

## Delegated Cabinet Member Key Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker and Portfolio area:</b>	<b>Councillor Elaine Taylor, Cabinet Member Housing and Licensing and Deputy Leader</b>
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	<b>18 December 2023</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Local Development Scheme 2023 Update</b>
<b>Report Author:</b>	<b>Elizabeth Dryden-Stuart (Strategic Planning and Information, x.1672)</b>
<b>Ward (s):</b>	<b>All</b>

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**Reason for the decision:** To approve the update and publication of the council's Local Development Scheme (LDS) 2023 Update.

**Summary:** The council has a statutory requirement to prepare a Local Plan to ensure that we have an up-to-date and comprehensive planning framework to support the borough's economic, environmental and social objectives. The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is the project plan for the Local Plan. It sets out details and timetables about the planning documents we will prepare, including:

- Oldham's Local Plan (incorporating site allocations); and
- Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan Document for 9 Greater Manchester Local Authorities (Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Tameside, Trafford and Wigan).

This update has been prepared to reflect changes in the Local Plan review timetable and to provide an update to the Places for Everyone to reflect the current timetable.

This update is 'Issue 14' and will become effective following approval.

**What are the alternative option(s) to be considered? Please give the reason(s) for recommendation(s):**

Option 1 – To approve and publish the Local Development Scheme 2023 Update.

Advantages – updating the LDS means that people will have certainty over the timetable for preparing our planning documents; national planning guidance and legislation requires the preparation of a LDS and that it must be kept up to date.

Disadvantages – there are no disadvantages to updating the LDS.

Option 2 – Not to approve and publish the Local Development Scheme 2023 Update.

Advantages – there are no advantages in not updating the LDS.

Disadvantages – not approving the LDS means that people will have less certainty and confidence in our planning documents coming forward; not updating the LDS means the Council will not be in line with national planning guidance and legislation.

**Recommendation(s):**

Option 1 – to approve and publish the Local Development Scheme 2023 Update.

**Implications:**

*What are the **financial** implications?*

The cost of the additional production and distribution of the revised plan can be fully met from within current budgets held within the Development Control and Planning Service area. The costs will be no more than £500 as the LDS will be produced online with only a few hard copies being produced.

(John Edisbury, Accountant)

What are the **procurement** implications?

Not applicable

*What are the **legal** implications?*

In accordance with S15(8) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) the Council must revise their local development scheme at such time as they consider appropriate. The Council must make the up-to-date text of the LDS, a copy of any amendments

made to the LDS, and up-to-date information showing the state of the Council's compliance (or non-compliance) with the timetable for the preparation and revision of the development plan documents available to the public. Under the Council's Local Development Framework Scheme of Delegation, annual reviews of the LDS are the responsibility of the Portfolio Member.

(A Evans, Group Solicitor)

*What are the **Human Resources** implications?*

Not applicable

**Oldham Impact Assessment Completed (Including impact on Children and Young People)**

No. The LDS 2023 Update is simply a timetable for the preparation of development plan documents. Completion of the Oldham Impact Assessment is not considered necessary for the LDS 2023 Update. An integrated assessment will be carried out to inform the updated Local Plan and has been prepared to inform Places for Everyone. The integrated assessment incorporates requirements regarding Sustainable Appraisal, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Habitat Regulations Assessment and Equalities Impact Assessment as well as a Health Impact Assessment.

*What are the **property** implications*

There are no property comments at this time.

(Katy Webster, Assistant Director – Property & Projects)

**Risks:**

The Local Plan is a key document in supporting the planning process and reducing the risk of challenge to future decisions.

(Vicki Gallacher (Head of Insurance and Information Governance))

**Co-operative Implications**

The Local Plan aligns with and enables the Council's Cooperative Agenda. The LDS, which is the project plan for the Local Plan, is being prepared in an open manner following the democratic processes of local government, allowing people to see how and when they can get involved in the plan-making process.

(Amanda Richardson, Policy Manager)

**Community cohesion disorder**

None. The LDS 2023 Update is simply a

**implications in accordance with Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998**

timetable for the preparation of development plan documents. An integrated assessment will be carried out to inform the updated Local Plan and has been prepared to inform Places for Everyone. This has, and will, incorporate Equalities Impact Assessment requirements.

**Environmental and Health & Safety Implications**

The LDS 2023 Update is simply a timetable for the preparation of development plan documents. An integrated assessment will be carried out to inform the updated Local Plan and has been prepared to inform Places for Everyone. The integrated assessment incorporates requirements regarding Sustainable Appraisal, Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitat Regulations Assessment.

