

**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2009 – 2012 (UPDATE 2010)**

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**Purpose**

- 1.1 To provide the group with an opportunity to discuss the future priorities for the Local Development Framework.

**Recommendations**

- 1.2 That the group considers the future priorities of the Local Development Framework so as to inform the review of the Local Development Scheme.

**Issues and Choices**

- 1.3 The Planning and Compulsory purchase Act 2004 introduced the system of Local Development Frameworks. The Local Development Framework will consist of a number of Local Development Documents that will eventually replace the Adopted Local Plan.
- 1.4 Every Local Authority is required to produce a Local Development Scheme (LDS). It is a public statement setting out the details of the Local development Documents that will be produced over the next three years, the current LDS covers the period 2009 – 2012. Key to the LDS is a timetable for the production of documents allowing stakeholders to see when documents are to be produced and when they will be consulted.

Local Development Scheme 2009 - 2012

- 1.5 The LDS 2009 - 2012 sets out the work programme to April 2012 and contains a set of proposed documents for the Council to produce. The Core Strategy was scheduled in the LDS for approval by Council in June 2009 and was actually approved in January 2010. This delay has led to the delay in the production of other documents such as the Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD) and Development Management DPD as resources were focussed on the Core Strategy.

LDS 2009 – 2012 (Update 2010)

- 1.6 The delay to the Core Strategy has led to the timetable in the Local Development Scheme becoming out of date by around six months. It has however provided an opportunity to review the timetable and at the same time review the priorities within the LDS.
- 1.7 It should be noted that government regulations no longer require Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) to be included within the LDS.

This enables the Council to respond quicker to policy issues by producing SPDs without needing to review and agree with GOSE a new LDS. In addition to this, it is proposed that in future a “live timetable” be maintained on the planning policy website that will include all SPD the Council intends to produce as well as regular updates on the progress of DPDs. New SPD can then be added as a when needed having regard to priority DPD documents contained in the LDS and the resources required to produce them.

- 1.8 However, although there is now added flexibility in terms of identifying SPDs, it is important to remember that as an SPD is not subject to independent examination it can only be used to expand on policies contained within DPD. Therefore, relevant DPDs must be in place in order to provide a “hook” to “hang” future SPD from.

### **Future Priorities**

- 1.9 Members are asked to consider the future priorities for the Local Development Framework. Set out below are the DPDs already identified in the current LDS 2009 – 2012 along with a brief explanation of their role and why their production is necessary:

- Core Strategy DPD

Sets out the vision and spatial strategy for development in the Borough. The submission version has now been approved by full council and is out for public comment until the 31 March 2010. Once the consultation period closes the Development Plans team will need to prepare for submission, the examination in public and finally adoption, all of which will require considerable work.

- Minerals Core Strategy DPD

Will set out the spatial strategy for future minerals development in the borough. The existing Minerals Local Plan runs to 2011 and it is important to replace it with an up to date plan, for example, any new annual apportionment figure arising from the South East Plan Partial Review will need to be tested through the Minerals Core Strategy to assess its deliverability.

- Minerals Sites & Policies DPDs

Will allocate sites for mineral extraction, processing and for safeguarded areas. Will provide policies on development management including aftercare and restoration of sites, transport and environmental issues to support the spatial strategy of the Minerals Core Strategy.

- Site Allocations DPD

The allocations DPD will set out where allocations for housing, employment and other uses such as open space and gypsy and traveller sites will be made. It is important for the Council to show how it will meet its housing requirements and provide a plan led approach to development through the supply of a sufficient number of sites.

- Development Management DPD

The Development Management DPD will contain policies to guide development in the Borough. Policies will include topics such as affordable housing, HiMOs, retail, employment, etc. These policies are required to guide development and to provide the “hooks” for future SPDs.

1.10 The following SPD are also identified in the current LDS (full document details are shown in the LDS 2009 – 2012 at: <http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-policy/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=61288>):

- South East Strategic Development Area SPD
- Houses in Multiple Occupation SPD
- Planning Obligations SPD
- Affordable Housing SPD
- Transport Planning Obligations SPD (now adopted)
- Highway Guide SPD
- Parking Standards SPD
- Residential Design Guide SPD (*consultation ended Friday 12 March 2010*)
- CMK Tall Buildings SPD (*consultation ended Friday 12 March 2010*)
- CMK Green Frame SPD
- CMK Block Parameter Plans SPD
- Sustainable Construction SPD (*Reserve Document*)
- Secured By Design SPD (*Reserve Document*)

1.11 The current LDS 2009 – 2012 timetable is attached as Appendix A. When considering future priorities it should be taken into account that although they take longer to produce than Supplementary Planning Documents, Development Plan Documents are subject to independent examination and carry more weight than SPD.

1.12 Although SPD no longer have to be included in the LDS, their production will have consequences for DPD production. Any new DPDs or SPDs that Members wish to see produced as a priority, should consider the impact on the production of the DPDs already identified in the current LDS.

### **Next Steps**

1.13 Once the priorities are agreed, a more detailed timetable for production can be drawn up taking into account those priorities. The revised Local Development

Scheme 2009 – 2012 (update 2010) will then be reported to Cabinet for approval. The LDS can then be submitted to GOSE for agreement before coming into effect. The LDS does not require public consultation.

## 2. Implications

### 2.1 Policy

The documents contained in the Local Development Scheme will form part of the Local Development Framework for Milton Keynes. Policies in the Local Development Framework will eventually replace policies in the Adopted Local Plan for Milton Keynes.

### 2.2 Resources and Risk

#### Revenue

The preparation of the Local Development Framework will primarily be funded from the Development Plans budget. Some background studies may be jointly funded with other departments, authorities and agencies. Documents produced by other teams will be funded by the relevant team.

N	Capital	Y	Revenue	N	Accommodation
N	IT	N	Medium Term Plan	N	Asset Management

### 2.3 Legal

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004) s.15(1) requires a local planning authority to “prepare and maintain a scheme to be known as their local development scheme”.

### 2.4 Other Implications

#### E-Government

The Local Development Scheme will be made available on the Council website. A “Live” timetable for the production of documents will also be maintained through the website.

#### Stakeholders

There is no requirement to consult on the LDS. The LDS itself sets out a timetable as to when stakeholders will be consulted on individual documents.

N	Equalities / Diversity	N	Sustainability	N	Human Rights
Y	E-Government	N	Stakeholders	N	Crime and Disorder
N	Carbon and Energy Policy				

Background Papers:

Planning Policy Statement 12: Creating strong safe and prosperous communities through Local Spatial Planning, DCLG (2008)

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