

Report to Cabinet

Subject: Local Development Scheme

Date: 28th March 2024

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Wards Affected

Borough-Wide

Purpose

This report is to seek approval of the revised Local Development Scheme appended to this report as Appendix A and agree that it shall come into effect on 1st April 2024.

Key Decision

This is not a Key Decision.

Recommendation(s)

THAT:

- 1) Cabinet approves the revised Local Development Scheme appended to this report as Appendix A and agrees that it shall come into effect on 1st April 2024.

1 Background

- 1.1 The Council is required by s.15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme to set out the timetable for preparing the Council's Local Plan. The existing Local Development Scheme was prepared in January 2019 and covers the preparation of the Aligned Core Strategy (part 1 of the Council's

Local Plan) and the Local Planning Document (part 2 of the Council's Local Plan) which are now adopted.

- 1.2 Given the requirement to undertake a review of the Council's Local Plan, the Local Development Scheme has been updated and is attached as Appendix A. The revised Local Development Scheme will be made available on the Council's website.
- 1.3 The principle of reviewing the Core Strategies covering Greater Nottingham was agreed by the Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board in December 2017 and the intention to commence a review of the Local Plan, commencing with the review of the Core Strategy was noted by Gedling Borough Council in January 2019. The updated Authority Monitoring Report is attached as **Appendix A**.
- 1.4 When adopted, the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan will replace the Aligned Core Strategy and form part 1 of the Council's Local Plan. The timetable and milestones included in the Local Development Scheme reflect those agreed with the other plan making authorities - Broxtowe Borough Council, Nottingham City Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council.
- 1.5 It is acknowledged by the participating authorities that the timetable is ambitious and may be challenging to achieve, particularly in light of ongoing planning reform including through the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act. However, it is important to get a Local Plan in place as soon as possible given the deadline of July 2025 for submitting a local plan under the current system. It also signals that the councils are committed to getting a new strategic plan in place for Greater Nottingham as soon as practicable.

2 Proposal

- 2.1 To ask Cabinet to approve the revised Local Development Scheme appended to this report as Appendix A and agree that it shall come into effect on 1st April 2024.

3 Alternative Options

- 3.1 Not to specify a date upon which the revised Local Development Scheme will come into effect. The production and bringing into effect of a Local Development Scheme is a statutory requirement and the existing document is out of date.

4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no costs associated with the approval of the Local Development Scheme. There will be cost implications arising from policy preparation relating to the preparation of updated evidence and the examination stage. However, it is intended that evidence will be prepared in house where possible and any costs will be shared across the participating authorities.

5 Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Council is required by s.15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme to set out the timetable for preparing the Council's Local Plan.

6 Equalities Implications

- 6.1 The Local Development Scheme sets out a timetable for preparing the Council's Local Plan and does not in itself impact on equalities. An Equalities Impact Assessment will be undertaken on the Council's policies through the assessment of the adopted version of the Local Plan.

7 Carbon Reduction/Environmental Sustainability Implications

- 7.1 The Local Development Scheme sets out a timetable for preparing the Council's Local Plan and does not in itself impact on carbon reduction/environmental sustainability. Sustainability Appraisal is a legal requirement of plan preparation in order to consider economic, social and environmental objectives, to fulfil the requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004), and the requirements of the EU Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive transposed in the UK by the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004. Local Plan.

8 Climate Impact Assessment

- 8.1 The Council has taken the ambitious path of becoming net zero by 2030 and the impact of the publication of the Local Development Scheme has been considered through a Climate Impact Assessment appended to this report at Appendix B.

9 Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix A – Gedling Borough Local Development Scheme 2024-2027
Appendix B – Climate Impact Assessment

9 Background Papers

- 9.1 None

10 Reasons for Recommendations

- 10.1 An up to date Local Development Scheme is required to set out the timetable for the preparation of the review of the Local Plan, commencing with the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan.

Statutory Officer approval

Approved by:

Date:

On behalf of the Chief Financial Officer

Approved by:

Date:

On behalf of the Monitoring Officer