

Subject: Rossendale Local Development Scheme **Status:** For publication

Report to: Cabinet
Full Council

Date: 21st February 2007

Report of: Head of Planning, Legal and Democratic Services.

Portfolio

Holder: Cabinet Member for Regeneration

Key Decision:

No

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the revised Local Development Scheme for Rossendale covering the period 2007 to 2010, which will be submitted to Government Office for the North West.

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 2.1 The matters discussed in this report are linked to and support the following corporate priorities:
- *Delivering regeneration across the borough (economy)- All documents highlighted in the LDS will have positive implications on the regeneration of the borough.*

3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Rossendale Borough Council is obliged to keep the Local Development Scheme up to date and ensure a copy is forwarded to Government Office for the North West before the end of March. Changes to the current LDS will include rolling the programme forwards to cover the period 2007 to 2010 and incorporating revisions to the milestones set out in last year's LDS. Failure to do so is likely to have significant implications for the soundness of the documents outlined in the LDS and may also affect the Council's Planning Delivery Grant allocation.

4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

Background

- 4.1 Members will be aware that this will be third Local Development Scheme for Rossendale since the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act came into force in September 2004. In February 2006 members approved a revised timetable which was then submitted to Government Office.
- 4.2 The LDS sets out the programme for preparing the Local Development Framework (LDF). The LDS 2007 will roll forward the programme set out in last year's LDS. It will be necessary to revise the timetable in the light of the unanticipated Addendum Document for the Core Strategy and Rawtenstall AAP, which was required by GONW, and which went out for consultation in summer 2006.
- 4.3 Given resource issues and experience learned to date it is not intended to insert additional documents in this LDS. Councils are expected to be realistic about what development plan documents (DPDs) they can prepare as part of the Local Development Framework.
- 4.4 This LDS will report on progress to date and amend future milestones accordingly. Details of progress on the LDS are contained in the Annual Monitoring Report for 2006, which was submitted to GONW in December 2006, following Cabinet approval.
- 4.5 An indicative timetable showing key dates in the preparation of the local development documents proposed for Rossendale is set out in Appendix 1 (to follow). It must be stressed though that the timetable needs to be discussed with Government Office for the North West prior to formal submission and may, therefore be subject to amendment. Firm dates will need to be agreed by the Head of Planning, Legal, and Democratic Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration.

5. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

- 5.1 Other than in its capacity as a land and property owner there are no immediate financial impacts, to the Council, from the report.

6. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

- 6.1 As in this report.

7. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF HUMAN RESOURCES

- 7.1 No HR implications.

8. CONCLUSION

It is essential that Rossendale Borough Council submits a third Local Development Scheme to Government Office for the North West in March 2007, rolling the programme set out in last year's LDS forward a year to 2010. Although an indicative timetable has been prepared it must be noted that the timetable may change in the light of GONW's comments.

9. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 9.1 That Cabinet recommend to Full Council to give authority to approve the Local Development Scheme (2007 – 2010) to the Head of Planning, Legal & Democratic Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration.

10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

- 10.1 Portfolio Holder

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Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection
Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004	Forward Planning Office
Town Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004	Forward Planning Office
Planning Policy Statement 12 and Companion Guide	Forward Planning Office
The Planning Inspectorate: Development Plans Examination - A Guide to the Process of Assessing the Soundness of Development Plan Documents, December 2005	Forward Planning Office
Rossendale Borough Council Local Development Scheme 2005 – 2008	Forward Planning Office www.rossendale.gov.uk
Rossendale Borough Council Local Development Scheme 2006 – 2009	Forward Planning Office www.rossendale.gov.uk