

**Decision Maker:**        **DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE**

**Date:**                    **Thursday 12 September 2013**

**Decision Type:**        Non-Urgent                    Non-Executive                    Non-Key

**Title:**                    **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME VERSION 5 2013-2015**

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**Chief Officer:**        Chief Planner

**Ward:**                    (All Wards);

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1. Reason for report

This report puts forward an updated version of the Local Development Scheme (LDS) which is the project management document for the production of the Local Plan for the Borough. The appendix comprises a draft LDS for 2013/15. This will replace the 2010 version. The latest version reflects the move to preparing a Local Plan rather than the Local Development Framework in line with the Government's Planning Reforms and National Planning Policy Framework (2012), and the changes in resources. The current legislative requirements for the LDS are to only include the development plan documents (DPD) which are subject to independent examination which for Bromley will be the Local Plan. Supplementary Planning Documents are therefore not included in the formal LDS. It does however provide an indicative timescale for the preparation of a local Community Infrastructure Levy.

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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

Development Control Committee

2.1 Members are asked to recommend to the Executive the acceptability of the revised Local Development Scheme as set out in Appendix 1 as the formal management document for the production of the Bromley Local Plan.

Executive

2.2 Members are asked to agree the Local Development Scheme as set out in Appendix 1.

## Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Not Applicable
  2. BBB Priority: Children and Young People Excellent Council Quality Environment Safer Bromley Supporting Independence Vibrant, Thriving Town Centres:
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## Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Estimated Cost Up to £92k
  2. Ongoing costs: Non-Recurring Cost
  3. Budget head/performance centre: Local Plan Implementation budget and carry forward balance held in Central Contingency
  4. Total current budget for this head: £32k and £60k
  5. Source of funding: Existing revenue budget for 2013/14 and carry forward sum held in Central Contingency
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## Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional):
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours:
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## Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement Non-Statutory - Government Guidance None: Further Details
  2. Call-in: Applicable Not Applicable: Further Details
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## Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): Borough-wide
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## Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

### **3. COMMENTARY**

- 3.1 The Council is required to publish an up to date Local Development Scheme (LDS), setting out the timescale for the preparation of local development plan documents (DPDs). There is no longer a requirement for the LDS to be submitted to Secretary of State. The last LDS was agreed by the Council in early 2010. At this time the Council's priority was the Bromley Town Centre Area Action Plan as the first part of the Local Development Framework to be followed by the Core Strategy. However, Government signalled it would be making substantial reforms. The consultation Draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was published in 2011 and the final document in 2012.
- 3.2 The NPPF made substantial changes including the introduction of 'Local Plans', and has been followed by further reforms including for example, the greater range of permitted development rights. The Government created the ability for local authorities to introduce Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to help deliver an up to date plan in April 2010. CIL regulations have been updated several times with the fourth amendments expected this Autumn.
- 3.3 Since the 2010 LDS the Council has adopted the Bromley Town Centre Area Action Plan and Supplementary Planning Document for 'Affordable Housing' and 'S106 Planning Obligations', undertook consultation on the Core Strategy Issues Document in 2011 and most recently the 'Options and Preferred Strategy' consultation earlier this year.
- 3.4 The Planning Strategy team was formed in 2011 and has been responsible for the Core Strategy Issues document, undertaking evidence gathering, initially for the Core Strategy/LDF but able to support the Local Plan, with limited updating to minimise duplication and is now working on all aspects of the Local Plan.
- 3.5 The new LDS, (appendix 1) reflects the recent major Government planning reforms, the move to a Local Plan, the Council's resources and lessons from other authorities and Inspectors' reports regarding timescales, and the increased burden on authorities to demonstrate plans are based on objective and up to date evidence to be found 'sound'.
- 3.6 The draft LDS also shows the timescale for the preparation of a Bromley Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The third set of CIL regulations increased the consultation period for each stage of the preparation of the charging schedule for CIL, and again increased the burden for evidence of viability and the proposed infrastructure to be funded based on an up to date development plan. On this basis the LDS shows the CIL running just behind the Local Plan, however this will be kept under review. A fourth set of CIL regulations are expected in the Autumn. We are also expecting the publication of the latest stage of TFL's work into the proposed DLR extension to Bromley which forms part of the Preferred Options being taken forward.
- 3.7 The Local Plan will include the vision and objectives for the Borough, planning policies and site allocations. The number of supplementary planning documents will be kept to a minimum but will include, a revised S106 document alongside the introduction of a local Community Infrastructure Levy.

### **4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The Local Plan when 'Adopted' together with the London Plan, will form the Development Plan for the Borough and will set out the policies against which to consider planning applications. The LDS is a procedural document regarding the preparation of the Local Plan. However, the Local Plan is one of the key strategic documents guiding the development of the Borough and helping deliver the Building a Better Bromley priorities.

## 5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The cost of public consultation and related printing and publishing of any Local Plan document will be met from the Local Plan Implementation budget of £32k within Planning Services.
- 5.2 The cost of the examination of the plan in public and any further evidence work required during 2014 is expected to cost £60k and will be funded from the carry forward sum held in the Central Contingency. A request for approval to draw down this sum will be submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2013.
- 5.3 It should be noted that the precise timing of the examination in public is determined by the Planning Inspectorate and is therefore outside of the Council's control. It is therefore very likely that part or all of the sum held in the Central Contingency may be required to be carried forward to 2014/15.

## 6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Council has a duty to publish an up to date Local Development Scheme.

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	ReportDRR/10/00013to DCC 12/1/2010 and Executive 3/2/2010 'Local Development Scheme: Version 4 (2009)