

SUBJECT:	Local Development Scheme Review
REPORT OF:	Officer Management Team – Director of Services Prepared by – Head of Sustainable Development

1. Purpose of Report

To consider the recommendations arising from the Local Development Scheme Review report considered by Cabinet on 20 October and the Chiltern and South Bucks Joint Committee on 26th October.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Subject to agreement by South Bucks District Council, Chiltern District Council agrees to the preparation of a joint Chiltern and South Bucks Local Plan (2014 – 2036) under Section 28 of The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and for the preparation of a joint Chiltern and South Bucks Local Development Scheme to this effect.

2. Subject to approval of Recommendation 1 above and agreement by South Bucks District Council, that Council approves a joint Chiltern and South Bucks Local Development Scheme timetable such that the timetable comprises the following:

- a) public consultation on a joint Local Plan in accordance with Regulation 18 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 commencing in January/February 2016 incorporating an ‘Issues and Options’ consultation**
- b) a preferred options consultation commencing in October/November 2016**
- c) pre-submission consultation on the Local Plan in accordance with Regulation 19 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 commencing in March/April 2017**
- d) submission of the Plan to the Secretary of State in accordance with Regulation 22 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 in September 2017**
- e) anticipated examination in December 2017**
- f) anticipated adoption in June 2018**
- g) on-going Duty to Co-operate**
- h) review the need for a combined Chiltern and South Bucks community infrastructure levy at the most relevant point between September 2016 and July 2017.**

3. Agree the establishment of a Joint Planning Policy Member Reference Group with:

- a) **The Group to consist of equal membership from the two councils, namely respective cabinet members with responsibility for planning plus up to five other members nominated by each council. Other than for the cabinet members there will be no substitutes and the cabinet members will be free to nominate a substitute member as and when necessary.**
 - b) **Meetings will not be open to the public and agendas, reports, documents and any notes of the meeting will be kept confidential amongst the two councils.**
 - c) **Other members of the councils will be able to attend the meetings and will be able to contribute to the meeting with the agreement of the Chairman.**
 - d) **The Group to have no decision making powers but to provide advice and a steer on the preparation of planning policy matters. Meetings will be arranged as required in order to progress the joint Local Plan to the Local Development Scheme Timetable, associated matters and other Local Plan related matters after the Local Plan has been adopted with due notice being given.**
 - e) **To be quorate, the meeting will require at least two appointed members from each Council to be present.**
 - f) **The terms of reference for the Group to be agreed at the first Group meeting.**
 - g) **Meetings as far as practicable will generally alternate between Chiltern and South Bucks offices. Both councils to elect a Chairman at the first meeting, with the chairmanship of meetings alternating between the two Councils (i.e. one chairing one meeting and the next chairing the next meeting at the respective Councils).**
4. **That Council agree the nominations for the Chiltern member places on the Group, with those members to remain in place unless otherwise determined by Council.**
 5. **Agree to the funding of £400,000 additional expenditure to be met from the Council's Planning reserve.**

3. Background and Discussion

The report to Cabinet followed the recent Government announced objective for speeding up local plan-making, potential intervention and considered options and a recommended way forward to produce a new Local Plan by early 2017 through a review the Councils' approved Local Development Scheme.

Cabinet is recommending to Council that a joint local plan is prepared with South Bucks District Council. There are also subsequent recommendations revising the Local Development Scheme, establishment and membership of a joint Chiltern and South Bucks Member Reference Group and use of funding from the Planning Reserve.

In relation to costs for delivering the local plan, members should be aware that additional funding is required for all options considered by Cabinet and that the preparation of a joint local plan with South Bucks is the option which has the lowest cost impact on the Council.

Cabinet has also requested consideration of other associated reports to the Chiltern and South Bucks Joint Committee and Personnel Committee in October. The Joint Committee will have meet on 26th October to reconsider the Planning Policy Shared Service Review where the recommendations include the creation of a joint team in one location if a joint local plan is to be prepared. This is the subject of a separate report for Full Council.

The above recommendations require a Council decision.

4. Links to Council Policy Objectives

The recommendations will deliver cost effective, customer focused services and will also strive to conserve the environment and promote sustainability.

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Background Papers:	None