



CABINET

4TH SEPTEMBER 2014

AGENDA ITEM (9)

COTSWOLD DISTRICT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

Accountable Member	Councillor NJW Parsons Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Forward Planning
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Purpose of Report	To enable the Cabinet to consider a revised Cotswold District Local Development Scheme (LDS) for 2014 to outline the project plan for the production of the Local Plan.
Recommendation	That, subject to any amendments by the Cabinet, the Local Development Scheme be adopted and published on the Council's Web Site.
Reason(s) for Recommendation(s)	The preparation and regular review of the LDS is a statutory requirement
Ward(s) Affected	None directly affected
Key Decision	Yes
Recommendation to Council	Not applicable
Financial Implications	The Local Plan earmarked reserve is already in place to support the necessary evidence and work to progress the Local Plan.
Legal and Human Rights Implications	The legal implication of this report is that, under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, all District Local Planning Authorities are required to review their LDS. The Local Plan will be subject to Tests of Legal Compliance and having a published LDS is one of those compliance tests
Environmental and Sustainability Implications	None directly arising from this report
Human Resource Implications	None directly arising from this report
Key Risks	Not having an approved LDS in place could result in a key risk for the Local Plan at Examination stage through the Tests of Legal Compliance.

Equalities Impact Assessment	None directly arising from this report.
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Related Decisions	Portfolio Holder approval of previous 4 th Review of the LDS in 2010.
Background Documents	Review of the Local Development Scheme March 2010 to March 2013.
Appendices	Appendix 'A' - Cotswold District Local Development Scheme 2014

Performance Management Follow Up	N/A
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Background Information

1. The Council's previous LDSs were submitted to the Secretary of State over the period March 2005 to 2010. All were subsequently endorsed by the Government Office and the Planning Inspectorate as being 'fit for purpose'.

2. Following the change of Government, there were indications that it would no longer be necessary to produce an LDS, or Annual Monitoring Report. However, latest regulations and guidance have clarified the requirements for these documents to be published, but no longer submitted to the Secretary of State.

3. It is a requirement for LDSs to be reviewed annually, taking account of changing circumstances, including outcomes arising from the Annual Monitoring Report.

4. Since the previous LDS, the decision has been made to change from a Local Development Framework to produce a Local Plan. Work has continued on developing the evidence base for the Local Plan, including a Sustainability Appraisal and undertaking, completing and/or commissioning various studies (some jointly with other authorities), including:-

- Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA);
- Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA);
- employment and retail studies;
- Role and Function of Settlements;
- Distribution Strategy;
- site allocations;
- infrastructure delivery;
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment level 2;
- Water Cycle Study.

5. Main Changes to the LDS in this Review

The reviewed LDS reflects progress in preparing the evidence to support the Local Plan. The programme for the Local Plan has been amended to reflect the additional requirements for evidence which continue to emerge, and the greater task of producing a Local Plan compared to a Core Strategy. The stages of the Local Plan preparation reflect the requirements outlined in the latest legislation regulations.

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