

ROCHFORD LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report seeks Members' approval for a revision to the Council's Local Development Scheme (LDS), the timetable for the production of the development plan documents that will comprise the Local Development Framework.
- 1.2 The revised LDS must be submitted to the Government Office for the East of England for approval prior to adoption.

2 PROPOSED REVISIONS

- 2.1 A revision to the LDS is required for several reasons:
- to incorporate details of the new Joint Area Action Plan;
 - to take account of slippage in the timetable for the preparation of the Core Strategy; and
 - to provide up to date details of the supplementary planning documents to be prepared by the Council.
- 2.2 A draft of the revised LDS is attached to this report as appendix one, and a copy has been circulated to all Members.
- 2.3 It is now proposed that the Core Strategy be subject to a further round of consultation on preferred options in May/June 2008 and this would mean the adoption date for the completed document being December 2009. As a result of the change to the timetable for the Core Strategy the adoption dates for the Site Allocations and Development Control Policies development plan documents will now be in 2010.
- 2.4 The timetable for the JAAP is set out in the LDS with adoption expected in April 2009. This is an ambitious timetable, but should be capable of being achieved.
- 2.5 The opportunity has been taken to revise the list of Supplementary Planning Documents to be prepared. Some matters, such as the arrangements for pre-development submissions can be dealt with in the main development plan documents, thus reducing the number of SPDs to be prepared.

3 RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires local planning authorities to prepare and keep up to date a Local Development Scheme.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Future planning delivery grant (or its successor) will be predicated on local planning authorities keeping to the timetable set out in the LDS.

5 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 It is proposed that the Sub-Committee **RECOMMENDS** that the revised Local Development Scheme be submitted to the Government Office for the East of England for approval.

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Background Papers:-

None

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