

# CABINET

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## REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE

### TAMWORTH REVISED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Cabinet to approve the revised Local Development Scheme for publication. This is a public statement of the programme for the production of local development documents over the next three years, under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Members approve the amended Local Development Scheme for publication on the Councils website

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Tamworth Borough Council is legally required to produce a project plan, known as a 'Local Development Scheme', setting out how the Local Development Framework (LDF) will be produced and a timetable for production. The purpose is to inform the public and stakeholders, and promote effective management of the process. An important element of the Scheme is the timetable indicating the key milestones in the preparation of each document against which their production can be monitored.

The current Local Development Scheme came into effect in September 2009 prior to the decision to update both the scope of the Core Strategy/Local Plan and its timetable for production. It therefore needs to be updated to reflect this and set out revised information on the timetable and production for the production of the Core Strategy/Local Plan, and details of the other supporting documents which will form part of the Local Development Framework.

A revised Local Development Scheme is attached as Appendix 1 to this report. It builds on the timetable for the Core Strategy/Local Plan which has been endorsed by the LDF Member Working Group.

The Government is keen to reduce the amount of national policy and direction, and has recently published a consultation draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and associated draft Regulations. The draft NPPF sets out Government policy in one 60 page document – and will eventually replace the various Planning Policy Statements, Planning Policy Documents and Circulars which currently exist. One of the key proposals is that local authorities should produce one main planning document, which contains all the policies and site allocations (as this Council is doing through the publication version of the Core Strategy/Local Plan review).

Subsequently the revised Local Development Scheme proposes one over-arching planning document-The Core Strategy/Local Plan which removes the need to produce the previously proposed separate Site Allocations and Development Management Documents. The revised Local Development Scheme also contains a proposal to produce four Supplementary Planning Documents (covering The Town Centre, Place Making/Design, Planning Obligations and The Wilnecote Regeneration Corridor) to expand upon, and provide further clarity to policies and proposals set out within the Core Strategy/local Plan as well as a review of the Council's Statement of Community Involvement.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications arising from this report. A budget already exists for the production of the Core Strategy/Local Plan and, as part of a separate report, members will be asked to approve the creation of a Temporary Reserve to be used during 2012/2013 to ensure sufficient resources are available to cover the costs associated with producing the Supplementary Planning Documents and reviewing the Statement of Community Involvement.

**LEGAL/RISK IMPLICATIONS BACKGROUND**

There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct sustainability implications arising from this report. The policy documents which will be prepared are subject to separate Sustainability Appraisals.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

N/A

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**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

N/A

**APPENDICES**

Appendix 1-The revised February 2012 Local Development Scheme