

BOROUGH OF KETTERING

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Wards Affected	All	25 th September 2019	
Title	LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME		

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To adopt a revised Local Development Scheme.

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 will be prepared by Kettering Borough, 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 sets out that it is the responsibility of the Planning Policy Committee to consider and recommend to Full Council for approval the Plans and alterations which together comprise the Development Plan. Also, that it is the responsibility of Full Council to consider for approval the Plans and alterations which together comprise the Local Development Framework.

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2.5 Members of the Planning Policy Committee met on 10th September 2019 and agreed a revised Draft Local Development Scheme to be recommended to Full Council for adoption. Since the Planning Policy Committee report was drafted, a further neighbourhood plan area has been designated, at Harrington. This additional designation was not a part of the LDS reported to that committee, but for completeness has been added to the document to be adopted. This report sets out the updated draft LDS, with a recommendation that it be adopted by Full Council.

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2.6 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.

2.7 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.

Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan (SSP2)

2.8 The LDS sets out the remaining programme for producing the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan 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 is working towards a series of initiatives to deliver against a revised Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA). One of the options will include the identification and allocation of sites through a standalone local plan document. Progressing a policy to identify and allocate sufficient land to meet identified need, and for this to be progressed in a timely manner, will be important 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 Examination could be deferred for the Council to progress its Gypsy and Traveller allocations policy. The Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocation Policy programme is as follows:

- Draft Plan for consultation – December 2019
- Publication Plan for consultation – April 2020
- Submission to Secretary of State – July 2020

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- Examination – September 2020
- Adoption – April 2021

2.10 The LDS also includes additional plan-making documents, those being Proposals Maps, the Rothwell and Desborough Urban Extension Area Action Plan (AAP), and a review of the Kettering Town Centre Area Action Plan. The approach with the Rothwell and Desborough Urban Extension AAP will likely be reviewed either with the commencement of the urban extensions at both towns or with Submission of the SSP2.

2.11 The Kettering Town Centre AAP will commence once the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan has been adopted, this should be towards the end of 2020. At this point resources can be directed towards the review, and a clearer evidence base is likely to be available, in part through on-going work in developing a Kettering Town Centre Delivery Plan.

2.12 A draft copy of the LDS agreed by Members of the Planning Policy Committee is provided at **Appendix 1**. The LDS is recommended for adoption, 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.

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.

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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 adopt the draft LDS as attached at Appendix 1 as recommended by the Planning Policy Committee and agree for it to have effect from 25th September 2019.

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