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Report Originator	Head of Development Services	Fwd Plan Ref No:	
Wards Affected	All	10 th September 2019	
Title	LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME		

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To agree an update to the Council's Local Development Scheme; and to recommend that the Scheme is submitted to Full Council for adoption.

2. INFORMATION

- 2.1 A Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a project plan setting out the timetable for the preparation of documents that make up the Council's contribution towards the North Northamptonshire Development Plan. The Development Plan for Kettering Borough is made up of the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (adopted July 2016); saved policies from the Local Plan for Kettering Borough (adopted January 1995); the Kettering Town Centre Area Action Plan (adopted July 2011); the Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Update (adopted July 2017); the Broughton Neighbourhood Plan; and once adopted, will include the emerging Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan, and the Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocation Policy. Further Neighbourhood Plans, prepared by local Neighbourhood Groups, will also be included within the Development Plan.
- 2.2 The Joint Core Strategy is the strategic Part 1 Local Plan for North Northamptonshire, providing the big picture for development across the wider area. The Part 2 Local Plan is being prepared by Kettering Borough Council and will provide locally specific policies and make further land allocations to complement those agreed through the Joint Core Strategy.
- 2.3 Section 15(1) of the 2004 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act requires that the *"local planning authority must prepare and maintain a scheme to be known as their local development scheme"*. Legislation simply requires that the LDS is brought into effect and published by the Local Planning Authority. To achieve this two actions need to be carried out:
- i. the Council should resolve that the LDS is to have effect; and
 - ii. it should specify the date from which the LDS is to have effect.
- 2.4 The Council's constitution requires that the Planning Policy Committee consider and recommend to Full Council for approval the Plans and alterations which together comprise the Development Plan. It is the responsibility of Full Council to approve the Plans and alterations which together comprise the Local

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Development Framework. This report will set out the Kettering Borough Council's draft LDS, with a recommendation that it be agreed and presented to Full Council for adoption. In the meantime, it is proposed that the Council continue to publish on its website any updates to the programme of Plans it is taking forward.

Local Development Scheme

- 2.5 The purpose of the LDS is to provide a timetable against which the documents making up the Council's Development Plan can be viewed, allowing any parties interested in taking part in the preparation of the Plan to be notified of the programme and to be involved in its development.
- 2.6 The LDS was last adopted on 25th April 2018. It is considered important to ensure the Council is complying with the necessary tests, by agreeing and publishing a revised LDS for public consumption.
- 2.7 The next meeting of Full Council is scheduled for 25th September 2019, at which it is proposed the Council is asked to adopt the LDS. The revised LDS has been updated to reflect progress made and slippage to the previous LDS programme. It will also set out a timetable for progressing the Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocation Policy, and explain the position with the Rothwell and Desborough Urban Extension Area Action Plan. More on these documents are provided below.

Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan (SSP2)

- 2.8 The LDS will be adopted ahead of the Publication Draft (Pre-submission Plan). The remaining programme for producing this document is as follows:
- Publication Draft for consultation – December 2019 to January 2020
 - Submission to Secretary of State – April 2020
 - Examination – July 2020
 - Receipt of Inspector's Report – October 2020
 - Adoption – December 2020

Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocation Policy

- 2.9 The Council has published a revised Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) and is working towards a series of initiatives to deliver against the identified need. One of the options will include the identification and allocation of sites through a standalone local plan document. Gypsy and traveller housing provision sits alongside the Council's responsibility to meet the housing requirements for the settled community. Progressing a policy to identify and allocate sufficient land to meet identified need, in a timely manner will be important in meeting this requirement and is likely to be under scrutiny during the Examination into the SSP2 currently scheduled for July 2020. There's a risk the Planning Inspector at that Examination could find the Plan not to be sound, or the

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Examination could be deferred, and the Council given a period to progress its Gypsy and Traveller allocations policy to a more advanced stage.

Rothwell and Desborough Urban Extension Area Action Plan (AAP)

- 2.10 The Council provided no clear timetable for the progression of this historic policy document in the previous LDS, its Submission to the Secretary of State having been put on hold. Since then clear progress has been made with applications at both Desborough and Rothwell having been granted outline planning permission. Also, in both cases, the sites are progressing towards delivery with Reserved Matters Applications and clear timetables from the developers for delivery on site. Rather than revoke this AAP now, it is proposed to keep these documents a part of the LDS, giving the proposals and the policy content of the AAP some weight in decision-taking, albeit limited. This approach will likely be reviewed either with the commencement of the urban extensions or with Submission of the SSP2.
- 2.11 The LDS also includes additional plan-making documents, those being Proposals Map, and a review of the Kettering Town Centre Area Action Plan.
- 2.12 Once the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan has been adopted, it is proposed to review the Kettering Town Centre Area Action Plan. This should be in early 2021, at which point resources can be directed towards the review, and a clearer evidence base is likely to be available, in part through on-going work based around the Council's Kettering Town Centre Delivery Plan.
- 2.13 A draft copy of the LDS is provided at **Appendix A**. Following any comments and subsequent amendments agreed by this committee, the document will be amended and forwarded to Full Council for adoption, with the recommendation that Full Council resolve that the Local Development Scheme is to have effect from 25th September 2019.

3. CONSULTATION AND CUSTOMER IMPACT

- 3.1 No consultation is necessary in agreeing an LDS.

4. POLICY AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The LDS is required under Section 15(1) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. Formulating the timetables within the LDS, keeping them up-to-date, and making it publically available on the Council's website will ensure that the Council complies with the necessary tests in preparing a Local Plan for Examination.
- 4.2 There are no resource implications as a result of this report.

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5. LEGAL AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The LDS, once adopted, will ensure the Council meets the requirements of Section 15(1) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme. The LDS supports equality standards setting out the timetables for the preparation of Local Plan Documents for all interested parties to view.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The planning documents referenced within the LDS will be subject to sustainability appraisal throughout their evolution, inclusive of reviewing climate change implications.

7. RECOMMENDATION

That Members agree the draft LDS as discussed at paragraph 2.7 to 2.13; and recommend to Full Council that the revised LDS be adopted.

Previous Reports/Minutes:

Ref: Local Development Scheme (17.PP.29)

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