

**Local Development Framework Working
Group**

5th December 2011

Report of the Director of City Strategy

City of York Council – Revised Local Development Scheme

Summary

1. This report advises Members on the production of a revised Local Development Scheme (LDS) for the City as required under the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act (2004, amended 2008). The LDS is effectively the project plan for the delivery of the Local Development Framework (LDF). A draft of the LDS is attached as Annex A to the report. Members are asked to recommend Cabinet to allow the publication of the revised LDS to support the Core Strategy process.

Background

2. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004, amended 2008) requires local authorities to produce and publish a project plan for the production of the Local Development Framework known as the Local Development Scheme (LDS). It is important that the LDS is revised periodically to reflect changes to the LDF program.
3. Guidance indicates that the LDS should cover all aspects appropriate to the progression of the LDF. This includes the establishment of the evidence base, information on which development plan documents will be taken forward, resource implications and reporting structures.
4. Previously the LDS came into effect 28 days after being submitted to the Government Office for Yorkshire and Humber unless they requested more time or proposed changes to the document. Given

the changed role to Government Office it is proposed to forward a copy of the LDS directly to the Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) requesting any views within 28 days. Given the role of CLG and the localism agenda it is not anticipated that they would seek any changes to the document however if any suggestions are made Cabinet would be updated accordingly.

Key Components of LDS

5. The proposed LDS, attached as Annex A to this report, covers six key areas each of which is detailed below:
 - i. Introduction – highlights the authority’s current position;
 - ii. Programme & Contents – covers the process of adopting development planning documents under the current planning system and highlights those that the Council intends to prepare over the next two years (2012-2013). This includes revised timelines for the documents currently under production and highlights the key evidence base documents and risk analysis table.
 - iii. Annual Monitoring Report
 - iv. Sustainability Appraisal & Strategic Environmental Assessment
 - v. Existing Council Strategies
 - vi. Resources

Options

6. Members have two options relating to the proposed LDS:

Option 1: To recommend Cabinet approve the LDS as drafted by Officers, attached as Annex A, for publication.

Option 2: To seek amendments to the LDS through the recommendations of the Working Group or alternatively request that Officers prepare an alternative project plan.

Analysis

7. It is our intent to submit the Core Strategy DPD to the Secretary of State in January 2012, after which it will be examined by an Independent Planning Inspector. The Core Strategy is now significantly advanced and is supported by an extensive evidence base. The LDS as it is proposed represents a deliverable programme which will help support the Core Strategy during the Examination phase and indicates the relationship between the Core Strategy and the other documents proposed. Work is also underway on both the Allocations and Designations DPD and the City Centre Area Action Plan.

Corporate Priorities

8. The revised LDS supports the following Council Plan priorities:
 - Create jobs and grow the economy
 - Get York moving
 - Build strong communities
 - Protect vulnerable people
 - Protect the environment

Implications

9. Implications are as listed below:
 - **Financial:**
 - Finance is in place for the progression of the Core Strategy and Allocations and Designations DPD's. If the Council wishes to progress the City Centre Area Action Plan (CCAAP) to Examination further funding will have to be identified.
 - **Human Resources (HR):** There are no HR implications.
 - **Equalities:** There are no Equalities implications.
 - **Legal:** As work on the LDF progresses legal advice will be sought to ensure the document under production is both procedurally and technically sound.
 - **Crime and Disorder:** There are no Crime and Disorder implications.

- **Information Technology (IT):** There are no IT implications.
- **Property:** There are no property implications.
- **Other:** There are no other known implications.

Risk Management

10. Potential risks to the delivery of the programme are highlighted in Table 5 of the LDS document itself along with potential mitigating actions.

Recommendations

11. That Members recommend to Cabinet that it:
 - (i) approves, subject to the recommendations of this working group, the proposed Local Development Scheme included as Annex A to this report, for publication;

Reason: So that the Local Development Scheme can be progressed.

- (ii) delegate to the Director of City Strategy in consultation with the Cabinet Member for City Strategy, the making of any other necessary changes arising from either the recommendations of the LDF Working Group, Cabinet or CLG.

Reason: So that any recommended changes can be incorporated into the Local Development Scheme and it can be progressed.

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Wards Affected: *List wards or tick box to indicate all*

All

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Background Papers:

None

Annex A: City of York Council Draft Local Development Scheme