

REPORT TO:	Planning Policy Committee - 26 January 2023
SUBJECT:	Local Development Scheme Update
LEAD OFFICER:	Kevin Owen, Planning Policy & Conservation Manager
LEAD MEMBER:	Councillor Richard Bower
WARDS:	All
CORPORATE PRIORITY / POLICY CONTEXT / CORPORATE VISION:	
<p>The recommendations support:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the Wellbeing of Arun; • Delivering the right homes in the right places. 	
DIRECTORATE POLICY CONTEXT:	
<p>The proposals will help to enhance the quality of the natural and built environment, protect the district's natural and heritage assets and to promote economic growth in a sustainable manner, striking a balance between the need for development and the protection of scarce resources.</p>	
FINANCIAL SUMMARY:	
<p>The plan making budget includes budget and resource provision to progress a Gypsy & Traveller & Traveller Showmen Site Allocation Development Plan Document. The additional work streams on delivery – including arising from national policy changes (e.g., Planning Practice Guidance in relation to Climate Change and flood risk) can be accommodated within the budget and if necessary, any virement from underspends on the Local Plan update.</p>	

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. This report seeks the Committees agreement to recommend to Full Council, adoption of an updated Local Development Scheme (LDS 2023). This is with respect to signalling the current pause to the Local Plan Update but also specifically, in order to set out the recommenced work programme for progressing the Gypsy & Traveller and Traveller Showmen Site Allocation Development Plan Document (G&TDPD). The G&TDPD following public consultation in October 2020 (i.e. Regulation 18 of the Town & Country Planning (Local Planning) (England Regulations) 2012) had subsequently, stalled in 2020 and 2021 because of material objections.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1. Planning Policy Committee: -

- i. Recommends to Full Council that the draft Local Development Scheme January 2023 for the period 2023-2025 as amended (and set out in Background Paper 1) be adopted; and

- ii. That authority be delegated to the Group Head of Planning, in consultation with the Chairman of Planning Policy Committee, to undertake minor updating and drafting of any amendments required to the LDS prior to publication on the Council's website.

3. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

3.1. The Council is required to produce, and keep up to date, a Local Development Scheme (LDS). The LDS provides a work programme for the production of those Development Plan Documents to be prepared over a three-year period and is monitored in the Authority Monitoring Report and used for resource planning by PINS (i.e. the Planning Inspectorate).

3.2. The current LDS adopted in 2020 needs to be specifically updated: -

- With regard to the signalling the current pause to the Local Plan Update initiated in October 2021 and maintained in July 2022;
- And to set out the recommended recast work programme for progressing the G&TDPD which is a Local Plan.

3.3. The revised LDS (Background Paper 1) includes the updated timescales for the production of G&TDPD

4. DETAIL

4.1. In July 2022 Members of Planning Policy Committee considered the updated position regarding outstanding objections to the G&TDPD (Background Paper 2). The G&TDPD preparation timetable had been delayed pending officers seeking legal opinion and investigating with West Sussex County Council (WSSCC) officers, the feasibility of resolving WSSCC material objections to the Regulation 18 Gypsy & Traveller and Traveller Showman Site Allocations (Preferred Options) DPD (which was subject to public consultation in October 2020). Officers considered that sufficient progress had been made that it would be feasible to resolve the objections subject to undertaking further evidence work.

4.2. Officers are commissioning evidence on site delivery matters and further work is likely to be necessary to consider changes to national policy including Flood Risk and Climate Change as amended in the Government's published Planning Practice Guidance (PPG).

4.3. The LDS therefore, sets out revised proposed key dates for the G&T DPD Regulation 19 Publication stage, Submission, Examination, Main Modifications and Adoption in 2023/24

- Spring 2023 Evidence Preparation
- Summer 2023 Regulation 19 Pre-submission consultation
- Autumn 2023 Submission
- Winter 2023 Examination
- Spring 2024 Adoption

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1. The update to the LDS will help to ensure that Arun maintains effective and timely preparation of its development plan so that development management decisions relating to development within the District accord with up to date development plans consistent with national policy and sustainable development.

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1. The Council is not required to consult on the LDS which is the authority's plan making timetable.

7. COMMENTS BY THE GROUP HEAD OF FINANCE/SECTION 151 OFFICER

- 7.1. The plan making budget includes budget and resource provision to progress a G&TDPD. The additional work streams on delivery – including arising from national policy changes (Planning Practice guidance in relation to Climate Change and flood risk) can be accommodated within the budget and if necessary, any virement from underspends on the Local Plan update.

8. RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1. The range of options available are to; approve the LDS 2023 to ensure a 'sound' development plan is prepared to guide future growth and infrastructure provision; or not to approve the LDS 2023 with the risk that planning decisions are not in accordance with an up-to-date development plan and determined by appeal.

9. COMMENTS OF THE GROUP HEAD OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE & MONITORING OFFICER

- 9.1. There are no Governance or legal implications arising from this update.

10. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT

- 10.1. There are no implications arising for Human Resources.

11. HEALTH & SAFETY IMPACT

- 11.1. There are no direct implications for Health & Safety.

12. PROPERTY & ESTATES IMPACT

- 12.1. There are no direct implications for Council property.

13. EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) / SOCIAL VALUE

- 13.1. There are no direct adverse implications arising from preparing and adopting the LDS for Equalities/Social Value. However, the associated G&TDPD preparation may give rise to such positive and adverse implications but is subject to Sustainability Appraisal and Equalities Appraisal during its preparation and community consultation, to ensure that adverse effects are mitigated.

14. CLIMATE CHANGE & ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT/SOCIAL VALUE

14.1. There are no direct adverse implications arising from preparing and adopting the LDS for Climate Change. However, the associated G&TDPD preparation may give rise to such positive and adverse implications but is subject to Sustainability Appraisal Environment Assessment and Habitats Regulation Assessment during its preparation and community consultation, to ensure that adverse effects are mitigated.

15. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPACT

15.1. There are no direct adverse implications for Crime and Disorder. However, the Council has a legislative obligation to consider the impact on crime and disorder in all development plans and projects within the district.

16. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACT

16.1. There are no direct adverse implications for Human Rights.

17. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION / DATA PROTECTION CONSIDERATIONS

17.1. There are no implications for FOI/Data Protection.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

Background Paper 1: draft LDS 2023:-

<https://www.arun.gov.uk/local-development-scheme-lds>

Background Paper 2: [Gypsy & Traveller Development Plan Update to Committee on 27 July 2022](#)