

**EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE**

16th October 2012

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME NO. 5

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Greg Chance
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
Relevant Head of Service	Ruth Bamford
Ward(s) Affected	All
Ward Councillor(s) Consulted	N/A
Key Decision / Non-Key Decision	Key Decision

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

A Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a statutorily required project plan for producing Development Plans. The current Local Development Scheme for Redditch - LDS No.4, sets out what plans the Council intends to produce and the timescales for producing them for the period of July 2010 to February 2014. Local Development Scheme No.5 (Appendix A) has been produced to update these timescales.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to RECOMMEND that

the timescales detailed within Local Development Scheme No. 5 for the production of Development Plans be agreed and published.

3. KEY ISSUES

Financial Implications

- 3.1 Production of Local Development Scheme No.5 will be funded from existing Development Plans Budgets.
- 3.2 Local Plan No.4 listed within the LDS as part of the Development Plan may require additional funding in the future to enable delivery; however these documents would be the subject of further committee reports once these costs are known.

Legal Implications

- 3.3 Redditch Borough Council is required to produce a LDS under the Localism Act 2011. The requirement to submit the LDS to the Secretary of State has been removed.

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Service / Operational Implications

- 3.5 The current LDS for Redditch was approved in September 2009 by Government Office for the West Midlands. This LDS is now out of date, for the reasons set out below therefore a revised LDS is required.
- 3.6 The following paragraphs detail the key changes made to the revised Local Development Scheme No.5 (Appendix A).
- 3.7 Since LDS No.4 was produced, the Core Strategy has been changed to reflect a new style Local Plan, therefore the previous references to the Core Strategy now refer to Local Plan No.4.
- 3.8 Local Development Scheme No.5 proposes to alter the Submission of the Local Plan to December 2012 and adoption to September 2014. This is to allow for a joint consultation with Bromsgrove District Council on Redditch cross boundary growth in February/March 2013 and consultation on Local Plan No.4 to take place in June/July 2013. While this LDS is proposing an additional consultation for Redditch, the timescales for the Borough of Redditch Local Plan No.4 and Bromsgrove Core Strategy remain aligned. In line with the Government's ambition to speed up the planning process, the Local Planning Authority will bring forward the timetable should an opportunity arise. Any changes to the timetable will be advertised on the Council website.
- 3.9 LDS No.4 referred to a Site Allocations and Policies Development Plan Document. Since then a Council resolution was passed to drop the production of this Document and focus resource on the Local Plan instead. It does not therefore feature in LDS No.5.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.7 The Local Development Scheme has no direct impact on the Councils Equalities and Diversity policies. The publication of the LDS will inform the public and stakeholders of the documents that will make up the Development Plan (currently just the Local Plan), the timescales they can expect for the preparation of these documents and the opportunities for involvement.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 The Localism Act 2011 requires the Council to prepare and maintain an LDS. Without an up to date LDS, the Council would not be fulfilling its statutory obligations and risks the Development Plan being found

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unsound. The LDS is critical to the successful programme management of the Local Plan.

5. APPENDICES

Appendix A - Local Development Scheme No.5

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Local Development Scheme No.4 July 2010 to February 2014

7. KEY

Core Strategy/Local Plan DPD – sets out how we want Redditch Borough to be by the end of the plan period and how this will be achieved. It does not allocate land, but it is one of the most important planning documents at the local level, as it provides a framework approach for the spatial growth of the Borough.

Local Development Scheme (LDS) – A project plan detailing the timescales for producing Development Plans.

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