

Broads Local Plan Local Development Scheme – Version 2

Report by Planning Policy Officer

Summary:	The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is the timeline for the production of the Local Plan.
Recommendation:	It is recommended that the Planning Committee adopt version 2 of the Local Development Scheme.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is effectively a timetable for the production of the Local Plan. It sets out the tasks and anticipated dates for undertaking and completing these tasks.
- 1.2 The current LDS was adopted by Planning Committee in September 2014. That report can be found here: http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/487135/Broads-Local-Plan-Local-Development-Scheme.pdf.
- 1.3 In that report, the potential for slippage was discussed. This version 2 of the Local Plan LDS reflects slippage and provides an updated timeline for the production of the Local Plan.

2 Version 2 of the LDS

- 2.1 The current LDS has slipped. This is because of two factors.
- 2.2 Firstly, the Broads Authority is required to have an Objectively Assessed Housing Need apportioned to it. This work is being completed as part of the Central Norfolk Strategic Housing Market Assessment which covers the areas of Norwich, South Norfolk, North Norfolk, Broadland and Breckland Councils. The estimated date for the final report is September 2015. Such information needs to be part of the Issues and Options document. By pushing the Issues and Options stage of the Local Plan production back to January/February 2016, there is the ability for the housing need of the Broads to be included and inform the Local Plan, which will make the Plan more robust.
- 2.3 Secondly, the timetable for the production of the revised Broads Plan is now better understood. It is logical to align at least the first consultation stages of the Local Plan and Broads Plan as there will inevitably be some crossover of content. Thereafter the Broads Plan's timetable sees completion in a quicker timeframe than the Local Plan to reflect different statutory requirements for the production of both plans. A January/February 2016 consultation date

allows coordinated consultation of early versions of the Local Plan and Broads Plan. This will allow consultees to see to inter-relationships between the plans as well as offering cost-savings in terms of processes.

- 2.4 The proposed Version 2 of the Broads Local Plan Local Development Scheme is at Appendix A of this report.

3 The Potential for Further Slippage

- 3.1 Whilst the Local Plan's proposed stages are considered to be realistic and attainable, there will always be the risk of slipping from the projected timetable. The stages and timeline will be closely monitored and any likely slippage and the reasons for it will be reported to Planning Committee.

4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 As the Local Plan is produced, there will be financial implications including:

- Evidence base production
- Production of consultation documents
- Potentially a cost implication from events held during consultations
- Examination
- Final printing of the document

- 4.2 The Authority has an annual Planning Policy budget which will be used to fund the majority of expenditure on the Plan.

5 Conclusion and Recommendations

- 5.1 The preparation of the Local Plan is an important function of the Local Planning Authority and is a statutory process and the LDS sets out how this will be undertaken in a reasonable and timely manner.
- 5.2 It is recommended that Planning Committee adopt version 2 of the Local Development Scheme.

Background papers: None

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Appendices: Appendix A: Version 2 of the Broads Local Plan Local Development Scheme

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