



CABINET

Subject Heading:

Havering Local Development Scheme
2023-2025

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Policy context:

National Planning Policy Framework 2021
London Plan 2021
Havering Local Plan 2016-2031

Financial summary:

£0.434m has been identified from the
Local Plan Earmarked Reserve for Local
Plan work. £0.032m of this will be spent in
2022/23. Any costs associated with the
work above £0.434m will be met from
existing resources.

Is this a Key Decision?

Yes
Significant effect on two or more Wards

When should this matter be reviewed?

March 2025

Reviewing OSC:

Towns and Communities

**The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council
Objectives**

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- X People - Things that matter for residents
- X Place - A great place to live, work and enjoy
- X Resources - A well run Council that delivers for People and Place

SUMMARY

- 1.1 Local planning authorities are required to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS).
- 1.2 The LDS is a timetable for the preparation and adoption of local planning policy and guidance documents including the Local Plan.
- 1.3 This report seeks approval to publish an updated LDS which will cover the period 2023-25.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet:

- 1. **APPROVE** the publication of the Local Development Scheme as set out in Annex 1
- 2. **DELEGATE** authority to the Assistant Director of Planning and Public Protection following consultation with the Leader of the Council to approve changes to the wording and content of the Local Development Scheme as required.

REPORT DETAIL

- 2.1 Local planning authorities are required to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme under Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended by the section 111 of the Localism Act 2011 and the Housing and Planning Act 2016.
- 2.2 The LDS provides opportunities for the local community and stakeholders to be involved in preparing planning policies by setting out an indicative timetable for the preparation of each document.

2.3 The LDS (2023-25) sets out:

- The planning policy documents that the Council has already prepared;
- The planning policy documents that Havering intend to produce;
- The subject matter and geographical area of each of the proposed documents;
- The timetable for the preparation of the documents over the next three years.

2.4 The principal policy document is the Local Plan. The current Local Plan was adopted in 2021 following examination by an independent planning inspector. The Inspector found the Local Plan sound and allowed the Council to adopt the plan subject to an immediate review. The LDS 2023-2025 sets out the timeframe for the production of an updated Local Plan and supersedes the previous LDS (2021).

REASONS AND OPTIONS

Reasons for the decision:

- 3.1 Local planning authorities are required to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme under Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended by the Localism Act 2011 and the Housing and Planning Act 2016.
- 3.2 The 2021 version of the LDS is out of date and does not reflect the latest time table for the preparation of the Local Plan and other related planning policy documents.

Other options considered:

- 3.3 The option of not publishing an up to date LDS has been rejected as the current version is out of date and does not reflect the latest time table for the preparation of the Local Plan and the legal requirement to have an up to date LDS.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

- 4.1 The cost of the work set out in the LDS will be met within existing resources.
- 4.2 An annual base budget of 0.166 is available for Local Plan and Strategic Transport work (such as Development Consent Orders) and a further £0.434m is available from earmarked reserves. £0.032m of the reserve will be spent in 2022/23.

Legal implications and risks:

- 4.3 The Local Planning Authority is required pursuant to section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) to prepare, revise and make a Local Development Scheme available to the public. This Duty by necessity also requires the Council to ensure that the Local Development Scheme is maintained as an up to date document, pursuant to section 15 subsection 9A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended).
- 4.4 There is a risk that by not ensuring an up to date Local Development Scheme is published and available to the public that the Council will be found to be in breach of its statutory duties. Approval of the Local Development Scheme is recommended

Human Resources implications and risks:

- 4.5 The planning policy documents set out in the LDS will be delivered by existing staff as well as external consultants. The technical and specialist nature of the some of the work will require external support. Consultants will be engaged via an appropriate procurement route using the Council's existing procedures.

Equalities implications and risks:

- 4.6 The Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 requires the Council, when exercising its functions, to have due regard to:
 - i. the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Equality Act 2010;
 - ii. the need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share protected characteristics and those who do not, and;
 - iii. foster good relations between those who have protected characteristics and those who do not. 8.2 Note: 'Protected characteristics' are: age, sex, race, disability, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnerships, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity and gender reassignment.

- 4.7 The Council is committed to all of the above in the provision, procurement and commissioning of its services, and the employment of its workforce. In addition, the Council is also committed to improving the quality of life and wellbeing for all Havering residents in respect of socio-economics and health determinants.
- 4.8 The new Local Plan and other relevant planning policy documents will be subject to a full Equalities Impact Assessment.

Health and Wellbeing implications and Risks

- 4.9 There are no health and wellbeing implications and risks associated with the publishing an updated Local Development Scheme.
- 4.10 The new Local Plan and other relevant planning policy documents will be subject to full Health Impact Assessments.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

There are no environmental or climate change implications and risks associated with publishing an updated Local Development Scheme. However, the preparation of a new Local Plan and other relevant planning policy documents will provide the opportunity to secure further environmental benefits and contribute to the Council's ambition to be carbon neutral by 2040.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None