

# Planning Committee

15 September 2023

Agenda item number 11

## Local Plan- Local Development Scheme

Report by Planning Policy Officer

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### Summary

The timeline for the production of the Local Plan for the Broads sets out key stages and aims for submission by June 2026.

### Recommendation

To endorse the Local Development Scheme.

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is the timetable for the production of the Local Plan and other related documents. It sets out the anticipated month and year for each key stage of the Local Plan production. The LDS is reviewed and updated as key stages are reached and brought before Planning Committee for information and endorsement.

## 2. Changes to the Planning System

- 2.1. Members will be aware of the Government's [consultation on the changes to the Planning System](#) that is currently out for comment. A report outlining the proposed changes, with a recommendation of comments to be submitted, can be found elsewhere on this agenda.
- 2.2. The proposed transitional arrangements to the new planning system are relevant to the LDS. The Government has stated that Local Plans being produced under the current planning system must be submitted for Examination by the end of June 2025, with Examination and Adoption completed by the end of 2026. The consultation states:  
  
“We confirm our intention that the latest date for plan-makers to submit local plans, minerals and waste plans, and spatial development strategies for examination under the current system will be 30 June 2025. We also confirm our intention that those plans will, in general, need to be adopted by 31 December 2026. As referred to above, these dates are contingent upon Royal Assent of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill, as well as Parliamentary approval of the relevant regulations. However, we are setting this out now to provide planning authorities with as much notice as possible of these dates.”

2.3 The consultation document goes on to state:

“For local plans and minerals and waste plans, this would mean that if an authority were to fail to meet the adoption deadline, or their plan were to fail at examination or be withdrawn, they would, in general, be required to commence preparation of a new-style plan immediately.”

### 3. Submission and Examination

- 3.1. The LDS is available at Appendix 1. It schedules the submission for Examination for June 2025. As set out above, if this date is not met, then the Local Plan will need to be produced under the new methodology.
- 3.2. The LDS does not give timings for the Examination stage of the Local Plan as this is out of the control of the Broads Authority. For information, the Examination of the current Local Plan took just over a year, however this was the result of the Inspector becoming unwell part way through the process and this length of time to examine a relatively straightforward plan is unusual.
- 3.3. Given that the deadline for submission under the current process coincides with the proposed date of submission, it will be necessary to monitor progress of the plan closely and to update the LDS promptly. This will ensure that any delay is identified sufficiently early for additional measures to be put in place to address this, or for the LPA to consider preparing the plan under the new system.
- 3.4. It is noted that the changes outlined in the consultation document are currently only proposals. Therefore, at this stage, whilst the timing risk is acknowledged, it is not necessary to consider suspending production of the plan.

### 4. Other documents included in the LDS

- 4.1. The LDS shows the timings for the later stages of producing the Coastal Adaptation Supplementary Planning Document as well as the proposed timings for producing the East Norwich Regeneration Area Supplementary Planning Document.

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Appendix 1 – Local Development Scheme (September 2023)

**Local Development Scheme**  
**Timeline for producing the Local Plan for the Broads and Supplementary Planning Documents**  
**Adopted September 2023**

**Local Plan for the Broads**

	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	
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**Coastal Adaptation Supplementary Planning Document**

	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	#####	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	#####	Jun-25	Jul-25	
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Adoption by the Broads Authority																											

**East Norwich Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document**

	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	#####	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	#####	Jun-25	Jul-25	
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