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Local Development Scheme

Report summary:

The Local Development Scheme (LDS) sets out a programme and timetable for production of future planning policy documents. The previous LDS dates from 2018 and requires an update. This report introduces the proposed new LDS, summarises key content and provides more information on plan production considerations.

Recommendation:

1. That Strategic Planning Committee recommend to Council, that following consultation with Cabinet, approval of the proposed new Local Development Scheme, as appended to this report, and that it takes effect immediately following approval.

Reason for recommendation:

To ensure the Council has an up to date Local Development Scheme.

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Portfolio(s) (check which apply):

- Climate Action
- Corporate Services and COVID-19 Response and Recovery
- Democracy and Transparency
- Economy and Assets
- Coast, Country and Environment
- Finance
- Strategic Planning
- Sustainable Homes and Communities

Financial implications: There are no financial implications which require comment.

Legal implications:

Under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 the Council is legally required to maintain an up to date Local Development Scheme (LDS). Adoption of the enclosed revised LDS will ensure compliance with our legal obligations. Other legal implications are covered in the report.

Equalities impact Low Impact

Climate change Low Impact

Risk: Low Risk;

Links to background information The proposed new Local Development Scheme (LDS) is appended to this report and has web links within. The previous LDS, from July 2018, can be viewed via the web page accessed through the link below and the intent is that on agreement the new LDS will replace it on the same page: <https://eastdevon.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/policy-work-whats-new/what-policy-documents-will-we-produce-and-how-will-we-consult-on-them/local-development-scheme/#article-content>

Link to [Council Plan](#):

Priorities (check which apply)

- Outstanding Place and Environment
- Outstanding Homes and Communities
- Outstanding Economic Growth, Productivity, and Prosperity
- Outstanding Council and Council Services

1 Introduction

- 1.1 There is a requirement for planning authorities to have an up to date Local Development Scheme (LDS).
- 1.2 The new proposed LDS forms a future work programme for the Planning Policy team at the Council and is appended to this committee report. The new LDS lists key policy documents that are proposed to be produced by the Planning Policy team or in which the policy team is partnering in production. The LDS also provides an overview of and advises on relevant planning policy work undertaken by outside partners, to include Devon County Council, in respect of waste and minerals plans and local communities in respect of Neighbourhood Plan making.

2 Development Plan Documents

- 2.1 The appended LDS advises of and sets out more detail on production of two Development Plan Documents (DPDs). These are:
- 2.2 **A new East Devon Local Plan** – this is planned to be an overarching new plan covering all policy matters that typically come up for consideration in determination of planning applications by East Devon District Council. Separate reports to committee on the 15 December 2020 provide more detail on production of the new local plan.
- 2.3 **The Cranbrook Plan** – this plan, which at December 2020 is at Examination, will provide policy for the future development of and determination of planning applications at Cranbrook.

3 Supplementary Planning Documents and other strategy and policy documents

- 3.1 In addition to DPD production the intent is that the Planning Policy team will produce, or partner in production of, a series of additional Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) and other strategy and policy documents. Those proposed for production are set out in the appended LDS report. However, it should be noted with a specific focus on local plan work the scope to undertaken other tasks is significantly reduced.