

**Report of Director of Place & Wellbeing  
To  
Overview and Scrutiny Committee Place  
15<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

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**Local Plan - Local Development Scheme Update**

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**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Overview and Scrutiny Place with an update to the Local Development Scheme (LDS) and to seek comments in relation to the adoption of the proposed LDS.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

- i. That Overview and Scrutiny Place agree any comments in relation to the proposed LDS (Appendix 1) which will be incorporated into a report to the Portfolio Holder for Safer Communities.

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) setting out the time line for the Local Plan has been updated to reflect the current Local Plan timetable.
- 3.2 Appendix A shows the proposed LDS for the Local Plan. This is essentially a list of documents the Council will be preparing and when they are expected to be prepared.
- 3.3 This time table indicates that the overall Plan will be submitted for examination in summer 2018. The timescale for examination is largely at the discretion of the Planning Inspectorate (PINS).
- 3.4 The LDS has been amended to allow for further work to be completed on the Preferred Options Consultation document and supporting evidence base documents. The consultation on the Preferred Options will now begin in October 2017.
- 3.5 In the Housing White Paper 2017, the Government set out its intention to consult on a new way for councils to assess their local housing need. The consultation on the new methodology is due to begin in September 2017. The Local Plan will need to take account of the changes that are being made to the way in which the districts housing needs are calculated. Once further information is known on the implications of the new housing need for the district and the local plan timetable members will be updated.
- 3.6 Any further unexpected and untimely changes in Government guidance or the interpretation of legislation by practitioners and PINS, usually

demonstrated through other examinations is a key risk to the adoption of the local plan. To mitigate this risk, PINS will continue to be kept informed of Mansfield's progress with its emerging Local Plan. The Council will seek an advisory visit by PINS prior to the publication of the Draft Local Plan (Publication Version). In addition, decisions issued by PINS will be monitored to ensure soundness is maintained.

- 3.7 Overview and Scrutiny Place are encouraged to agree comments on the document which will then be incorporated into a report to the Portfolio Holder for Safer Communities.

#### **4.0 Comments of Statutory Officers**

- (a) Head of Paid Service- There are no staffing issues resulting from the recommendations and contents of this report.
- (b) Monitoring Officer – No Comments
- (c) Section 151 Officer – No Comments

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