

# Gloucester City Council

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Cabinet Council</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>15 June 2022 7 July 2022</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Gloucester Local Development Scheme</b>		
<b>Report Of:</b>	<b>Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy</b>		
<b>Wards Affected:</b>	<b>All</b>		
<b>Key Decision:</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Budget/Policy Framework:</b>	<b>No</b>
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<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>1. Gloucester Local Development Scheme 2022 - 2024</b>		

## FOR GENERAL RELEASE

### 1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To seek adoption of the Gloucester Local Development Scheme 2022 - 2024, which updates the timetable for the preparation and adoption of the Gloucester City Plan and Gloucester, Cheltenham and Tewkesbury Joint Strategic Plan.

### 2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Cabinet is asked to **RECOMMEND** to Council that:

- (1) the revised Gloucester Local Development Scheme (Appendix 1) be adopted by the Council and takes effect immediately
- (2) the correction of any minor errors such as spelling, grammar, typographical and formatting changes that do not affect the substantive content of the plan be delegated to the Head of Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning Strategy.

- 2.2 Council is asked to **RESOLVE** that:

- (1) the revised Gloucester Local Development Scheme (Appendix 1) be adopted by the Council and takes effect immediately
- (2) the correction of any minor errors such as spelling, grammar, typographical and formatting changes that do not affect the substantive content of the plan be delegated to the Head of Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning Strategy.

### 3.0 Background and key issues

- 3.1 Local authorities are legally required to prepare, publish and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS). 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 2021 and it is necessary to update this.
- 3.3 The revised LDS updates the timetable for two DPDs. These are:
1. **Gloucester City Plan (GCP):** The GCP sits underneath and adopted Joint Core Strategy (JCS) (2017), which provides the strategic planning framework for the three local authority areas. Covering a twenty-year period between 2011 and 2031, the GCP provides a range of non-strategic policies, delivering the JCS at the local level and address local issues and opportunities, including smaller-scale site allocations and planning policies. It covers the administrative area of Gloucester City only. The GCP has reached an advanced stage and is currently being examined.
  2. **Joint Strategic Plan (JSP):** 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 replacement. The JSP will provide strategic policies, covering the period 2021 – 2041. It will identify development requirements over this period and allocate large scale housing and employment sites and 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 JSP 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
Main Modifications consultation	May/June 2022
Inspector's final report	Autumn 2022
Adoption	Winter 2022/23

### Joint Strategic Plan

Milestone	Date
Preferred Options consultation	Spring 2023
Pre-Submission consultation	Autumn 2023
Submission to Secretary of State	Spring 2024
Examination in Public	Summer 2024
Adoption	Winter 2024/Spring 2025

- 3.5 Whilst not required, the LDS also provides information regarding Supplementary Planning Documents, the Statement of Community Involvement and Neighbourhood Development Plans.

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

#### **4.0 Social Value Considerations**

4.1 None.

#### **5.0 Environmental Implications**

5.1 None.

#### **6.0 Alternative Options Considered**

6.1 The timetable for the GCP and JSP 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 JSP 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 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. To support the delivery of the JSP a governance structure is in place that ensured adequate officer and budget requirements.

**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 None.

**14.0 Staffing & Trade Union Implications**

14.1 None.

**Background Documents:**