

PRESENT:

STEERING GROUP MEMBERS: Councillors John Beesley, Laurence Fear, David Kelsey, and Donald McQueen.

REPRESENTATIVE FROM BOURNEMOUTH CIVIC SOCIETY: Ken Mantock - in the Chair.

REPRESENTATIVE FROM BOURNEMOUTH 2026: Angela Pooley.

ALSO ATTENDING: Councillor David Smith, Cabinet Member for Planning and Environment.

OFFICERS ATTENDING:

From Bournemouth Borough Council:

Andrew England	Head of Planning, Transport and Regulation
Mark Axford	Planning Policy and Research Manager
Sophie Leon	Planning Officer (Urban Design), Design and Heritage

The meeting commenced at 9.30 am.

Note: To see a copy of the public reports that were considered by the Steering Group at this meeting please visit:

<https://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/councildemocratic/CouncilMeetings/CommitteeMeetings/PlanningPolicySteeringGroup/2018/02/05/PlanningPolicySteeringGroup05-Feb-2018.aspx>

SECTION I - BUSINESS RECOMMENDED TO THE CABINET

1. BOURNEMOUTH LOCAL PLAN - REVIEW OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

The Steering Group considered a report circulated at '6' which recommended to Cabinet and Council a revised Local Development Scheme (LDS) to come into effect on 7 March 2018.

The report set out the revised timetable and framework for producing the LDS documents, in accordance with statutory requirements. Although it was not a policy document itself the LDS did set out planning policy making timescales and therefore had an impact on the Council's Key Policy

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Framework. The timetable included particular milestones where there were opportunities for communities and other interested parties to get involved in preparing plans through consultation stages.

The Planning Policy and Research Manager referred to the LDS project plan at Appendix 1 of the report. The main item was the production of a new consolidated Local Plan, updating the Core Strategy, Town Centre Area Action Plan and Affordable Housing Development Plan Document (DPD) as well as including site allocation and development management policies. He reported that the estimated date for adoption was early 2020. The Planning Policy and Research Manager also referred members to the remaining stages in preparing the Dorset Wide Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations Joint DPD. Members noted that no residential sites in Bournemouth were required to be identified. This document was due to be adopted in 2019.

A member asked whether the consultation period for the Issues and Possible Options consultation period could be extended from July and August to August and September 2018 to avoid using both the holiday months when some people may be less likely to respond. The Planning Policy and Research Manager explained that there was scope to do this if members wished as the exact dates had not yet been set. The Steering Group agreed that this would be a sensible adjustment to the timetable. It would enable as many people as possible to contribute to the consultation while not causing undue delay to the process.

The Planning Policy and Research Manager was also asked whether the timescales in the LDS ensured that there would be no gap between the old and new Local Plans being in place. He explained that this has been the original intention and continued to be so. However, the impact of subsequent proposals from central Government, such as the 'Planning for the Right Homes in the Right Places' consultation, could affect the Council's ability to complete a smooth transition between Plans. Much would depend on when the National Planning Policy Framework was updated.

RECOMMEND TO CABINET:**That the Cabinet recommends to Full Council:**

1. That the revised Local Development Scheme be approved to come into effect on 7 March 2018, subject to the following suggested amendment:
 - Issues and Possible Options consultation period to run from August to September 2018
2. That authority be delegated to the Service Director, Development Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Environment, to make minor text changes to Local Development Scheme document.