



CABINET (SPECIAL MEETING)

21ST APRIL 2016

AGENDA ITEM (4)

COTSWOLD DISTRICT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME APRIL 2016-MARCH 2019

Accountable Member	Councillor NJW Parsons Cabinet Member for Forward Planning
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Purpose of Report	To consider a revised Cotswold District Local Development Scheme (LDS) for 2016, to outline the project plan for the next stages of the Local Plan preparation
Recommendation	That, subject to any amendments determined by the Cabinet, the Local Development Scheme be adopted and published on the Council's Website.
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	No
Recommendation to Council	No
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; 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 be a key risk for the Local Plan at Examination stage, through the Tests of Legal Compliance. The Government has indicated that it expects all planning authorities where a Local Plan is in preparation to have a local plan submitted by March 2017. Our performance is likely to be assessed against achievement of targets set in the LDS, so an up-to-date LDS is essential.
Equalities Impact Assessment	Not applicable

Related Decisions	Cabinet - June 2015 - Cotswold District Local Development Scheme
Background Documents	Cotswold District Local Development Scheme 2015
Appendices	Appendix 'A' - Cotswold District Local Development Scheme 2016 N.B. ENCLOSED AS A SEPARATE DOCUMENT WITH THESE AGENDA PAPERS

Performance Management Follow Up	Implement Cabinet decision(s)
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Options for Joint Working	The LDS refers only to the Cotswold District
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Background Information	
<p>1. The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a three-year project plan for the period April 2016 to March 2019. It sets out the programme of work to be undertaken by the 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>2. It is a requirement that LDSs are reviewed annually, taking account of changing circumstances, including outcomes arising from the Annual Monitoring Report.</p> <p>3. The Local Plan Programme Board will consider progress on the Local Plan, by exception, on a monthly basis. The Board will also consider and endorse, or agree, as appropriate, any remedial action required to address key risks, issues or delays.</p> <p>4. The Council has set aside a sum of £500,000 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>5. Main Changes to the LDS in this Review - 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>6. The programme for the Local Plan has been amended to reflect the progress which is now being made in preparing the Submission Draft version of the Local Plan and outlines the likely programme through to examination. Detailed work on the project plan since the latest consultation has been used to inform the LDS timetable.</p>	

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