

Report To:	CABINET	Date:	1st OCTOBER 2018
Heading:	ASHFIELD LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2018		
Portfolio Holder:	CLLR JASON ZADROZNY - LEADER OF THE COUNCIL		
Ward/s:	ALL WARDS		
Key Decision:	YES		
Subject to Call-In:	YES		

Purpose Of Report

To provide a new Ashfield Local Development Scheme 2018 which sets out the Council's programme for the production of the new Ashfield Local Plan.

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended Cabinet resolve that the Ashfield Local Development Scheme, as set out in Appendix One, is approved and brought into effect from 1st October 2018.

Reasons for Recommendation(s)

To adhere to the legal requirement to maintain an up to date Local Development Scheme under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

Alternative Options Considered (With Reasons Why Not Adopted)

There is no alternative option as legislation requires the Council (as the local planning authority) to revise the Local Development Scheme at such time as they consider appropriate.

Detailed Information

The Council is required to produce a Local Development Scheme (LDS) that provides a programme for the production of the planning policy document (development plan document)

that forms the Ashfield Local Plan. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (P&CP Act) sets out that the Council as the local planning authority must revise the LDS at such time as they consider appropriate. It is a legal requirement to have an up-to-date LDS, as this is one of the tests of legal compliance at the examination of a Local Plan.

At an Extraordinary Council meeting on the 6th September 2018, Members resolved to withdraw the Emerging Local Plan (Ashfield Publication Local Plan 2016) and commence development of a new plan immediately. As such a new LDS has been prepared to provide an achievable Local Plan timetable.

The new LDS is set out in Appendix One to the Report. It is recommended Cabinet resolve that the Ashfield Local Development Scheme, as set out in Appendix One, is approved and brought into effect from 1st October 2018.

The initial 14 month period identified in the Draft LDS will require a significant amount of work to provide a sound basis for a new Consultation Draft Local Plan. This will include, but is not limited to:

- Developing a new vision/ spatial approach – 4 months approximately
- Establish a new housing requirement over the Plan period, based on the Standard Method as set out in Planning Practice Guidance. This will be derived from household growth projections, alongside an affordability ratio, which are anticipated to be published at the end of October 2018.
- Liaison with neighbouring authorities.
- Updating studies concurrently, such as the Habitats Regulation Assessment, Transport Study, Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Assessment, Housing needs study (to determine mix of house types and affordable housing requirements), retail assessment, employment assessment, education and Infrastructure assessment, etc.
- Early 2019 Call for sites via the Strategic Housing and Employment Site Assessment process (minimum of 6 weeks), followed by individual site assessments.
- Development of SA objectives – early 2019.
- Spring/Summer 2019 Project Officer Group to develop options
- Spring/Summer 2019 – Local Plan Steering Group to look at sites (including workshops with Members), stakeholders and resident groups to be consulted to test approach.
- Autumn 2019 - site selection and development of strategic and development management policies with regular Steering groups.
- Autumn 2019 - Provisionally book consultation events.
- Presentation of Consultation Draft Local Plan to Cabinet late Autumn/ Winter 2019 for approval to consult after Christmas.
- Late 2019 - Prepare consultation material including public notices/adverts, web page, letters, forms, print documents, etc.

Implications

Corporate Plan: The LDS identifies the programme for the production of planning policy documents forming the Ashfield Local Plan, which is a key priority within the Corporate Plan.

Legal: Local Planning Authorities are required under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended by the Localism Act 2011, to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS) which is updated when considered appropriate. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, Section 15(7) states that ‘To bring the scheme into effect, the local planning authority must resolve that the scheme is to have effect and in the resolution specify the date from which the scheme is to have effect. (Section 15 [7]).

Finance: There are no direct financial implications in relation to the approval of the updated LDS. The MTFS reports will include detail on the funding of the new Local Plan

Budget Area	Implication
General Fund – Revenue Budget	None
General Fund – Capital Programme	None
Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Budget	None
Housing Revenue Account – Capital Programme	None

Risk:

Risk	Mitigation
The Local Development Scheme sets out the timetable for the delivery of a new Local Plan. It is important to adhere to the timetable as not having a local plan may result in the inability to deliver the corporate priorities as specified in the corporate plan.	To manage resources to ensure the delivery of a Local Plan as quickly as possible.

Human Resources:

There are no direct HR implications contained within this report.

Equalities:

There are no direct equalities implications contained within this report.

Other Implications:

No other implications have been identified.

Reason(s) for Urgency

At an Extraordinary Council meeting on the 6th September 2018, members resolved to withdraw the Emerging Local Plan (Ashfield Publication Local Plan 2016) and commence development of a new plan immediately. As a requirement to bring forward the new Local Plan a new Local Development Scheme needs to be in place as soon as possible.

Reason(s) for Exemption

N/A

Background Papers

N/A

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Appendix One: Ashfield Local Development Scheme