoption date November 2016);

- c) Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule (anticipated adoption date May 2016)
- d) Review of the Black Country Core Strategy (anticipated to commence in April 2016).

Finance

- 8 The production of the planning policy documents contained in the LDS is funded from relevant, existing budgets and resources.

Law

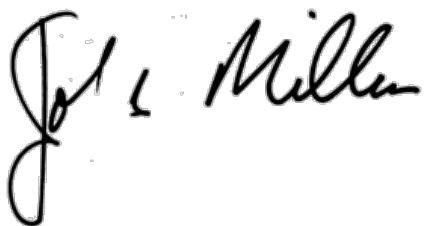
- 9 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 introduced the requirement for councils to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS).
- 10 The Localism Act 2011 allows the council to adopt its own LDS without approval from the Secretary of State (which was previously the case). It also maintains the requirements to produce an LDS and keep it up-to-date.

Equality Impact

- 11 The planning policy documents which form the Dudley Local Plan aim to ensure that sufficient homes, shops and industries, social, educational and recreational facilities are planned and provided for to meet the needs of all the communities in the borough. This includes meeting the needs of disabled persons as well as children and young people by seeking to provide sufficient facilities for them, as well as having a positive effect for future generations.

Recommendation

- 12 That the updated Local Development Scheme (LDS) (2015 - 2018) be noted.



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List of Background Papers

- A. The Local Development Scheme (2015 – 2018)