

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK - LOCAL
DEVELOPMENT SCHEME TIMETABLE**

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To inform members of the issues involved in preparing a revised Local Development Scheme.
- 1.2 That members examine the Draft Local Development Scheme's timetable and approve it.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is the project plan for the delivery of the North Lincolnshire Local Development Framework (LDF).
- 2.2 Members will recall, that a revised timetable was presented and agreed at the Planning Committee (Policy Meeting) of 2 May 2008. Following changes to the Local Development Framework system, resulting from the Planning Bill which are now set out in Planning Policy Statement (PPS) 12: Local Spatial Planning, local authorities have been given dispensation to amend timetables set out in their Local Development Schemes.
- 2.3 Accordingly, a revised Local Development Scheme has been drawn up based on advice from Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber, setting out the key stages in the preparation of the documents which make up the Local Development Framework (see Appendix 1)

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 As referred to previously, since the approval of the previous Local Development Scheme timetable in May 2008, the revision of the Town & Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 by the Town & Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008, together with the issuing of the new Planning Policy Statement (PPS) 12: Local Spatial Planning, has resulted in a number of changes to the Local Development Framework system, most notably in how the different Development Plan Documents (DPDs) are to be prepared.

- 3.2 The key changes relate to the pre-submission consultation, submission and examination stages. The "Issues and Options" and "Preferred Options" consultation stages are replaced with a single requirement to engage the public and stakeholders. The level of engagement with the community and others will depend on the nature of the Development Plan Document being consulted upon.
- 3.3 At the submission stage, the local planning authority no longer consults on the version of the Development Plan Document which has been submitted to the Secretary of State. Instead, local planning authorities must publish their final version of the Development Plan Document before it is submitted to the Secretary of State and invite representations on the soundness of the document over a period of six weeks. Following this period for making representations, the document together with all relevant supporting information will be submitted to the Secretary of State.
- 3.4 Following submission to the Secretary of State, the Planning Inspectorate have a 29 week period in which to consider and examine the document and issue their recommendations to the planning authority. Following receipt of the Inspectors Report, the planning authority is free to amend the document and proceed to adoption.
- 3.5 The amended timetable proposes that the second stage of consultation on the Housing and Employment Land Allocations DPD takes place in January/February 2009, with adoption in March 2011. In respect of the Core Strategy it is proposed that the final version will be published to invite representations in March/April 2009, followed by submission to the Secretary of State in August 2009 with the independent examination taking place in December 2009 and final adoption by July 2010. The Waste DPD is schedule to commence in early 2009, with an adoption date of March 2012.
- 3.6 The Lincolnshire Lakes Area Action Plan is again highlighted within the timetable. It should be noted that timetable is indicative. Progress is dependent on securing funding to carry out the Area Action Plan.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 The window to amend the Local Development Scheme timetable is the final opportunity for local planning authorities to do so. Once agreed the dates set out in the timetable will be used to assess the level of Housing and Planning Delivery Grant which the council will receive. Therefore it is vital that they are met.
- 4.2 It is considered that this revised Local Development Scheme timetable is achievable and will help to deliver sustainable development in North Lincolnshire.

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

- 5.1 Financial - As previously mentioned not meeting the timetable in the current LDS will have financial implications for the Council. The proposals in the Housing and Planning Delivery Grant means Council's are rewarded for performance against the LDS. It is difficult to estimate what the likely income will be for North Lincolnshire without knowing how the Council would perform under such a regime.
- 5.2 Staffing – Work to be undertaken by staff from within the Spatial Planning team working in partnership with other Council services and key stakeholders.
- 5.3 Property & IT – There are no property or IT implications.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, DIVERSITY, SECTION 17 - CRIME AND DISORDER, RISK AND OTHER)

- 6.1 Statutory – Implementing the North Lincolnshire Local Development Framework in accordance with the requirements of the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, the Town & Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 and the Town & Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) 2008.
- 6.2 Environmental – The preparation and implementation of the North Lincolnshire Local Development Framework will assist in the delivery of sustainable development.
- 6.3 Diversity - the Local Development Framework, as a whole, is the subject of a Diversity Impact Assessment.
- 6.4 Section 17 - the policies contained in the Development Plan Document, particularly those relating to the design of buildings and spaces, will aim to contribute to reducing crime and the fear of crime.

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The amended timetable will be posted on the LDF page of the Council's website to keep stakeholders and the public aware of the revisions.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 That the information in this report is noted
- 8.2 That the Local Development Scheme timetable be approved

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report

Planning Policy Statement 12: Local Spatial Planning, DCLG (2008)

Town & Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004

Town & Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008

