

Gloucester City Council

Meeting:	Cabinet Council	Date:	10 March 2021 18 March 2021
Subject:	Revised Gloucester Local Development Scheme 2021 - 2023		
Report Of:	Cllr Andrew Gravells - Cabinet Member for Strategic Housing and Planning		
Wards Affected:	All		
Key Decision:	Yes	Budget/Policy Framework:	Yes
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Appendices:	1. Local Development Scheme 2021- 2023		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To seek adoption of the Gloucester Local Development Scheme 2021 - 2023, which updates the timetable for the preparation and adoption of the Gloucester City Plan and Joint Core Strategy Review.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Cabinet is asked to **RESOLVE TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL** that:

- (1) The revised Gloucester Local Development Scheme (Appendix 1) is adopted by the Council and takes effect immediately.

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3.0 Background and Key Issues

- 3.1 Local authorities are legally required to prepare, publish and maintain a Local Development Scheme. The purpose of the LDS is to set out the Development Plan Documents (DPD) that the local authority will produce, give details of what they will contain and the timetable for their preparation and revision.
- 3.2 Progress in delivering against the LDS is reported in the Council's Annual Monitoring Report (AMR). The City Council last adopted an LDS in 2017 and it is necessary to update this for the next three-year period. Furthermore, following the submission of the Gloucester City Plan to the Secretary of State, the Inspector has asked the City Council to adopt a new, up-to-date LDS, setting out the anticipated timescales from here-on-in.

3.3 The revised LDS updates the timetable for two DPDs. These are:

- **Gloucester City Plan (GCP):** The GCP sits underneath and Adopted Joint Core Strategy (JCS), covering the period up to 2031. It delivers the JCS locally and addresses any issues and opportunities specific to the city. It will provide criteria that will be applied when considering planning applications for different forms of development. It will make smaller-scale site allocations in the city to contribute towards development needs. Geographically the GCP covers the administrative area of Gloucester City Council only. The GCP has now reached an advanced stage, having been submitted to the Secretary of State for examination in public in November 2020.
- **Joint Core Strategy Review (JCSR):** Following on from the adoption of the JCS in December 2017 by Gloucester City Council, Cheltenham Borough Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council, the authorities have now commenced its review. The JCSR is a strategic level, cross-boundary DPD, which will allocate large scale housing and employment sites and set out planning policies. To date, one stage of consultation has been held, 'Issues and Options', between November 2018 and January 2019.

3.4 The timetable for the next stages in the preparation of the GCP and JCSR are set out below. Please note that once the Plans are submitted the timetables are indicative, as it is set by the Planning Inspectorate

Gloucester City Plan

Milestone	Date
Examination in Public	May 2021
Adoption	Winter 2021/22

Joint Core Strategy Review

Milestone	Date
Issues and Options consultation	Winter 2018/19 (complete)
Preferred Options consultation	Summer 2021
Publication of Plan (Pre-Submission)	Winter 2022
Submission of Plan	Spring 2023
Examination in Public	Summer 2023
Adoption	Winter 2023

3.5 The full revised LDS is provided at Appendix 1 of this report.

4.0 Social Value Considerations

4.1 Not applicable to this report.

5.0 Environmental Implications

5.1 Not applicable to this report.

6.0 Alternative Options Considered

6.1 The timetable for the GCP and JCSR review have been considered in light of legal and regulatory requirements, the scope of the plans and available resources.

7.0 Reasons for Recommendations

7.1 The LDS represents an appropriate timetable for the preparation and adoption of both the GCP and JCSR for the reasons set out above.

8.0 Future Work and Conclusions

8.1 Officers will work to complete the various stages of plan making as set out in the LDS. If any future amendment to the timetable is necessary, a revised LDS will be brought to Council for approval.

9.0 Financial Implications

9.1 The LDS has been prepared having regard to the available resources necessary to complete the work. This includes planning and other staff resource, the collation of an evidence base as well as consultation and community involvement.

(Financial Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report).

10.0 Legal Implications

10.1 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 will comprise the Local Plan for the area and the timetable for the preparation and revisions of those documents.

(One Legal have been consulted in the preparation of this report).

11.0 Risk & Opportunity Management Implications

11.1 The main risk relates to the resources required to deliver the timetable outlined in the LDS. However, the timetable has been prepared particularly as regards the JCSR in the context of resources available to the JCS authorities.

12.0 People Impact Assessment (PIA) and Safeguarding:

12.1 The PIA Screening Stage was completed and did not identify any potential or actual negative impact; therefore, a full PIA was not required.

13.0 Community Safety Implications

13.1 Not applicable to this report.

14.0 Staffing & Trade Union Implications

14.1 Not applicable to this report.