

Report to: Strategic Planning Committee



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## East Devon 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 2021 and requires an update. This report introduces the proposed new LDS, summarises key content and provides more information on plan production considerations.

### Is the proposed decision in accordance with:

Budget Yes  No

Policy Framework Yes  No

### Recommendation:

**That Strategic Planning Committee endorse the proposed new Local Development Scheme and recommend it for adoption by Council.**

**Reason for recommendation:** To ensure that the council has an up to date Local Development Scheme noting revised timescales for production of the new local plan and the Cranbrook Plan.

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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

**Equalities impact** Low Impact

**Climate change** Low Impact

**Risk:** Low Risk;

**Links to background information** – See links in this committee report and the attached Local Development Scheme.

**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
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## **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 plan covering all policy matters that typically come up for consideration in determination of planning applications by East Devon District Council (other than at Cranbrook – see below).
- 2.3 **The Cranbrook Plan** – this plan, which at April 2022 is nearing completion of 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. However, it should be noted that with a specific focus on local plan work the scope to undertaken other tasks is significantly reduced.

## **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications on which to 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.