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Title: Revised Local Development Scheme

Summary:

The Local Development Scheme (LDS) sets out a timetable for the preparation of a Local Plan and its relevant documents. It represents a public statement as to what Local Plan documents will be prepared over a three-year period, identifying key milestones and preparation arrangements. The purpose of this report is to consider a revised Local Development Scheme (LDS) for 2022 to 2024.

Recommendations:

1. That Council recommends that the revised Local Development Scheme which sets out the timescales for the preparation of a new Local Plan at Appendix A is brought into effect and published.

Reasons for recommendation

It is important that there is clarity about what work is being undertaken to progress the Local Plan for Selby District and what documents will be produced. Local Plan documents have key implications for places across the district and for communities, businesses and organisations across and beyond the district. There is a legal requirement to produce a Local Development Scheme, which must be made publicly available and kept up-to-date.

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1 The proposed new Local Development Scheme for Selby District Council covers the period 2022 to 2024.

1.2 Members approved a decision to begin work on the preparation of a new Local Plan in September 2019 and good progress has been made in accordance with the current Local development Scheme. A revised Local Development Scheme has been prepared which sets out the next stages in the preparation of the Local Plan and reflects the implications of Local Government Reorganisation.

2. Progress of the Local Plan

- 2.1 In line with the current Local Development Scheme consultation took place on the Issues and Options for the Local Plan in early 2020. The responses to this consultation helped to shape the preparation of the Preferred Options consultation which took place between 29 January and 6 March 2021. We received 1217 responses to the consultation comprising over individual 4700 comments.
- 2.2 Through the consultation exercise a further 44 additional or amended sites were also submitted to the Council for further consideration. Consultation on the 44 additional sites took place between 2 August and 13 September 2021 which received 92 individual responses.
- 2.3 Between 3 September and 15 October 2021 consultation took place on a number of technical evidence documents which will help to shape the Publication version of the Local Plan. Consultation took place on the Green Belt review, Greenspace Audit, Local Plan and CIL Viability report and the Indoor and Outdoor Sports Facilities Assessment.
- 2.4 The next stage in progressing the Local Plan is the preparation of the Publication version, which is the pre-submission plan which must be prepared under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning Act 2004 (as amended). The Publication version of plan will be subject to consultation before it is submitted to the Secretary of State for examination. Officers are in the process of updating the Local Plan policies in response to the comments raised in relation to all three public consultations and the outcomes of additional evidence work.
- 2.5 One of the key areas of risk to progress of the Local Plan which has previously been highlighted to Local Plan Programme Board has been the implications resulting from Local Government reorganisation. Paragraph 74 of the National Planning Practice Guidance states that as set out in the Local Government (Structural Changes) (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 existing plans will remain in place for the areas set out in the plan. Plans that are being prepared, but not yet adopted, can also carry over and continue through to adoption in the new authority. The regulations also state that new plans covering the whole of the new area must be adopted within 5 years of the reorganisation.
- 2.6 As we have made significant progress on the Local Plan work should continue, however the key risks relate to ensuring that we are able to retain sufficient staff resources to support the completion of the plan, whilst work begins on a new Local Plan for the North Yorkshire geography and any future changes to national planning policy.
- 2.7 The current Local Development Scheme states that the Council will consult on the Publication version of the Local Plan in early 2021. The elections for the new Unitary Authority are due to take place on 5th May 2022 and therefore it is proposed

to delay consultation on the Publication Local Plan until after the Local elections in May 2022.

- 2.8 The delay in consultation will mean that the Local Plan is submitted seven months later than originally anticipated. The key milestones are set out in the draft revised Local Development Scheme document attached at Appendix 1.

3. Alternative Options Considered

- 3.1 None as keeping the Local Development Scheme up to date is a statutory requirement.

4. Implications

4.1 Legal Implications

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires Local Planning Authorities to prepare and maintain an LDS. This Legislation requires that the scheme should specify the Local Plan documents that are to be produced; the subject matter and geographical area to which each document relates; and the timetable for the preparation and revision of these documents. The LDS must be made publicly available and kept up-to-date, as it is important that local communities and interested parties can keep track of progress.

4.2 Financial Implications

The completion of the Local Plan will be undertaken within existing budgets allocated for this purpose.

4.3 Policy and Risk Implications

The timescales for the preparation of a new Local Plan are dependent on the maintenance of existing staff resources and the implications resulting from any future changes to national planning guidance.

4.4 Corporate Plan Implications

The preparation of a new Local Plan will help the Council to deliver its Corporate Plan objectives to make Selby a great place to do business and to enjoy life. More specifically it will contribute to the objective to have a local plan in place which will deliver more houses in the District, business opportunities, promote health and well-being and protect and enhance the local environment.

4.5 Resource Implications

None

4.6 Other Implications

None

4.7 Equalities Impact Assessment

The Local Development Scheme is a project plan. An equalities impact assessment will be prepared to support the emerging Local Plan.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1** The updated Local Development Scheme provides a public statement setting out which Local Plan documents will be prepared by Selby District Council. It sets out key milestones for these documents.

6. Background Documents

None

7. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Local Development Scheme 2022 to 2024

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