

EXTRAORDINARY FULL COUNCIL

4th JULY 2017

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF REGULATORY SERVICES

MELTON LOCAL PLAN: REVISED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report is to seek Full Council's agreement of a Local Development Scheme 2017-2020, to update the 2016-2019 version agreed in April, 2016. The 2017-2020 LDS reflects a new local plan timetable that includes a consultation on an Addendum of Focused Changes to the draft local plan, and consideration of the representations received to this. This would take place prior to seeking the agreement of full Council to submit the plan to the Government for examination.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that:

- (i) **The Melton Borough Local Development Scheme 2017-2020 (Appendix A to this report) be agreed.**

3.0 KEY ISSUES

3.1 It is a regulatory requirement that any local development plans prepared by the Council must be done so in accordance with an up to date Local Development Scheme.

3.2 A Local Development Scheme sets out the local development documents that a Local Planning Authority intends to prepare, the timetable for doing so, and the resources that will be required in doing so. The Council last agreed a LDS in April 2016, but as that document does not reflect the Council's current timetable and intentions for the remaining stages of local plan preparation, it needs updating.

3.3 The changes required are to reflect a revised local plan preparation timetable that includes a Regulation 19 consultation on an Addendum of Focused Changes to the draft local plan. This stage was not envisaged in the current LDS. The reasons why a 'focused changes' consultation is now needed is set out in Item 3A of this agenda.

4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The revised LDS does not change the local development documents that the Council intends to prepare, but it does change the timetable. It is now envisaged that the draft local plan, including the focused changes will be submitted to the Government for inspection in early October 2017. This means that the public hearings sessions of the Local Plan Examination are likely to be December 2017/January 2018, and the local plan could be adopted by the Council in June 2018, only two months later than was indicated in the 2016-2019 LDS.
- 4.2 The 2017-2020 also reconfirms the Council's commitment to preparing a Community Infrastructure Levy, on a timetable that will enable CIL to be charged on new developments as soon as possible after the adoption of the local plan. It also reconfirms that Supplementary Planning Documents will be prepared to provide more detail about the implementation of the affordable housing policies (Policy C4 and C5), and to provide guidance to developers about what constitutes good design.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The costs of preparing the documents indicated in the LDS can be met from existing budgets. As SPDs do not require public examination, it is anticipated that the majority of costs will be incurred in the current and the next financial years. The Council can expect to start receiving income from CIL once developments granted planning permission after the adoption of CIL start to be implemented, probably from financial year 2019-2020. The amount that could be collected is estimated in the earlier Item 3(K) on this agenda.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/POWERS

- 6.1 Council's Agreement of this LDS 2017-2020 will help to reduce the risk of a legal challenge to the Local Plan, as it will ensure that the preparation of the LDS reflects an up to date LDS, as required by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004).

7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY

- 7.1 There are no implications arising from this report.

8.0 EQUALITIES

- 8.1 The LDS per se has no equalities implications. Equalities impact assessment is undertaken in the preparation of the local development documents to which it refers.

9.0 RISKS

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L I K E L I H O O D	A	Very High				
	B	High				
	C	Significant				
	D	Low				
	E	Very Low				
	F	Almost Impossible	1			
			Negligible 1	Marginal 2	Critical 3	Catastrophic 4
			IMPACT			

Risk No	Risk Description
1	None are anticipated arising from the report (a risk would be present if the Local Plan was to proceed without the LDS being updated). If the remaining plan preparation stages do not take place as anticipated, the LDS can be revised again next year, if necessary.

10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE

10.1 There are no implications arising from this report.

11.0 CONSULTATION

11.1 The Local Plan Working Group considered the proposals for a revised timetable for local plan preparation. There is no requirement to consult on a LDS.

12.0 WARDS AFFECTED

12.1 All wards are affected by the preparation of the local development documents indicated in the Local Development Scheme.

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Appendices
Background
papers

Appendix A: Melton Local Development Scheme 2017-2020
None.