

Local Development Scheme

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 As part of the Planning and Compulsory Act 2004 (as amended) each Local Planning Authority must prepare a Local Development Scheme (LDS).
- 1.2 The LDS is effectively a high level project management document for the production of the Local Plan, which identifies and describes the documents that the Council intends to produce to make up the Local Plan. It provides an overview of the process of drafting them and identifies key milestones and timescales for their preparation.
- 1.3 The LDS serves two purposes:
 - 1 it provides the starting point for the local community to find out what the Council's, as the Local Planning Authority, planning policies are for the area, by setting out all the Local Development Documents that already form and supplement the Local Plan; and
 - 2 it sets out the programme for the preparation of document relating to the development plan, including timetables indicating when the various stages in the preparation of any particular document will be carried out.

2. CURRENT POSITION

- 2.1 The Council produced the existing LDS in March 2021. This is available on the Council's website at www.stockport.gov.uk/stockport-local-development-scheme.
- 2.2 As we continue the preparation of the Local Plan, it is intended to reframe the next consultation of Stockport Local Plan (SLP). In order to proceed on this basis, it is essential to ensure that the plan is led by a robust evidence base to support any approach which is taken. Therefore, it is necessary to reprofile the timetable for preparation of the plan. This will ensure that there is time to further supplement the necessary robust evidence base before the next stage of consultation.
- 2.3 The reprofiled timetable needs to be set out in an updated LDS – see appendix 1 to this report. This will ensure that interested parties (including the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities) are informed of when key stages in the plan's preparation, including consultation, are scheduled to take place.

3. NEXT STEPS

- 3.1 The LDS requires sign off from the Portfolio holder for Economy and Regeneration and it is intended that this will happen, consequent to comments from the Working Party.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 Members are asked to note the contents of this report and comments are invited on both the proposed updated LDS.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are none.

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