**IT Implications**

None

Has the relevant Legal Officer confirmed that the recommendations within this report are lawful and comply with the Council's Constitution? Yes

Has the relevant Finance Officer confirmed that any expenditure referred to within this report is consistent with the Council's budget? Yes

Are any of the recommendations within this report contrary to the Policy Framework of the Council? No

***Reason why this is a Key Decision*** (2) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more Wards or electoral divisions in the area of the local authority.

The Key Decision made as a result of this report will be published within **48 hours** and cannot be actioned until **five working days** have elapsed from the publication date of the decision, unless exempt from call-in.

This item has been included on the Forward Plan under reference ESR-39-23.

**List of Background Papers under Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Available from</b>
Local Development Scheme 2023 Update	Strategic Planning and Information

<b>Report Author Sign-off:</b>	<i>E.Dryden-Stuart</i>
<b>Date:</b>	12/12/2023

Please list any appendices:-

<b>Appendix number or letter</b>	<b>Description</b>
Appendix A	Local Development Scheme 2023 Update

## **1.0 Background:**

- 1.1 The council has to prepare a Local Plan to provide an up-to-date and comprehensive planning framework that will support the borough's economic, environmental and social objectives. The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a public statement setting out the council's project plan for preparing the Local Plan and its supporting documents.
- 1.2 In accordance with Section 15(7) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011), this LDS replaces 'Issue 13' and shall have effect following approval.
- 1.3 The purpose of the LDS is to:
- Set out what planning policy documents exist and what new documents will be prepared as part of, and in support of, the Local Plan;
  - Set out the timescales the public can expect for the preparation and review of these documents;
  - Indicate when the local community can get involved and influence the plan-making process;
  - Enable work programmes to be set for the preparation of Local Plan documents; and
  - Show how the programme for the production of documents will establish and reflect the council's priorities and to assist the programming of other council strategies and programmes.
- 1.4 Following approval the LDS will then be published in line with the council's Statement of Community Involvement and placed on the council's website.
- 1.5 The main changes between this LDS and that published in August 2021 ('Issue 12') are as follows:
- The profiles for the Local Plan review and Policies Map (previously referred to as the Proposals Map) have been amended to reflect changes to the timetable; and
  - An update to the Places for Everyone to reflect the current timetable.

## 2.0 Proposals:

2.1 Oldham's Local Plan currently comprises a series of documents which together provide the statutory development plan for the borough and are:

- The Joint Core Strategy and Development Management Policies Development Plan Document, adopted in November 2011;
- Proposals Map, dated April 2013;
- The Greater Manchester Joint Waste Plan, adopted in April 2012; and
- The Greater Manchester Joint Minerals Plan, adopted in April 2013.

2.2 The current Core Strategy was adopted in November 2011 and a review of Oldham's Local Plan is required to:

- Meet the requirements set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), particularly in relation to the need for local plans to be reviewed every five-years and then updated as appropriate.
- Update our policies, particularly those in relation to housing and employment, to take account of changes in market signals, local circumstances and priorities, and legislation, so as to provide a succinct and up-to-date plan in line with the requirements set out in the NPPF; and
- Reflect Places for Everyone and provide further direction and guidance at a local level.

2.3 The Local Plan will therefore deal with matters at the local level setting out the spatial vision, strategic objectives and strategy for Oldham and cover planning policies and site allocations, where they provide additional policy direction for Oldham.

2.4 The Local Plan profile contained in section 6 of the LDS has been amended to reflect the timetable in Table 1. Preparation of the Local Plan continues to twin-track preparation of Places for Everyone which is currently at examination in public.

*Table 1 – Local Plan review timetable*

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Timescale</b>
Regulation 18 Notification and Integrated Assessment Scoping Report	July to August 2017
Issues and Options (Regulation 18)	July to August 2021
Draft Plan (Regulation 18)	January to February 2024
Publication Plan (Regulation 19)	November 2024 to December/January 2025
Submission	February / March 2025
Adoption	December 2025

## 3.0 Conclusions:

3.1 The Local Development Scheme 2023 Update is the project plan for the Local Plan. It sets out details and timetables about the planning documents we will prepare, including:

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3.2 This update has been prepared to reflect changes to the Local Plan review timetable and that of Places for Everyone.

3.3 This update ('Issue 14') will be effective following approval.



Signed:

(Cabinet Member for Housing and Licensing and Deputy Leader)

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023

In consultation with:



Signed :

(Deputy Chief Executive (Place))

Date: 20 December 2023