



**CABINET**

**9<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2015**

**AGENDA ITEM (7)**

**COTSWOLD DISTRICT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME**

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<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To enable Members to consider a revised Cotswold District Local Development Scheme (LDS) for 2015, outlining the project plan for the production of the Local Plan.
<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>(a) That Cabinet considers the Local Development Scheme;</b> <b>(b) that, subject to any amendments agreed by Cabinet, the Local Development Scheme be adopted and published on the Council's website.</b>
<b>Reason(s) for Recommendation(s)</b>	The preparation, and regular review, of the LDS is a statutory requirement.

<b>Ward(s) Affected</b>	None directly affected
<b>Key Decision</b>	No
<b>Recommendation to Council</b>	No

<b>Financial Implications</b>	The Local Plan earmarked reserve is already in place to support the necessary evidence and work to progress the Local Plan.
<b>Legal and Human Rights Implications</b>	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 - having a published LDS is one of those compliance tests.
<b>Environmental and Sustainability Implications</b>	None directly arising from this report
<b>Human Resource Implications</b>	None directly arising from this report.

<b>Key Risks</b>	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.
<b>Equalities Impact Assessment</b>	Not required

<b>Related Decisions</b>	Cabinet decision to approve Cotswold District Local Development Scheme 2014 (Minute CAB.34 of 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2014)
<b>Background Documents</b>	Cotswold District Local Development Scheme 2014
<b>Appendices</b>	<b>Appendix A</b> - Cotswold District Local Development Scheme 2015

<b>Performance Management Follow Up</b>	Implement Cabinet decision(s)
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<p><b>Background Information</b></p> <p>1. <u>General</u></p> <p>1.1 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a three-year project plan for the period April 2015 to March 2018. It sets out the programme of work to be undertaken by Cotswold District Council to establish a Local Plan for the district. Local planning authorities are required to produce an LDS as set out in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended by Section 111 of the Localism Act 2011.</p> <p>1.2 It is a requirement that local development schemes are reviewed annually, taking account of changing circumstances, including outcomes arising from the Annual Monitoring Report.</p> <p>1.3 The Local Plan Programme Board considers progress on the Plan, by exception, on a monthly basis. The Board also considers and endorses, or agrees, as appropriate, any remedial action required to address key risks, issues or delays.</p> <p>1.4 The Council has set aside £500k to resource the preparation of the Local Plan and take it through to examination. The LDS includes details of the technical reports and studies which have been commissioned to ensure the preparation of a sound and robust Local Plan</p> <p>2. <u>Main changes to LDS in this Review</u></p> <p>2.1 The reviewed LDS reflects progress in preparing the evidence to support the Local Plan. Many pieces of work have been added to the evidence base section, and those in progress at the time of producing the previous LDS have been updated.</p> <p>2.2 The programme for the Local Plan has been amended to reflect the additional work involved in processing the unprecedented number of representations received to the Local Plan consultation in February. Detailed work on the project plan since the latest consultation has been used to inform the LDS timetable.</p>
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