

Title of Report	LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME	
Presented by	Tom James Interim Planning Policy Team Manager	
Background Papers	Report to Local Plan Committee 18 October 2023 National Planning Policy Framework Localism Act 2011	Public Report: Yes
Financial Implications	There are no direct financial implications arising from the report. The cost of the Local Plan Review is met from existing budgets. Signed off by the Acting Section 151 Officer: Yes	
Legal Implications	Preparing a Local Development Scheme is required by legislation as set out in the report. Signed off by the Interim Monitoring Officer: Yes	
Staffing and Corporate Implications	None identified Signed off by the Head of Paid Service: Yes	
Purpose of Report	This report sets out an updated Local Development Scheme for the new Local Plan.	
Recommendations	THAT THE LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE: (I) AGREES THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME SET OUT AT APPENDIX A	

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Local planning authorities are required to prepare, maintain, and publish a Local Development Scheme (LDS) in accordance with the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011).

- 1.2 An LDS should set out the Council’s programme for the preparation of Local Development Documents (i.e. local plans) over a three-year period and should inform the public and other stakeholders about the likely dates for opportunities to get involved with the plan making process.
- 1.3 The LDS was last published in February 2025. As an up-to-date Local Development Scheme is a regulatory requirement when the Local Plan is submitted for examination, the LDS needs updating to reflect the current timetable.
- 1.4 The updated timetable for progressing the Local Plan largely reflects the timescales reported to Local Plan Committee on 18 March 2026. This demonstrates that the Council is still on track to submit the Local Plan before 31 December 2026, which is the final submission date imposed for Local Plans under the current plan-making system.
- 1.5 Table 1 below provides an overview of the key timescales up to submission:

Table 1: Expected Key Milestones to Submission

Date/Month	Stage
4 June 2026- Local Plan Committee 11 June 2026 - Cabinet 17 June 2026 - Council	Seek approval to consult on the Regulation 19 Local Plan and to submit the plan following consultation
July – September 2026	Regulation 19 Consultation (minimum of 6 weeks but intend to extend to account for summer/school holidays)
October 2026	Process representations received and collate all the documentation for submission
November/December 2026	Formal Submission of the Local Plan

- 1.6 A copy of the proposed LDS is attached at Appendix A.

Policies and other considerations, as appropriate	
Council Priorities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning and regeneration - Communities and housing
Policy Considerations:	The Local Plan is required to be consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework and other government guidance and requirements.
Safeguarding:	No issues identified
Equalities/Diversity:	An Equalities Impact Assessment of the Local Plan review will be undertaken as part of the Sustainability Appraisal.
Customer Impact:	No issues identified
Economic and Social Impact:	The decision, of itself, will have no specific impact
Environment, Climate Change and zero carbon:	The decision, of itself, will have no specific impact
Consultation/Community/Tenant Engagement:	None
Risks:	<p>As detailed in the report a Local Development Scheme is a legal requirement.</p> <p>The Local Development Scheme identifies a number of risks and how these will be managed.</p>
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