Broads Authority
Planning Committee
19 July 2019
Agenda Item No 10

Local Development SchemeReport by Planning Policy Officer

Summary: The Local Development Scheme (LDS) sets out the time for the production of the Local Plan as well as other related documents.

Recommendation:

That the Local Development Scheme be endorsed

1. Introduction

1.1 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) sets out the time for the production of the Local Plan as well as other related documents.

1.2 It is a requirement of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2014) (as amended)1. The NPPG2 says:

A Local Development Scheme is required under section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended). This must specify (among other matters) the development plan documents (i.e. local plans) which, when prepared, will comprise part of the development plan for the area. Local planning authorities are encouraged to include details of other documents which form (or will form) part of the development plan for the area, such as Neighbourhood Plans. The Local Development Scheme must be made available publicly and kept up-to-date. It is important that local communities and interested parties can keep track of progress. Local planning authorities should publish their Local Development Scheme on their website.

- 1.3 Local Development Schemes must also be produced in compliance with any data standard for this purpose published by MHCLG. Up-to-date and accessible reporting on the Local Development Scheme in an Authority's Monitoring Report is an important way in which authorities can keep communities informed of plan making activity.
- 1.4 Local planning authorities must publicise and keep up-to-date their timetable for producing their local plan. This information is contained within a Local Development Scheme, which local planning authorities should publish on their website and must keep up-to-date. Local Development Schemes must also be produced in compliance with any data standard for this purpose published by MHCLG. Up-to-date and accessible reporting on the Local Development Scheme in an Authority's Monitoring Report is an important way in which

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¹ http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2004/5/section/15

² https://www.gov.uk/guidance/plan-making

authorities can keep communities informed of plan making activity.

2. Local Development Scheme for the Broads

- 2.1 As the Authority has just adopted its Local Plan, the LDS does not contain much detail about reviewing the Local Plan at this stage. It simply gives an indication of when work will start on reviewing the Local Plan. This is around 18 months after adoption of the Local Plan.
- 2.2 The early stages of the production of the Local Plan for the Broads were aligned with the production of the Broads Plan, which is the Management Plan for the Broads. The LDS shows that the Local Plan will start to be reviewed slightly before the Broads Plan is reviewed. But as the time to produce a Local Plan is much longer than that to produce the Broads Plan, this staggering of the start of reviewing both documents is acceptable.
- 2.3 The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) is one of the first documents that will be reviewed and amended and the timeline is set out in the LDS. This needs to be reviewed every five years. The LDS shows that it will be adopted early 2020 and that is because, even though it is not a requirement, the Authority tends to consult on the SCI.
- 2.4 The other documents listed on the LDS are Supplementary Planning Documents or Guides. These are intended to help in the interpretation and application of policies of the Local Plan for the Broads. The Local Plan refers to their production. The timeline allows for consultation and referring back to Planning Committee and then Full Authority for adoption.
- 2.5 Work has started on producing the guides and the timeline, at this stage, is one that should be able to be met. However, if there is to be a slip in the timeline, Planning Committee will be kept informed and the LDS will be updated.

3. Financial implications

3.1 Producing the documents will take officer time. The Local Plan, when it is reviewed, will require evidence to justify and look into policy approaches but that will be budgeted for.

Background papers: None

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Appendices: Local Development Scheme

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