

Brighton & Hove City Council

Tourism, Equalities, Communities, & Culture Committee

Agenda Item 66

Subject: Local Development Scheme Update

Date of meeting: [Include all meetings where the report will be considered]

Report of: Executive Director, Economy Environment & Culture

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Ward(s) affected: All

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1. Purpose of the report and policy context

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the revised Local Development Scheme (LDS). This is the three-year work programme setting out the timetable for the preparation of planning documents produced by the Local Planning Authority, including those that make up the development plan for Brighton & Hove. It covers the period from 2023 to 2026.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That Committee approves the revised Local Development Scheme 2023 – 2026, attached as Appendix 1.

3. Context and background information

3.1 All Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) are required to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS) under s15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The LDS is a public statement of a LPA's programme for the production of Development Plan Documents (DPDs), the subject matter and geographical area to which each is to relate, and which are to be prepared jointly with one of more other LPAs. It also sets out the programme for preparing other planning documents, for example Supplementary Planning Documents, and provides an update on the progress of neighbourhood plans in the city. The 2004 Act provides that an LPA must revise its LDS as such time as they consider appropriate or when directed to do so by the Secretary of State.

3.2 DPDs set out policies on the development and use of land in a local authority area. The LDS outlines in advance when public consultations are due to take place, when DPDs are expected to be submitted to the Secretary of State for public examination, and when they are expected to be adopted.

3.3 The previous LDS was published in 2022 to cover the period 2022-2025 and an update has now been produced to ensure the timetable is up-to-date.

3.4 Key updates in this iteration of the LDS include:

- An update to the timetable for the production of City Plan Part One Review to reflect delays to the previously published timetable, partly due to national planning reforms;
- An update to the timetable for a full review of the Waste & Minerals Local Plan;
- An updated list of adopted Supplementary Planning Documents to reflect the adoption of the Nature Conservation SPD;
- Updates on the progress of Neighbourhood Plans in the city.

4. Analysis and consideration of alternative options

4.1 The council is required by planning legislation to produce and maintain an up-to-date LDS. The alternative options considered and evaluated in preparing the LDS relate to the type of development plan documents to be prepared over the next three years, how they will be resourced and prioritised, and when the key stages will be undertaken. The proposed timetable is considered the best option with the resources available.

5. Community engagement and consultation

5.1 The LDS is not subject to public consultation, however the production of all DPDs, SPDs and Neighbourhood Plans set out within it include stages of public consultation.

6. Conclusion

6.1 Approval of the LDS will ensure that there is an up-to-date timetable for preparing development plan documents in accordance with planning legislation. The approved LDS will be published on the Council's website.

7. Financial implications

7.1 There are no direct financial implications as a result of the revised Local Development Scheme. The costs of preparing the revised Local Development Scheme has been and will be met from existing revenue budgets.

Name of finance officer consulted: John Lack Date consulted: 07/02/23

8. Legal implications

8.1 There is a requirement under planning legislation to keep up to date its LDS. Failure to do so could result in the Council having less oversight and control of its strategic development plans.

Name of lawyer consulted: Katie Kam Date consulted: 08/02/23

9. Equalities implications

9.1 None relevant to this report.

10. Sustainability implications

10.1 None relevant to this report.

11. Other Implications

11.1 None relevant to this report.

Supporting Documentation

1. Appendices

1. Revised Local Development Scheme 2023-26

