

Single Member Cabinet Decision**Executive
Forward Plan
Reference****E 3124****Review of the B&NES Local Development Scheme**

Decision maker/s	Cllr Bob Goodman, Cabinet Member for Development and Neighbourhoods
The Issue	This report seeks agreement to revise the Bath & North East Somerset Local Development Scheme (LDS) in order to establish the priorities for the preparation of Planning Policy documents for the period 2019-2021.
Decision Date	11 April 2019
The decision	<p>The Cabinet Member agrees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) the revised Bath & North East Somerset Local Development Scheme 2019 – 2021 as set out in Appendix 1 to the Single Member Decision Report, subject to a minor amendment in respect of the West of England Joint Spatial Plan programme to reflect latest information on the Examination hearings timetable; andb) that it should come into effect following the expiry of the decision call-in period
Rationale for decision	The LDS set out a programme of the planning policy documents to be prepared by the Council. The production of the plans set out in the LDS are those which are needed to ensure that the Council has an up-to-date policy framework to support the Development Management function and to deliver the Council's corporate objectives.
Financial and budget implications	<p>The Council's planning framework is critical to the delivery of a range of corporate objectives and its preparation also relies on evidence and strategies prepared by a number of other Services. Review of the LDS therefore entailed liaison with other services in order to ensure a co-ordinated approach to expenditure.</p> <p>The programme for the preparation of Planning Policies for the District is funded by the Local Development Framework Budget, Government grants and funding from WECA. The LDS has been revised to reflect the reduced budget since it was last published. Preparation of any additional policy documents or accelerated preparation would need to be funded.</p> <p>Planning policies contained within documents set out in the LDS will also have a direct impact on the value of land and buildings, which in turn will affect New Homes Bonus, Council Tax and Business Rates. However, impacts to Council Tax and Business Rates cannot be taken into consideration as part of the assessment and preparation of the Planning Policies. The planning framework in B&NES has been particularly successful in bringing substantial income into the Council via New Homes Bonus, relative to its size. New Homes</p>

	<p>Bonus achieved equates with the larger cities like Birmingham and Bristol, and far exceeds other historic city districts like Oxford and York.</p> <p>Approval of the LDS assists with the efficient operation of Development Management, limiting the costs associated with speculative planning applications and to resist expensive planning appeals. Planning documents link to Council activities that incur costs and generate income.</p>
Issues considered (these are covered in more detail in the report)	Sustainability; Corporate; Other Legal Considerations
Consultation undertaken	<p>The Council's Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.</p> <p>There is no requirement to consult on the preparation of the LDS although the Plans within the LDS have statutory public engagement requirements. These are evidenced by the Statements of Consultation prepared for each Plan.</p>
How consultation was carried out	Meetings with and circulation of draft report to the Cabinet Member, officers and other services.
Other options considered	Preparation and maintenance of a LDS is a statutory requirement. The plan for the production of policy documents has been designed in order to facilitate delivery of the Council's priorities and statutory requirements. There has been a need therefore to prioritize in light the Council's resources constraints.
Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision, including any dispensation granted:	None.
Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:	None.
Signatures of Decision Makers	
Date of Signature	11 th April 2019

Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision