

TITLE:	Local Development Scheme for the Derwentside Local Development Framework
TO/ON:	Executive
BY:	Director of Environmental Services
PORTFOLIO:	Environment
STATUS:	Report

STRATEGIC FACTOR CHECKLIST

The Council's Corporate Management Team has confirmed that the Strategic Factor Checklist has been applied to the development of this report, and there are no key issues, over and above those set out in the body of the report, that need to be brought to Members' attention.

1 SUBJECT MATTER AND PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report seeks approval for the Council's revised Local Development Scheme (LDS). The LDS identifies the documents that are to be prepared for the District's new Local Development Framework (LDF) and the timetables for their preparation. A full copy is appended to this report.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Derwentside's most recent LDS was adopted in June 2006. However, slippage in the preparation of the North East Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS); the Derwentside Core Strategy and revised guidance on the preparation of LDSs from the Government means that the Derwentside LDS needs to be revised.

3 CONTENT OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

- 3.1 The LDS identifies the content and geographic area of each Local Development Documents (LDD). It shows whether each LDD is a Development Plan Document (DPD), which has to be independently examined by an Inspector, or a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), which has no examination and therefore have less weight in determining planning applications. Within the Scheme there is a planned timetable for preparing, appraising, consulting, submitting and adopting each of the documents.
- 3.2 The LDS shows that the Core Strategy DPD will be produced first followed by the Stanley Central Area Action Plan and then the Development Control and Major Allocations DPDs. There also nine SPDs being produced, many in partnership or led by other organisations such as the Green Corridor Partnership or the Great North Forest.

- 3.3 The content of the revised LDS has been prepared in consultation with the Government Office North East and the Planning Inspectorate who have both agreed its contents.

4 CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 The principal reason for revising the LDS is the slippage in the preparation of the RSS. The revised LDS has been designed to reflect the Council's available resources and fulfils the requirements of Planning Policy Statement 12, which guides the contents of Local Development Frameworks documents.

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 The Executive is recommended to:
- approve the contents of the revised Local Development Scheme.

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