

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No.

meeting date: THURSDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2011
title: LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – PROPOSED REVISION
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To consider and agree an update to the Council's adopted Local Development Scheme.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities

- Council Ambitions – The Local Development Scheme is fundamental to the delivery of planning policy and will help in protecting and enhancing environmental quality. Planning policies will help deliver the Council's ambitions relating to the supply of affordable homes in the area.
- Community Objectives – As the management tool for the planning policy preparation, it provides a basis by which to identify how, in particular, issues relating to the objectives of a sustainable economy, thriving market towns and housing will be addressed through the planning system.
- Corporate Priorities – The scheme will provide a management tool for resource planning and will aid performance and consistency. The scheme will help deliver community involvement.
- Other Considerations – The Council has a statutory duty to prepare and keep up to date a Local Development Scheme for the area.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a statutory document that the Council has to have in place. It is a public statement of the documents and the policy areas that the Council intend to produce that will comprise the Local Development Framework (LDF) for the area. The published scheme is available on the Councils' web site or can be viewed at Level D reception.

2.2 The current LDS was formally adopted in April 2007 and was to cover a 3 year period. It is a requirement of the LDF process that the Council reviews the document. Although not governed by the same public consultation and timetabling as the preparation of the original LDS; revisions need to be confirmed with Government Office and subsequently brought into effect and published in accord with the Regulations. Members previously considered an update in May 2009, however, following discussions with Government Office and uncertainties on delivery of the scheme, it was not formally published. Government Office advised that it would be more appropriate to publish a revision when the Council had carried out the Regulation 25 stages of consultation and was looking towards the Regulation 27 stage.

3 ISSUES

- 3.1 As Members are aware, a significant amount of work has been undertaken to support the production of the Core Strategy, issues and options consultations. Consultation has been undertaken the results of which are being drawn together to inform the next steps. It is anticipated that the outcome of the consultation will be reported to Members at the next Planning and Development Committee.
- 3.2 The timetable proposed in Appendix 1 sets out the key stages and milestones for the Core Strategy, leading to adoption together with the proposed housing and economic development DPD that will deal with allocations. This provides an indication of the time frame expected which will assist in resource planning. The programme if agreed, will need to be agreed with Government Office and the Planning Inspectorate before it is formally published.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

- 4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications
- Resources – Provision is included in current budgets for work on the Core Strategy, supplemented by PDG. However, provision will need to be made in the 2012/13 budget for the later stages of the process.
 - Technical, Environmental and Legal – The Local Development Scheme is a statutory requirement of the new development plan process. Up to date, timely and relevant planning policies are important in maintaining and improving the environment of the borough.
 - Political – There are no direct political implications, however, the LDS does establish a programme of priority for policy work.
 - Reputation – The Council's decision on how to proceed could affect its reputation for example, if the LDS is not kept up to date, the Council will not meet the requirements of legislation.

5 **RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

- 5.1 Authorise the Chief Executive to update and publish the Local Development Scheme as appropriate in consultation with Government Office and the Planning Inspectorate.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 1 Adopted Local Development Scheme, March 2007.
- 2 LDS File.
- 3 Planning Policy Statement 12 Development Plans.

For further information please ask for Colin Hirst, extension 4503.

Appendix 1

Proposed Documents and Key Milestones

DOCUMENT	Date for issues & options consultations (Regulation 25)	Public participation on preferred options (Regulation 26)	Date for submission to Secretary of State (Regulation 28)	Pre-Examination meeting	Target Date for Formal Examination	Anticipated receipt of Inspectors Report	Date for proposed adoption
Core Strategy	Published August 2010	October 2011	March 2012	April 2012	June 2012	October 2012	November 2012
Housing and Economic Development DPD	July 2011	March 2012	November 2012	February 2013	May 2013	Sept 2013	October 2013