

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No.

meeting date: THURSDAY, 23 MAY 2013
title: CORE STRATEGY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – PROPOSED REVISION
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To consider and agree an update to the timetable in Council's 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 LDS was previously updated in October 2012 in response to a request from the Inspector appointed to undertake the examination of the Core Strategy. To take account of key changes this proposed update needs to be done to reflect the current effect on the process as a result of the suspension period agreed with the Inspector for the Core Strategy Examination.

3 ISSUES

3.1 As Members are aware the Examination process was suspended to enable the Council's Evidence Base to be refreshed and brought up to date. The current timetable anticipates the re-opening of the Examination on 1 July. The consequent knock on

effect to the timetable therefore needs to be incorporated into the Local Development Scheme.

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 taking account of the suspension. This provides an indication of the time frame expected which will assist in resource planning.

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. However, provision will need to be made in future budget process for the housing and economic DPD.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – The Local Development Scheme is a statutory requirement. 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.
- Equality & Diversity – No implications identified.

5 **RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

5.1 Authorise the Chief Executive to update and publish the Local Development Scheme as required in consultation with the Chairman of Planning and Development Committee, keeping Members informed of any significant changes as appropriate.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 1 Adopted Local Development Scheme, October 2012.
- 2 LDS File.

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

APPENDIX 1

Proposed Documents and Key Milestones

DOCUMENT	Date for issues & options consultations (Regulation 18)	Public participation on preferred options (Regulation 19)	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	N/A	N/A	N/A	July 2013	September 2013	December 2014	February 2014
Housing and Economic Development DPD	December 2013	September 2014	December 2014	January 2014	March 2015	July 2015	August 2015