

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

**Date:**                    **DCC: 14 July 2020  
Executive: 16 September 2020**

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

**Title:**                    **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – 2020 UPDATE**

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**Ward:**                    (All Wards);

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1. Reason for report

1.1 This report seeks the Committee's agreement to publish the revised Local Development Scheme (LDS). The document is provided at Appendix 1. The LDS sets out the indicative timetables for the preparation of planning policy documents that the Council intends to produce or review, including a review of the Local Plan and the preparation of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs).

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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2.1 **That Development Control Committee recommend to the Executive that the revised Local Development Scheme at Appendix 1 is approved for publication, noting the potential further minor changes which are dependent on the adoption of the London Plan (noted in paragraph 3.4).**

2.2 **That the Executive approve the revised Local Development Scheme at Appendix 1, noting the potential further minor changes which are dependent on the adoption of the London Plan (noted in paragraph 3.4), and agree that the scheme will have effect from 30 September 2020.**

## Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: No impact
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## Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Not Applicable
  2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council Quality Environment Vibrant, Thriving Town Centres Regeneration
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## Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No cost
  2. Ongoing costs: No ongoing cost associated with the LDS but the preparation of the documents identified in the LDS will incur costs such as evidence gathering and consultation activities.
  3. Budget head/performance centre: Planning Policy and Strategy
  4. Total current budget for this head: £0.596m
  5. Source of funding: Existing Revenue Budget for 2020/21
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## Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 10 FTE
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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## Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended).
  2. Call-in: Applicable
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## Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: N/A
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## Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): N/A
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## Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? N/A
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

### **3. COMMENTARY**

#### Local Development Scheme

- 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), the subject matter of these DPDs and the geographical area to which each DPD is to relate to. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) identifies what information must be included in an LDS. The last LDS approved by the Council was published in September 2017.
- 3.2 The LDS included at Appendix 1 sets out the anticipated timescale for the preparation of the DPDs as required by legislation, specifically the Local Plan review. The LDS also includes indicative timeframes for the preparation of various Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) and the borough Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).
- 3.3 Early consultation to inform the development of two of the SPDs included in the LDS – the Bromley Town Centre and Orpington Town Centre SPDs – is expected to begin in July 2020, prior to the expected publication of the LDS. As indicated in the LDS, the consultation on the draft SPDs themselves is expected in late 2020/early 2021.
- 3.4 The LDS at Appendix 1 reflects the current status of the draft new London Plan. The draft new London Plan may be adopted prior to publication of the LDS in September 2020. If this is the case, officers propose to amend the LDS at Appendix 1 prior to publication, as follows:
- Amend paragraph 2.2 to note that the current version of the London Plan was adopted in 2020; and
  - Delete paragraph 2.3 entirely.

### **4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The LDS itself has no policy implications, as it is a procedural document which details the intended preparation/review of the planning policy documents. As and when these documents are prepared and adopted, they will be used in the determination of planning applications in the borough.

### **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The LDS has no specific financial implications. The documents which are to be prepared, detailed in tables 1 and 2 of the LDS at Appendix 1, will have financial implications associated with their preparation and publication, including the need for evidence to inform them. The Local Plan review in particular will require considerable evidence gathering (including through external consultants) and will be subject to several rounds of consultation. The timescales for the preparation of these documents may change depending on the availability of funding and resources to prepare them.
- 5.2 Preparation of these documents will be led by the Planning Policy Team, with input from other Council departments from where necessary.

### **6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 states that local planning authorities must prepare and maintain a LDS and identifies what information the LDS must contain. If a local planning authority has not prepared a LDS, the Secretary of State or the Mayor of London may prepare a LDS for the authority, and direct the authority to bring that scheme into effect.

6.2 To bring the LDS into effect, the local planning authority must resolve that the scheme is to have effect and in the resolution specify the date from which the scheme is to have effect. As noted in paragraph 2.2 above, the LDS will have effect from 30 September 2020 if Executive approves the document for publication.

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	N/A
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Bromley Local Plan 2019  The London Plan (consolidated with alterations since 2011), March 2016  The London Plan 'Intend to Publish' version, December 2019