

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND PLACE SHAPING
CABINET MEMBER**

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE LOCAL PLAN (2017 TO 2036)
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME**

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for the timetable for the revision of the North Lincolnshire Local Plan (2017 to 2036) as set out in the revised Local Development Scheme.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 North Lincolnshire Council is seeking to develop a new Local Plan covering the period 2017 to 2036. The Plan will:

- set out the spatial vision and objectives for the area;
- set out the overall spatial strategy including the distribution of growth across the area;
- allocate sites for a range of land uses including housing, employment, retail, leisure and other forms of development; and
- identify areas for protection e.g. areas of nature conservation importance; and
- set out development management policies over this period.

- 2.2 Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended), requires the council to prepare a timetable, formally known as the Local Development Scheme (LDS), setting the documents that will make up the 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 is included as Appendix 1 to this report.

- 2.3 The key consultation stages for the Local Plan are:

- Initial Consultation (Regulation 18) February/March 2017 - this is the first stage in the process of preparing the plan and represents the scoping stage. It supports early engagement with local communities, businesses, voluntary groups, public organisations and landowners on future development and change in North Lincolnshire. The Regulation 18 document sets out the important issues and challenges facing the area — now and in the future, and how the new Local Plan can help to address

them. The first round of Call for Sites ran concurrently with the Regulation 18 consultation.

- Issues & Options – this stage builds on the findings of the initial (Regulation 18) consultation and early evidence gathering. It sets out a range of options for growth and potential policies. A second round of Call for Sites will take place alongside this consultation.
- Preferred Options – this stage builds on previous consultation exercises and the emerging evidence base. It will seek to narrow down the contents of the Local Plan and will set out the preferred approach in relation to the spatial strategy, distribution of growth and will also identify preferred sites to deliver the strategy. There will be a six week consultation period for local people and others to make comments on the preferred approach.
- Publication – this stage is formal publication of the Draft Local Plan document that the council intends to submit to the Government for independent examination. This version will set out those policies and site allocations. There is a six week period during which local people and others can make formal representations on the legal compliance and “soundness” of the plan.

2.3 The LDS must be made publically available and kept up to date. Progress in meeting these key dates will be assessed in the Authority Monitoring Report, which is produced annually.

2.4 The documents that the LDS states will be produced are:

- North Lincolnshire Local Plan (2017 to 2036)
- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL); and
- Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

2.5 The timescale for the Community Infrastructure Levy will be kept under review due to potential changes at the national level regarding developer contributions.

2.6 An LDS was approved by Cabinet Member in March 2016, which set out initial milestones for the preparation of the Local Plan. Since this time, a number of changes have occurred, or are expected to occur shortly, at the national level that necessitates the need to review the timetable within the LDS. These changes relate to:

- **Housing White Paper – “Fixing Our Broken Housing Market” (February 2017)**. This paper was published for consultation and set out a range of proposals to help diversify the housing market and home affordability as well as measures to improve housing delivery. Key measures include the development of a standardised methodology for calculating housing requirements. These measures would be enacted through amendments to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

- **Standardised Methodology for Assessing Housing.** Following the White Paper, the Government published a consultation on proposals for a standard method for calculating local authorities' housing need.
- **National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) updates.** Based on the outcomes of the consultation on the measures outlined in the White Paper and the consultation on the standardized methodology, it is likely that a number of changes will be made to the NPPF in early 2018, which will have implications of the Local Plan.
- **Having an up to date local plan.** The Government is clear that LPA's should have up to date plans in place. The implications of not doing this are the threat of 'special measures' and not being able to use existing planning policy in decision making as it is too old and out of date.

2.7 The updated LDS reflects the need to consider the impacts that these changes will have for North Lincolnshire and will ensure that the preparation of the new Local Plan takes into account.

3 OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 Option 1 - Approve the timetable for the preparation of the North Lincolnshire Local Plan (2017 to 2036), as set out in the revised LDS and publish it on the council's website.

3.2 Option 2 – Do not approve the timetable for the preparation of the North Lincolnshire Local Plan (2017 to 2036), as set out in 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 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 Plan's preparation through public consultation.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

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 (2017 to 2036).

6. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

6. An IIA for the LDS was undertaken and no issues of concern were apparent.

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED

7.1 An initial (Regulation 18) consultation took place between February and March 2017. 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 are identified in the revised LDS.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 That the Cabinet Member:

- a) Approve the timetable for the preparation of the North Lincolnshire Local Plan (2017 to 2036) as set out in the revised Local Development Scheme
- 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
- Housing White Paper –Fixing Our Broken Housing Market (February 2017)