

**Local Development Scheme**

**REPORT TO EXECUTIVE**



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**PURPOSE**

1. To present for Executive’s approval a revised Local Development Scheme (LDS) setting out the programme for the remaining stages of the preparation of the Burnley Local Plan.

**RECOMMENDATION**

2. To adopt the revised Local Development Scheme (LDS) attached at Appendix 1.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

3. Councils are required by legislation to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS) setting out the development plan documents the Council intends to prepare, their scope and the timetable for their preparation.
4. The Council’s current LDS was adopted in March 2016 and needs revising to reflect the Council’s revised plan-making programme.

**SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS**

**The Local Development Scheme (LDS)**

5. Councils are required to prepare and maintain an LDS setting out the Development Plan Documents (DPDs) the Council intends to prepare, their scope and the timetable for their production. The LDS remains unchanged in proposing a single DPD, ‘Burnley’s Local Plan’ which will set out the vision, objectives, policies and land use allocations to provide the statutory planning framework for the Borough to 2032.
6. Local Plans, which are DPDs, must be prepared as specified in the LDS and this is one of the ‘legal compliance tests’ undertaken by the Inspector in examining a plan. He or she will normally assess this before going on to test for ‘soundness’.
7. It is not a requirement for the LDS to set out any Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) proposed, but it is helpful for these to be included where planned and so these

have been set out.

8. The revised LDS reflects the updated plan-making programme and in particular the delayed consideration of the Proposed Submission Document which had been planned for December 2016 but was delayed until March 2017. In March 2017 both the Executive and Full Council considered the Proposed Submission Document with approval being given for it to be published for a six week and three day period for final representations between 12 April and 26 May 2017 prior to its submission.
9. The next stage is for the Plan, as published, along with the final representations received during the consultation period together the relevant evidence base and supporting documents, to be submitted to the Secretary of State. This is proposed for 20 July 2017. The Secretary of State will then appoint an independent Inspector to Examine the Plan. As part of the Examination, public Hearing sessions will be held and it is anticipated that these will start in October 2017. Final Adoption of the Plan may still be possible for March 2018 as previously proposed.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION**

10. The costs of the examination are to be met within existing resources.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

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12. An up to date LDS will help ensure the Burnley Local Plan meets the legal compliance tests of its Examination (Strategic Objective PR4).

#### **DETAILS OF CONSULTATION**

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

13. N/A

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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