

# Gloucester City Council

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Cabinet</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>11 October 2017</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Gloucester Local Development Scheme</b>		
<b>Report Of:</b>	<b>Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning</b>		
<b>Wards Affected:</b>	<b>All</b>		
<b>Key Decision:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Budget/Policy Framework:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
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<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>1. Local Development Scheme</b>		

## FOR GENERAL RELEASE

### 1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To seek adoption of Gloucester Local Development Scheme with revised timetabling in respect of both the Joint Core Strategy and the Gloucester City Plan. Council at its meeting on 28 September 2017 approved Cabinet to update the Gloucester Local Development Scheme in respect of the timetabling of both the Joint Core Strategy and the Gloucester City Plan to reflect their progression.

### 2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Cabinet is asked to **RESOLVE** that the revised Gloucester Local Development Scheme at Appendix 1 be adopted with immediate effect.

### 3.0 Background and Key Issues

- 3.1 Local Planning Authorities are required by law to prepare, publish and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS). The purpose of the LDS is to set out the statutory Development Plan Documents (DPDs) that will form the Local Plan, give details of what they will contain and the timetable for their preparation.
- 3.2 The DPDs that Gloucester City Council is preparing, that will form its Local Plan, are:
- Joint Core Strategy (JCS) – a strategic level document allocating large scale housing and employment sites – covers matters relating to Gloucester, Cheltenham and Tewkesbury local authority areas; and
  - Gloucester City Plan (GCP) – covering the administrative area of Gloucester only, delivering the JCS locally and addressing issues specific to the city.
- 3.3 The City Council's most recent LDS was agreed by the Council in March 2015. This version anticipated the adoption of the JCS in October 2015 and of the Gloucester City Plan in autumn of 2017.

- 3.4 The JCS was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in November 2014 and has been in the Examination in Public (EiP) since that time. Most recently, hearings on the proposed 'main modifications' took place in July 2017. On the basis that there will be no further hearings and that the Inspector will be moving to her final report shortly, it is necessary for each of the JCS authorities to update their LDS to include the anticipated date of the adoption of the JCS in order to ensure the statutory requirements in respect of the LDS are met.
- 3.5 It is also necessary to update the timetable for the preparation of the GCP to reflect the current JCS position and available resources within the planning team. This DPD sits underneath the JCS and must be in general conformity, delivering the JCS at the local level whilst addressing locally specific issues for Gloucester. For this reason it has always been necessary for the timescales of the GCP to be staggered behind that of the JCS.
- 3.6 The revised LDS is provided at Appendix 1. To date, the JCS has been subject to the following key stages in its preparation:

<b>Milestones</b>	<b>Date</b>
Scoping report published	October 2008
Stakeholder engagement	June 2008 to November 2009
Developing the preferred option	December 2011 to February 2012
Preferred option consultation	October to December 2013
Pre-submission consultation	June to August 2014
Submission to Planning Inspectorate	November 2014
Examination in Public Hearings	May 2015 to July 2017
Main Modifications Consultation	February 2017 – April 2017

- 3.7 The next stages are as follows:

<b>Milestones</b>	<b>Date</b>
Inspector's Final Report	Autumn 2017
Adoption	Late 2017 / early 2018

- 3.8 In addition to this, the JCS will be subject to review. For Gloucester City, this is an 'immediate' retail review and housing review. The specific timetable for the completion of these reviews will be brought to Council for adoption in due course.

- 3.9 In relation to the GCP, the following key stages have been completed:

<b>Milestones</b>	<b>Date</b>
City Plan Scope consultation	May to August 2011
City Plan Part 1 consultation	March to April 2012
City Plan Part 2 consultation	May to July 2013
Draft Gloucester City Plan consultation	January to February 2017

- 3.10 The next stages are as follows:

<b>Milestones</b>	<b>Date</b>
Pre-Submission consultation	November – December 2018
Submission to Planning Inspectorate	February 2019

Examination in Public	Summer / Autumn 2019
Adoption	Winter 2019 / Spring 2020

#### **4.0 Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) Considerations**

4.1 None.

#### **5.0 Alternative Options Considered**

5.1 None. Maintaining the LDS is a statutory requirement.

#### **6.0 Reasons for Recommendations**

6.1 The LDS represents an appropriate timetable for the preparation of both the JCS and GCP, having regard to the Council's legal and regulatory responsibilities and the available resources with the City Council.

#### **7.0 Future Work and Conclusions**

7.1 The LDS sets out the DPDs that the City Council will prepare that will comprise the Local Plan and a timetable for their completion. Officers will work to complete the various stages of plan making as set out in the LDS. If any amendment to the timetable is necessary in the future, a revised LDS will be brought to Council for approval.

#### **8.0 Financial Implications**

8.1 The LDS has been prepared having regard to the available resources to undertake the necessary work. This includes planning and other staff resource, evidence base, consultation and community involvement.

#### **9.0 Legal Implications**

9.1 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires Local Planning Authorities to prepare and maintain an LDS which must specify (among other matters) the DPDs which when prepared will comprise the Local Plan for the area and the timetable for preparation and revision of those documents.

#### **10.0 Risk & Opportunity Management Implications**

10.1 The lack of an up-to-date LDS risks causing delay to the progression of the DPDs identified, as such DPDs when examined need to be prepared in accordance with the LDS.

#### **11.0 People Impact Assessment (PIA):**

11.1 Not applicable.

#### **12.0 Other Corporate Implications**

Community Safety

12.1 None

Sustainability

12.2 Having an up-to-date Local Plan in place will help to achieve sustainable development in the city.

Staffing & Trade Union

12.3 None

**Background Documents:** None