



Report to Cabinet

Subject: Gedling Borough Council Local Development Scheme

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Purpose of report

To make Members aware of the changes to the Local Development Scheme and seek Members approval for the Scheme to be forwarded to the Government Office for the East Midlands in order to bring into effect and publicise the revised Local Development Scheme, in accordance with the Council's corporate objective to enhance the physical environment of the Borough.

Background

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, which came into effect on 28th September 2004, introduced a new system for producing development plans, called Local Development Frameworks. As part of this new process Gedling Borough Council is required to produce a Local Development Scheme, which sets out the Council's intentions with regard to the content and timescale for production of new Local Development Documents that will make up the Local Development Framework.

Delays to the Regional Spatial Strategy, amendments to the Local Development Framework process and the progress towards aligning Gedling Borough Council's Core Strategy with the other districts that make up the Nottingham Core Housing Market Area mean that it is now considered appropriate to revise the Local Development Scheme adopted by the Council in April 2007. There are also proposals to prepare Supplementary Planning Documents that were not included in previous versions of the Local Development Scheme as identified in the Council's Annual Monitoring Report. In order for these to be taken forward they need to be included in the revised Local Development Scheme.

Proposals

The draft revised Local Development Scheme is set out as Appendix 1 to this report.

In summary, it is proposed to submit the following documents for a formal hearing, which will be subject to consultation and approval by Cabinet and Full Council:

- Core Strategy (Part A – Conurbation) - submit January 2011 (adopt February 2012)
- Core Strategy (Part B – Gedling) - submit January 2011 (adopt February 2012)
- Generic Development Control Policies - submit June 2012 (adopt July 2013)
- Site Specific Allocations and Policies - submit July 2013 (adopt August 2014)
- Arnold Town Centre Action Area Plan - submit June 2012 (adopt 2013).

New Documents

As part of the revised Local Development Scheme it is proposed to undertake work on the following Supplementary Planning Documents:

- Design – Residential Extensions
- Design – Residential Layout
- Affordable Housing

Conclusion

The revised Local Development Scheme will be sent to Government Office for the East Midlands for approval and will be available for public inspection.

Recommendations

It is therefore recommended that Cabinet agree that:

- 1. The revised Local Development Scheme be forwarded to the Government Office for the East Midlands for approval; and**
- 2. The revised Scheme will be made available for public inspection in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004.**

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Revised Local Development Scheme March 2009