

# Individual Executive Member Decision

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<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Revision of the Local Development Scheme (LDS) for the Local Development Framework</b>
<b>Report to be considered by:</b>	Individual Executive Member Decision
<b>Date on which Decision is to be taken:</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> May 2012
<b>Forward Plan Ref:</b>	ID2484

**Purpose of Report:** To consider the revised Local Development Scheme for adoption by the Council.

**Recommended Action:** To adopt the revised Local Development Scheme.

**Reason for decision to be taken:** The publication of the Local Development Scheme is a statutory requirement.

**Other options considered:** None

**Key background documentation:** Town and Country Planning (Local Government) Regulations 2004 (as amended)  
Localism Act (2011)

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## Implications

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<b>Policy:</b>	The LDS sets out the Council's intended programme for planning policy formulation
<b>Financial:</b>	Approval of the LDS commits the Council to producing planning policy documents in accordance with the stated timescale. Budgetary provision has been made to carry out the relevant work.
<b>Personnel:</b>	There are no direct personnel implications at this stage
<b>Legal/Procurement:</b>	There are no direct legal implications at this stage
<b>Environmental:</b>	There are no direct environmental implications at this stage
<b>Property:</b>	There are no specific property implications at this stage
<b>Risk Management:</b>	There are no direct risk management issues arising at this stage
<b>Equalities Impact Assessment:</b>	As part of the LDF process individual EIAs will be undertaken for each Development Plan Document produced.

## Consultation Responses

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### Members:

**Leader of Council:** Graham Jones

**Overview & Scrutiny Management Commission Chairman:** Brian Bedwell

### Ward Members:

**Opposition Spokesperson:** Tony Vickers

**Local Stakeholders:** Consultation on the LDS is not required, but consultation occurs as part of the preparation of the local development documents to which it refers

### Officers Consulted:

**Trade Union:** N/A

Is this item subject to call-in?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If not subject to call-in please put a cross in the appropriate box:		
The item is due to be referred to Council for final approval		<input type="checkbox"/>
Delays in implementation could have serious financial implications for the Council		<input type="checkbox"/>
Delays in implementation could compromise the Council's position		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Considered or reviewed by Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission or associated Task Groups within preceding six months		<input type="checkbox"/>
Item is Urgent Key Decision		<input type="checkbox"/>
Report is to note only		<input type="checkbox"/>

## Supporting Information

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### 1. Background

- 1.1 As part of the Local Development Framework (LDF) the Government requires the Council to prepare a Local Development Scheme (LDS). The LDS is a public statement setting out details of which development plan documents will be produced by the Council and when. The Council's first published LDS was approved by Government in April 2005. A second version was then published in April 2010. This third version revises the document again and contains updates to reflect changes in circumstances since 2010.

### 2. Approved West Berkshire LDS

- 2.1 The proposals for Development Plan Documents (DPDs) in the 2010 LDS were:
- West Berkshire Core Strategy
  - Site Allocations
  - Proposals Map

### 3. Revised Timetable

- 3.1 Since the publication of the Council's second LDS in April 2010, there have been changes in circumstances which have resulted in the need to revise the LDS.

- **Changes to the planning system**

- 3.2 A number of changes have been made to the planning system, and a number are due to take place in 2012. Many of these changes are taking place through the Localism Act and include the introduction of neighbourhood planning, amended regulations that govern the production of local development documents and the removal of the Regional Spatial Strategy for this area, the South East Plan.

- **Re-evaluation of previously approved timetables**

- 3.3 The Council submitted its Core Strategy and accompanying Proposals Map to the Secretary of State on 9th July 2010. The Core Strategy examination began on 2nd November 2010 and initially ran for eight days. It was then suspended on 11th November 2010 to enable the Council to undertake additional work. The examination process reopened on 2nd May 2011 and the hearing sessions resumed on 27th June 2011. It was then suspended again to enable the Council to undertake further work. The examination process resumed on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2012 and the hearing sessions are due to resume on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2012. The extended examination has meant that the timetables for the Core Strategy and the Site Allocations and Delivery DPDs need revising.

