



East
Northamptonshire
Council

Planning Policy Committee 26 January 2015

Local Development Scheme

Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement for the Council's Local Development Scheme

Attachment(s)

Appendix 1 Local Development Scheme

1.0 Background

- 1.1 A Local Development Scheme is the statutory project plan for the preparation of the Local Plan. It is required under Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011). It must be made available to the public so that local communities and interested parties can keep track of the timeline and progress with plan-making. Local planning authorities should publish their Local Development Scheme on their website.
- 1.2 Members are reminded that the Core Strategy forms the Local Plan: Part 1, whilst documents, such as the Four Towns Plan, will form the Local Plan: Part 2. The most recent Core Strategy timeline was approved by the Joint Planning Committee on 4 September 2014 and is contained within Appendix 1 for reference.
- 1.3 At the Four Towns Plan Working Party on 8 October 2014, members noted a proposed timeline for the preparation of the Four Towns Plan and on 25 November 2014 agreed to a series of working party meetings to assist the preparation of that plan.
- 1.4 This report now seeks to formalise the Four Towns Plan timeline, within the Local Development Scheme.

2.0 Four Towns Plan Timeline

- 2.1 Appendix 1 sets out the proposed timeline of the key stages for the Four Towns Plan.
- 2.2 In brief, the proposed key dates for the Four Towns Plan (4TP) are:

July 2015	Agree Pre-Submission 4TP for Consultation
Sept 2015	Pre-Submission Consultation commences (6 weeks)
Jan 2016	4TP Submitted to Planning Inspectorate
March – June 2016	Examination
September 2016	Adopt 4TP

- 2.3 The timeline proposed aims to ensure that the key stages of the Part 1 of the Local Plan: the North Northamptonshire Core Strategy are completed first, in order to then inform relevant policies within the Part 2: Local Plan - The Four Towns Plan.

3.0 Conclusion

- 3.1 This report seeks approval for the proposed Local Development Scheme, providing the project plan (i.e. timeline and key stages) for the preparation of the Four Towns Plan.

4.0 Equality and Diversity Implications

4.1 There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 The Council is required to set out its Local Development Scheme under Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011).

6.0 Risk Management

6.1 The proposed timeline is dependent on progress with the North Northamptonshire Core Strategy, which forms Part 1 of the Local Plan. The Four Towns Plan is being prepared to form Part 2 of the Local Plan, covering the predominantly urban southern part of the District. The Planning Policy and Conservation Team are now fully resourced and they will also be supporting work on the Core Strategy. A budget also exists to employ specialist consultants, who will be required to undertake some technical requirements. Other risks are external to the team, for example any changes in legislation, guidance and policies during the preparation process may require additional work to be undertaken, which may delay preparation.

7.0 Resource and Financial Implications

7.1 Budgets have already been approved. Should any further resources be required, these will be sought through the appropriate Committee.

8.0 Constitutional Implications

8.1 None

9.0 Corporate Outcomes

- 9.1 The relevant Corporate Outcomes are:
- Good quality of life: Regeneration and Economic Development, Sustainable Development, High quality built environment
 - Effective processes: the successful preparation of the Local Plan requires effective partnership working, strong community leadership and effective management

10.0 Recommendation

10.1 Members endorse the Local Development Scheme.

(Reason – so that local communities and interested parties can keep track of the timeline and progress with plan-making)

Legal	Power: Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended); Localism Act 2011.				
	Other considerations:				
Background Papers:					
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Appendix 1

Local Development Scheme

Local Plan: Part 1	2015											
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Core Strategy												*

Local Plan: Part 2	2015												2016											
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Four Towns Plan							*													*				

KEY:

	Informal/ preliminary discussions and evidence gathering and/or consultation or examination administration
*	Council consider/ approve document(s) - Joint Planning Committee (JPC) and/or ENC Planning Policy Committee
	Formal/ statutory public consultation
	Pre-Submission agreed
	Submission to Secretary of State
	Pre Hearings Meeting
	Examination Hearing Sessions
	Receipt of Inspectors Report
	Adoption of DPD