

## **HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Report To:** Cabinet  
10 October 2017

**Subject:** **HAMBLETON LOCAL PLAN – LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME**

**All Wards outside North York Moors National Park  
Portfolio Holder for Planning: Councillor D Webster**

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### **1.0 PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:**

- 1.1 A Local Development Scheme (LDS) is required under Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011). The Local Development Scheme sets out the timetable for the production of the Local Development Documents (LDDs) which make up the Council's Local Plan. The process for the preparation of a Local Plan is prescribed by statute and regulations which is reflected in the work programme. The Local Development Scheme must be made available publically and kept up-to-date.
- 1.2 On 16 September 2014 Council agreed to proceed with a new Local Plan, to completely replace the existing Local Development Framework. The new Local Plan will have a Plan Period running from adoption of the Plan to the year 2035.
- 1.3 In December 2015 a revised Local Development Scheme was adopted which set out the timetable for the preparation of the Local Plan.
- 1.4 The preparation of the new Local Plan is well underway and the first two stages of the Local Plan preparation have been completed in accordance with the timescales set out in the adopted Local Development Scheme.
- 1.5 In April Cabinet approved the adoption of the Inward Investment Strategy and Action Plan 2017 to 2022. One of the actions from the Strategy is to consider options for delivering additional employment land in key strategic locations – Leeming Bar, Dalton and Sowerby Gateway. In order to explore options for further employment land at Leeming Bar the Council has commissioned a feasibility study, which will look in detail at whether a proposed site at Aiskew Moor could be delivered. Initial work on this will need to be completed in order to inform the Publication version of the Local Plan.
- 1.6 On 31<sup>st</sup> July the Council received a letter from DCLG which stated that all Local Plans submitted after 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 will need to be in accordance with the new methodology for undertaking Strategic Housing Market Assessment. The consultation on the new guidance was due to be released in September and therefore further time is required to consider the implications of the new methodology on the housing targets contained in the Local Plan.
- 1.7 For these reasons it is necessary to delay the consultation on a Publication Version of the Local Plan until April 2018. This will ultimately result in a delay of approximately nine months in adopting the new Plan.
- 1.8 The new timetable is reflected in the revised Local Development Scheme attached at Appendix 1. The revised timescale aims to produce a new Local Plan as quickly as reasonably possible given the statutory requirements. A copy of the revised Local Development Scheme will be published on the Council's website.

## **2.0 LINK TO COUNCIL PRIORITIES:**

2.1 The Publication of a new Local Plan is a priority project for the Council and will help to deliver the vision of Hambleton as a place to grow.

## **3.0 RISK ASSESSMENT:**

3.1 There are no risks in approving the recommendation

3.2 The key risk is in not approving the recommendation as shown below:-

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Implication</b>	<b>Prob*</b>	<b>Imp*</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Preventative action</b>
The Local Plan is not prepared in accordance with the published Local Development Scheme, as required by section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act	The Local Plan could fail legal compliance test at examination	5	5	25	Publish the revised Local Development Scheme

Prob = Probability, Imp = Impact, Score range is Low = 1, High = 5

## **4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

4.1 There is no cost associated with the preparation and publication of the Local Development Scheme.

## **5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

5.1 Failure to prepare a Local Plan Development Plan Document in accordance with a published Local Development Scheme could result in a legal compliance failure at examination.

## **6.0 EQUALITY/DIVERSITY ISSUES**

6.1 Equality and Diversity Issues and have been considered however there are no issues associated with this report.

## **7.0 RECOMMENDATION(S):**

7.1 That Cabinet approves the publication of the Local Development Scheme.

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