

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**ENVIRONMENT AND STRATEGIC PLANNING
CABINET MEMBER**

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME REVISED
OCTOBER 2021**

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for the timetable set out in the revision of the Local Development Scheme (October 2021).
- 1.2 An urgent decision is needed on this report to accompany the Draft Local Plan to enable the public consultation to commence on 15th October 2021.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended by section 111 of the Localism Act 2011 and the Housing and Planning Act 2016 requires North Lincolnshire Council to prepare a timetable, known as the Local Development Scheme (LDS), setting the documents that will make up the Local Plan and the key dates (or milestones) for its preparation. These include public consultation periods, submission to the Government for independent examination, the examination itself and adoption. The LDS also covers the preparation of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). The LDS is included as Appendix 1 to this report.
- 2.2 The LDS must be made publicly available and kept up to date. Progress in meeting these key dates will be assessed in the Authority Monitoring Report, which is produced by the council.
- 2.3 The documents that the LDS states will be produced are:
 - North Lincolnshire Local Plan (2020 to 2038)
 - Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL); and
 - Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).
- 2.4 North Lincolnshire Council is seeking to develop a new Local Plan covering the period 2020 to 2038. The Government is clear in the National Planning Policy Framework that local planning authorities should bring forward up to date local

plans without delay. Without an up to date local plan the council will not be able to defend controversial planning applications and maintain a five year land supply of housing sites. Bringing forward the new plan will assist in delivering a five year land supply for North Lincolnshire.

2.5 The LDS sets out:

- The planning policy documents that North Lincolnshire Council have already prepared;
- The planning policy documents that North Lincolnshire Council intend to produce;
- The subject area and geographical area of each of the proposed documents; and
- The timetable for the preparation of the documents over the next three years.

2.6 The agreed LDS needs adjusting to reflect recent issues that have affected the remaining Local Plan timescales. The main issues of relevance are the Covid 19 pandemic and the 'MHCLG White Paper: Planning for the future'. In order to ensure that the council is able adequately adapt to these issues, it has been decided to put the Publication version of the Local Plan (Regulation 19) back to October 2021, which consequently results in all other timescales being put back accordingly to reflect this occurrence. This also requires amendment to the CIL timescales.

2.7 Preparing the LDS also enables the council to make financial provision for its statutory plan making role and the work that needs to be undertaken in order to deliver its statutory obligations.

2.8 A recommended revised LDS, taking into account these matters, is set out in Appendix 1 for Cabinet Member approval. Regulations require that the council specify a date that the LDS will come into effect. It is proposed that the effective date for the new LDS is October 2021.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 Option 1 - Approve the revised LDS and publish it on the council's website.

3.2 Option 2 – Do not approve the revised LDS and do not publish it on the council's website.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 Option 1 is the preferred option. This will ensure the council meets the legislative requirements of the 2004 Act (as amended). Publishing the revised LDS will give local communities and others with details of when they can get involved in the Local Plan's preparation through public consultation.

4.2 Option 2 would result in the council not meeting legislative requirements highlighted in paragraph 2.2 (above). Furthermore, it would not give local

communities and others with details of when they can get involved in the Local Plan's preparation through public consultation.

5. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (e.g. LEGAL, HR, PROPERTY, IT, COMMUNICATIONS etc).

5.1 There are no direct resource implications to highlight. Existing resources are available to support the work required to develop the North Lincolnshire Local Plan (2020 to 2038) and other documents.

6. OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS (e.g. CRIME AND DISORDER, EQUALITIES, COUNCIL PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL, RISK etc.)

6.1 The LDS has been drafted in accordance with the council's priorities as set out in the Council Plan and assessed against other relevant implications.

7. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

7.1 An IIA for the LDS was undertaken and no issues of concern were apparent. The LDS is the timetable for local planning policy production, where IIA is more applicable.

8. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED

8.1 An initial (Regulation 18) consultation took place between February and March 2017, Issues & Options consultation took place between February and March 2018 and Preferred Options consultation took place between February and March 2020. Further public consultation will take place at various stages during the preparation of the Local Plan in accordance with the requirements of the Town & Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. These dates are identified in the revised LDS.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 That the Cabinet Member:

- a) Resolves to bring the timetable for the revised Local Development Scheme (October 2021) into effect as from the date of this decision.
- b) That the Local Development Scheme be published on the council website.

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Background papers used in the preparation of this report:

- Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)
- Town & Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012