- **Closure of the Berkshire Joint Strategic Planning Unit**

- 3.4 Following the closure of the Berkshire Joint Strategic Planning Unit in October 2011, work on a joint minerals and waste development plan for Berkshire has now ceased. This has meant that planning policies relating to minerals and waste activities and development in West Berkshire need to be reviewed.

#### 4. What documents are we going to prepare as part of the LDF?

4.1 This LDS indicates that the Council is intending to produce the following DPDs between 2012 and 2015:

- West Berkshire Core Strategy
- Site Allocations and Delivery
- Proposals Map
- West Berkshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan
- Minerals and Waste Proposals Map

4.2 The table below summaries the key stages in the preparation of each DPD

	Consulting on scope of Sustainability Appraisal	Public participation in the preparation of the DPD	Publication of Proposed Submission Documents	Submission to Secretary of State	Start of Independent Examination	Adoption
<b>West Berkshire Core Strategy</b>	Dec 2007 to Jan 2008	Nov 2007 to July 2009	Feb to April 2010	July 2010	October 2010	September 2012
<b>Site Allocations and Delivery</b>	September 2012 to October 2012	September 2012 to January 2014	February 2014	August 2014	October 2014	June 2015
<b>Proposals Map</b>	Will be prepared alongside the West Berkshire Core Strategy and then be updated to reflect any area specific proposals in the Site Allocations and Delivery DPD					
<b>West Berkshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan</b>	September 2012 to October 2012	September 2012 to January 2014	February 2014	August 2014	October 2014	June 2015
<b>Minerals and Waste Proposals Map</b>	Will be prepared alongside the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy					

#### 5. Approval of the LDS by the Executive

5.1 The revised LDS must be agreed by the Council's Executive before it can come into effect.

#### 6. Equalities Impact Assessment Outcomes

6.1 As part of the LDF process individual EIAs will be undertaken for each Development Plan Document produced.

#### Appendices

Appendix A – Equality Impact Assessment – Stage 1

Appendix B – Revised West Berkshire Local Development Scheme - April 2012

## APPENDIX A

### Equality Impact Assessment – Stage One

<b>Name of item being assessed:</b>	Revision of the Local Development Scheme (LDS) for the Local Development Framework (LDF)
<b>Version and release date of item (if applicable):</b>	
<b>Owner of item being assessed:</b>	Paula Amorelli
<b>Name of assessor:</b>	Paula Amorelli
<b>Date of assessment:</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> March 2012

<b>1. What are the main aims of the item?</b>
To seek approval for the adoption of a revised Local Development Scheme

<b>2. Note which groups may be affected by the item, consider how they may be affected and what sources of information have been used to determine this.</b> (Please demonstrate consideration of all strands – age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; sexual orientation)
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Group Affected	What might be the effect?	Information to support this.

<b>Further comments relating to the item:</b>
I do not consider that any groups will be affected by this report. As part of the LDF process individual EIAs will be undertaken for each Development Plan Document produced.

<b>3. Result</b> (please tick by double-clicking on relevant box and click on 'checked')
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>High Relevance</b> - This needs to undergo a Stage 2 Equality Impact Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Medium Relevance</b> - This needs to undergo a Stage 2 Equality Impact Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Low Relevance</b> - This needs to undergo a Stage 2 Equality Impact Assessment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No Relevance</b> - This <b>does not</b> need to undergo a Stage 2 Equality Impact Assessment

**For items requiring a Stage 2 equality impact assessment, begin the planning of this now, referring to the equality impact assessment guidance and Stage 2 template.**

<b>4. Identify next steps as appropriate:</b>	
Stage Two required	
Owner of Stage Two assessment:	
Timescale for Stage Two assessment:	
Stage Two not required:	X

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**Date:** 27<sup>th</sup> March 2012