

REPORT TO:	Planning Policy Committee – 21 September 2023
SUBJECT:	Local Development Scheme
LEAD OFFICER:	Kevin Owen (Planning Policy & Conservation Manager)
LEAD MEMBER:	Cllr Martin Lury, Chair of Planning Policy Committee
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 costs will need to be met from within the current revenue budget. and should this not be possible, an overspend will be reported to Members in due course. Any overspend that cannot be mitigated will reduce the council's level of Usable Reserves.</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 September 2023). This is with respect to the lifting of the pause to the Local Plan Update and to set out the recommenced work programme.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. The Planning Policy Committee is requested to:-
- Recommend to Full Council that the draft Local Development Scheme September 2023 for the period 2023-2025 as amended (and set out in Background Paper 2) be adopted; and
 - Delegate authority to the Group Head of Planning, in consultation with the Chair 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 (the Planning Inspectorate).
- 3.2. The current LDS was recently updated and adopted 15 March 2023 (Background Paper 1) with respect to the Gypsy & Traveler Local Plan timetable and the paused Local Plan update. However, with the lifting of the pause to the Local Plan update, the LDS needs updating again.
- 3.3. The revised LDS (Background Paper 2) includes the updated timescales for the production of the Local Plan update.

4. DETAIL

- 4.1. In January 2022 Planning Policy Committee considered the updated LDS to set out the G&TDPD timescale and work programme (Background Paper 1) which had been delayed because of objections but had been sufficiently resolved to resume. The LDS update also confirmed the continuing pause to the Arun Local Plan.
- 4.2. However, the lifting of the pause to the Arun Local Plan (Full Council 19 July 2023) requires the LDS be further updated. The LDS therefore, sets out revised proposed key dates for the Arun Local Plan update including the Regulation 18 Issues & Options and Draft Local Plan consultation stages, Regulation 19 Pre-submission consultation, Submission and Examination and Adoption in 2026/27.
 - Spring 2024 Issues & Options consultation.
 - Spring/Summer 2025 Draft Local Plan consultation (and phase 3 evidence).
 - Spring/Winter 2026 Regulation 19 Pre-submission consultation.
 - Submission summer 2026.
 - Examination Autumn 2026.
 - Adoption Winter/Spring 2026/27.

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 costs will need to be met from within the current revenue budget. Officers from the Planning and Finance Groups will discuss how this can be achieved and should this not be possible, an overspend will be reported to Members in due course. This action is in accordance with Part 6, section 3, paragraph 3.3.2.2 of the council's constitution, which states that wherever possible additional cost pressures should be met from within existing budgets. Any overspend that cannot be mitigated will reduce the council's level of Usable Reserves.
- 7.2. The impact on the council's Mid Term Financial Strategy will also be addressed by Officers as part of the process to update the current Strategy and will be reported back to Policy & Finance Committee.

8. RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1. The range of options available are to; approve the LDS September 2023 to ensure a 'sound' development plan is prepared to guide future growth and infrastructure provision; or not to approve the LDS September 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. Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act, 2004 as amended by the Localism Act 2011 requires the council to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme, and the report sets out the procedure to enable it to be updated. 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 programmed plan making may give rise to such positive and adverse implications but is subject to Sustainability Appraisal and Equalities Appraisal during plan 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 updated LDS for Climate Change. However, the associated plan making 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: LDS January 2023:-

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

Background Paper 2: Draft Local Development Scheme September 2023:-

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