

REPORT TO ENGAGEMENT PDG

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DATE: 15th January 2016

TITLE:	Timetable and work programme for the new Local Plan	
KEY DECISION OR POLICY FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL:	Key Decision	
PORTFOLIO HOLDER: NAME AND DESIGNATION:	Cllr Bob Adams Grow the Economy - Economic Development Portfolio Holder	
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INITIAL IMPACT ANALYSIS:	Carried out and Referred to in paragraph (7) below	Full impact assessment Required: N/A
Equality and Diversity	N/A	
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:	This report is publicly available via the Your Council and Democracy link on the Council's website: www.southkesteven.gov.uk	
BACKGROUND PAPERS	Local Development Scheme 2015	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 That Engagement PDG considers the revised Local Development Scheme (LDS) as the timetable to Local Plan preparations and considers its implications for the PDG's work programme.

2. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 2.1 To provide Engagement PDG with the opportunity to plan its work programme taking account of the revised Local Development Scheme (LDS). The LDS is the timetable for Local Plan preparations; it sets out our anticipated timescale for community consultation on the Local Plan, through to timescales for submission of the Local Plan to the Secretary of State.
- 2.2 The LDS is to be considered by Cabinet on 11th January 2016. This is appended to this report together with a more simplified version of the Local Plan timetable.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

- 3.1 The new Local Plan needs to set out the Council's planning strategy and related policy proposals for the district for a period of 25 years. It will provide the overall strategy for sustainable growth and development, establishing a clear framework of policies to guide the scale, location and details of new development and managing change within the district. The South Kesteven Local Plan will replace the Core Strategy, Site Allocation and Policies DPD and any remaining saved policies from the 1995 Local Plan.
- 3.3 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) (Appendix 1) sets out the timetable for Local Plan preparations. The current timetable seeks to prepare a consultative Local Plan for public consultation in September 2016. Following on from this, the Local Plan would be submitted to the Secretary of State by Spring (March-April 2017) and adoption by Autumn (Nov-Dec 2017). There are some risks to this timetable, but these are being factored in accordingly and any departures from the LDS will be reported to Members at the first opportunity.

4.0 FUTURE PDG WORK PROGRAMME

- 4.1 Bearing the above programme for the new Local Plan, Members are asked to consider the possibility of holding additional meetings in order to give due consideration to policy development on the Local Plan prior to Cabinet consideration.
- 4.2 An additional meeting in late February/early March 2016 would enable Engagement PDG to comment on draft items to be considered at Cabinet on 4th April 2016.
- 4.3 An additional meeting in late April 2016 would enable Engagement PDG to comment on draft items to be considered at Cabinet in June 2016.

5. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 There is an essential legal requirement for the authority to prepare and maintain up to date local planning policies. The Council also has a duty to ensure a rolling five-year supply of deliverable housing land. Failure to do so makes the Council potentially vulnerable to speculative proposals for inappropriate development in inappropriate locations.

6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There will be costs associated with the preparation of the Local Plan these are included within existing approved budgets.

7. RISK AND MITIGATION

- 7.1 Risk has been considered as part of this report and no specific high risks have been identified at this stage.

Category Risk	Action / Controls
None	N/A

8. ISSUES ARISING FROM IMPACT ANALYSIS

- 8.1 To date, the Regulation 18 consultation document has been made available in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). The SCI was subject to a full equality impact assessment as part of its preparation. The Regulation 18 consultation document was a summary of the initial Local Plan consultation, and this report sets out how the new Local Plan will be prepared following this. No new or amended policies are included within either the scoping document or this report, therefore any further impact analysis is not required at the present time. An impact analysis of the policies and proposals to be included in the Local Plan will be undertaken as and when they are prepared.

9. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 None arising out of this report.

10. COMMENTS OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

- 10.1 The costs associated with the preparation and delivery of the Local Plan will be met from in-year budgets and will be incorporated into future service budgets as appropriate.

11. COMMENTS OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

- 11.1 In accordance with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended), the Council has a statutory duty to prepare planning policies,

which has been reinforced through the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the Localism Act 2011.

12. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Local Development Scheme (LDS)
Appendix 2 – Summary of the Local Plan Timetable