

First Revision of the Local Development Scheme 2006 - 2009

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To present a Revised Local Development Scheme for approval to submit to the Secretary of State. This follows consideration by the Public Spaces and Local Plans Panel and the Executive in the period November 2005 to March 2006. The report also includes the response of the Government of the South West to the proposed revised LDS which has been amended in the light of their views.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Council approve the First Revised Local Development Scheme 2006 – 2009 as attached in Appendix A for submission to the Secretary of State; or,**
- 2.2 **That the Council approve the First Revised Local Development Scheme 2006 - 2009 as attached in Appendix A, as amended by this Council for reasons to be stated, for submission to the Secretary of State.**
- 2.3 It is recommended that the first recommendation, 2.1 is accepted.

3. The Revised Local Development Scheme 2006 - 2009

- 3.1 The Local Development Scheme is a mandatory requirement of all Planning Authorities who prepare Local Development Framework documents. It sets out a three year programme for the delivery of those documents. It is a requirement that this Scheme be approved by the Secretary of State.
- 3.2 This Council's LDS was approved on May 19th 2006. Like many Authorities in the Country, it needs to be amended. The reasons are given in detail within Appendix B.
- 3.3 The Government of the South West was consulted on the final draft that was approved by the Executive. They in turn consulted with the Planning Inspectorate. The comments are summarised as follows:
- The overall timetable is acceptable, apart from a few queries as set out below,
 - The Statement of Community Involvement: a “pre-examination meeting” may be unnecessary.
 - Housing & Employment DPD: PINS have suggested that the timescale between the examination and adoption of this DPD seems 'overly long' and they hope that it will be possible to reduce this period.
 - Rural AAP & the Chippenham & the Main Towns AAP: PINS also consider the timescales between submission and adoption, and between examination and adoption for these DPDs to be 'overly long'. It is hoped that this period can be reduced.

3.4 The Local Development Scheme as set out in Appendix A incorporates these suggested amendments.

3.5 Once approved by this Council, it will be sent to the Secretary of State for his consideration and approval. From the experience of last year, this is expected to occur in June.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 None arising directly from this report. The reduced number of LDF documents will in the long term commensurately reduce the resource requirements.

5. Human Resources Implications

5.1 None arising directly from this report. The reduced number of LDF documents will enable existing staff resources to be used with greater efficiency.

6. Environmental Implications and Rural Proofing

6.1 None arising directly from this report. The documents produced under this programme will have fundamental impacts upon the Environment of North Wiltshire and upon the Rural Areas.

7. Community Implications

7.1 None arising directly from this report, though in the future, the implementation of the Local Development Scheme will have a significant impact upon a wide variety of community interests.

Documents Used: Planning Policy Statement 12 – The Local Development Framework; Correspondence with GoSW.

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