

## **SOUTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE JOINT STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE**

### **(JOINT COMMITTEE)**

**To:** South East Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee - Thursday, 15 June 2017

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**Subject** Draft Revised Local Development Scheme for South East Lincolnshire

**Purpose:** To seek approval for a revised Local Development Scheme for South East Lincolnshire

#### **Recommendation(s):**

- 1) That the contents of this report and the attached Draft Revised Local Development Scheme (Draft LDS) be considered;
- 2) That the Draft LDS be approved, with or without revisions; and
- 3) That it shall take effect from 15 June 2017.

#### **1.0 THE JOINT COMMITTEE'S LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME**

- 1.1 Section 15 of the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended, requires that every local planning authority should prepare and maintain a scheme to be known as its 'local development scheme' (LDS). The provisions of the Localism Act 2011 and The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 govern the preparation of LDSs. In the case of the Joint Committee, the purpose of the LDS is to provide a public statement of its programme for the production of local development documents that will relate to South East Lincolnshire and for the production of its 'statement of community involvement' (SCI).
- 1.2 The LDS is basically a project plan and is a living document that can be updated and amended as and when appropriate. The current LDS was approved by the Joint Committee on 28 February 2014 and came into effect on 14 March 2014. This document gives priority to the preparation of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan (the Local Plan) and sets out a clear timetable for its preparation. However, over the last three years or so, the preparation of the Local Plan has become increasingly complex and there have been delays in securing essential evidence to support this work. As a consequence, the current state of plan preparation is no longer consistent with the LDS timetable, and the LDS needs to be updated to reflect the new situation.
- 1.3 Members will be aware that the 'Publication Version' of the Local Plan has recently been subject to a statutory six-week period of public consultation, and officers are presently giving consideration to the comments received. Such work will form the last stage in plan preparation before all the relevant Local Plan documentation is submitted to the Secretary of State for examination (via the Planning Inspectorate). As previously indicated by officers, this is now scheduled to take place in late June of this year. In view of the imminent

commencement of the examination process, it is important to demonstrate that the current progress in plan preparation is supported by an up-to-date LDS, and therefore a revised document has been prepared for this purpose (see Section 2.0 below).

- 1.4 The Joint Committee approved its first LDS on 9 September 2011 which, following due process at the time, came into effect on 31 October 2011. The first revision of the LDS was approved by the Joint Committee on 13 July 2012 (and came into effect on 31 July 2012). This was then superseded by the current document.

## 2.0 **DRAFT REVISED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME JUNE 2017**

- 2.1 The Draft Revised Local Development Scheme June 2017 forms **Appendix A** to this report. It covers planned work commencing in January of this year and running through to mid-2018, and sets out details of the documents whose preparation will be given priority during this period. It should be noted that such documents now include a 'Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document'.

- 2.2 It proposes the submission of the Publication Version of the Local Plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination on 23 June 2017.

- 2.3 Subject to favourable circumstances following submission, over which both the Joint Committee and the Joint Policy Unit have no control, it is hoped to adopt the Local Plan during the spring of 2017.

## 3.0 **OPTIONS**

- 3.1 Members can accept the contents of the Draft LDS or request amendments to it.

## 4.0 **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 There is a need to ensure that the Local Plan will be found sound at examination; and there is a current statutory requirement for the Joint Committee to revise its LDS at such time as it considers appropriate.

## 5.0 **EXPECTED BENEFITS**

- 5.1 There is a need to make certain that every opportunity is taken to ensure that the Local Plan will be found sound at examination; and there is a current statutory requirement for the Joint Committee to revise its LDS at such time as it considers appropriate.

## 6.0 **IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 No direct implications for the Joint Committee.

## 7.0 **WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED**

- 7.1 The implications of the proposed new Local Plan documents affect all wards/communities.

## 8.0 **ACRONYMS/ABBREVIATIONS**

- 8.1 Acronyms and abbreviations used in the report and its Appendix A are:

- LDS (Local Development Scheme)
- SCI (Statement of Community Involvement)
- LDD (Local Development Document)
- DPD (Development Planning Document)

- SPD (Supplementary Planning Document)
- CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy)

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Background papers:-           None

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**Appendices attached to this report:**

Appendix A:                     Draft Revised Local Development Scheme June 2017