

To: City Executive Board
Date: 13 June 2018
Report of: Head of Planning, Sustainable Development and Regulatory Services
Title of Report: Oxford Local Plan Local Development Scheme 2018-21

Summary and recommendations	
Purpose of report:	To approve the updated programme for the preparation of documents that will form the City Council's Local Plan.
Key decision:	Yes
Executive Board Member:	Councillor Alex Hollingsworth, Planning and Transport
Corporate Priority:	A Vibrant and Sustainable Economy; Meeting Housing Needs; Strong and Active Communities; A Clean and Green Oxford.
Policy Framework:	Local Plan
Recommendation: That the City Executive Board resolves to:	
1. Approve the Oxford Local Development Scheme 2018-21	
Appendices	
Appendix 1	Local Development Scheme 2018-21
Appendix 2	Risk Assessment

Introduction and background

1. The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a project plan that sets out timescales for the preparation and revision of documents in Oxford's Local Plan and other planning policy documents. The term Local Plan can be used as the collective name for a number of planning policy documents, including development plan documents and supplementary planning documents. It is also the name for the document that will contain the majority of Oxford's statutory planning policies.
2. The LDS provides details on what the Local Plan will contain and the geographical area it will cover. The LDS is an important tool to enable local communities and interested parties to keep track of the Local Plan documents' progress and to ensure that they are aware of when opportunities for involvement are likely to

arise. It is a statutory requirement that all local planning authorities prepare and maintain a LDS.

3. The lifespan of the City Council’s current LDS is 2016-19. The LDS is intended to be a dynamic document, updated at intervals to reflect the timetable for developing the local plan and other significant work programmes. The LDS 2018-21 will come into effect from the date of approval by CEB and will supersede the existing LDS 2016-19.

Oxford Local Plan 2036

4. The City Council is currently in the process of producing a new Oxford Local Plan 2036, to replace most of the existing documents containing planning policy (other than Area Action Plans). The Oxford Local Plan 2036 will provide a long-term planning framework to deliver managed growth of the city to 2036. The new Local Plan will join up the Council’s corporate strategies, seeking to deliver the land use and spatial elements resulting from the Corporate Plan and other corporate strategies. It will also reflect the vision or directional aspirations of our wider partnership bodies including the Oxford Strategic Partnership, the Oxfordshire Growth Board and the Local Enterprise Partnership, in helping to deliver the Council’s economic strategy, housing strategy and green space strategy.
5. The LDS 2018-21 amends slightly the programme for production of the Oxford Local Plan 2036. The key amendments are:

Local Plan stage	Formerly programmed for: (LDS 2016-19)	Now programmed for: (LDS 2018-21)
Public consultation on the Draft Local Plan (Reg 19)	June/July 2018	November/December 2018
Submission of Local Plan for examination (Reg 22)	December 2018	March 2019
Estimated date of adoption and publication	October 2019	December 2019

These amendments have been carefully considered. They allow time to properly consider changes introduced in the Government’s draft and final revised NPPF (expected in July 2018). Submission of the document is delayed by only a few weeks, and change to the overall programme is minimal. The Local Plan timetable will still meet the milestones set out in the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth deal. An additional benefit from the revised timetable is that it will allow for consultation on the draft Plan to be held during the autumn period, easing pressure on organisations who might have key individuals away during some of the summer period.

6. It is intended that the draft Local Plan will be considered at the September Scrutiny meeting and at the September City Executive Board meeting and then at the October full Council meeting seeking approval for consultation. Public consultation will then start at the beginning of November.

Joint Spatial Strategic Plan

7. The Joint Spatial Strategic Plan (JSSP) will contain strategic policies for Oxfordshire for the period to 2050. A separate Local Development Scheme for this document will be brought to CEB in due course.

Financial implications

8. The financial implications arising from producing a Local Plan include the costs of a Local Plan Examination (including Counsel advice) and independent technical analysis of issues such as transport, environment and sustainability. Revenue to accommodate these anticipated costs was agreed in the 2016/17 budget report approved by Members'. Consultation in accordance with the Consultation Programme appended to the LDS will be carried out by the planning policy team with support from Corporate Consultation/Business Improvement.

Legal issues

9. The preparation and publication of the Local Development Scheme is a statutory requirement under Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended).
10. The City Council is required to monitor compliance with the timescales for document production and revision set out in the LDS and to make this information publicly available. Compliance with the LDS is monitored and published through the Annual Monitoring Report.

Level of risk

11. A risk assessment has been undertaken (Appendix 2). All risks have been mitigated to an acceptable level.

Equalities impact

12. There are no equalities impacts arising from this report.

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Background Papers: None

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