

<b>Committee(s)</b> Planning and Transportation	<b>Dated:</b> 15 December 2015
<b>Subject:</b> Local Development Scheme 2015	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Director of the Built Environment	<b>For Decision</b>

### Summary

The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a programme for preparing the City's planning policies. It sets out in general terms the subject matter of policy documents and the timetable for preparing them. The LDS needs to be periodically reviewed to keep it up to date. An updated LDS has been prepared setting out the programme for the revision of the Local Plan, agreed in principle by your Committee at its meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015. The updated LDS is appended to this report.

### Recommendations

Members are recommended to:

- Approve the updated Local Development Scheme for publication;
- Resolve that the updated Local Development Scheme is to have effect from 15 December 2015.

### Main Report

#### Background

1. A Local Development Scheme (LDS) is required under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended by the Localism Act 2011. The LDS must set out the documents which, when prepared, will comprise the Local Plan for the area and the timetable for their preparation and revision. It must be made publicly available and kept up-to-date so that local communities and interested parties can keep track of progress.

#### Proposals

2. The City's current LDS came into effect in April 2014. It now needs to be updated to take account of this Committee's decision in October 2015 that a review of the adopted Local Plan be supported in principle. The updated LDS is attached to this report as Appendix 1.
3. The LDS is only required to include details of Development Plan Documents (DPDs), which in the City now comprises a single Local Plan. However, it has been considered helpful in the past to include other planning policy documents within the City's LDS so that Members and users of the planning system can be aware of all documents that are either adopted or in

preparation. It is proposed to continue this approach, and the updated LDS therefore provides details about Supplementary Planning Documents, the Community Infrastructure Levy and the Statement of Community Involvement.

4. Legislation requires that to bring the LDS into effect the local planning authority must resolve that the LDS is to have effect and in the resolution specify the date from which it is to have effect. It is recommended that the updated LDS be brought into effect from today's date.
5. The updated LDS will be published on the City Corporation's website, while any changes to the programme will be reported in the Local Plan Bulletin which is also published on the City Corporation's website. This will satisfy the requirement that the following information is made available to the public:
  - a) the up-to-date text of the scheme,
  - b) a copy of any amendments made to the scheme, and
  - c) up-to-date information showing the state of the authority's compliance (or non-compliance) with the timetable for the preparation and revision of development plan documents.

### **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

6. The LDS sets out the work programme for the revision of the Local Plan and preparation or review of other policy documents, and has no direct corporate or strategic implications. However, the Local Plan and other planning policy documents listed in the LDS will be prepared or revised with regard to all the City Corporation's other plans and strategies, including the Corporate Plan.

### **Conclusion**

7. Members are recommended to approve the updated LDS attached to this report for publication and to resolve that it should take effect from today's date.

### **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – Local Development Scheme 2015

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