

## **COPELAND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2020**

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### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To inform Members of a number of minor updates to the adopted Local Development Scheme 2019. The updated timescales and additional scope are outlined here and have been brought together in the Local Development Scheme 2020 for Member approval.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Members approve the Local Development Scheme 2020 as the Council's work programme for producing the new *Copeland Local Plan 2017-2035*. This can then be presented to Full Council on 8<sup>th</sup> September for formal adoption.

### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The Local Development Scheme, the programme for producing the new *Copeland Local Plan 2017-2035*, was approved by Full Council on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019.
- 1.2 Since then there have been some factors that have required a light touch review of that document, and they are presented in the report.

### **2.0 CHANGES FROM THE 2019 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME**

- 2.1 There are two main changes to the previously approved document as follows:

#### **Amendment to the Programme Timescales to account for Covid-19**

- 2.2 The Covid-19 outbreak in March 2020, and the subsequent lock down and social distancing in the UK, has meant additional and accelerated change that the Local Plan will have to take into account. This together with new ways of working, and engaging with the public, has resulted in a three month extension to the timetable.
- 2.3 The updated timetable for producing the Local Plan is as follows:

- Preferred Options Consultation – September to November 2020
- Publication Draft Consultation – May/June 2021
- Submission – September 2021
- Examination – Autumn/Winter 2021
- Adoption – Spring 2022

### **New Supplementary Planning Documents Identified in the Preferred Options**

- 2.4 Whilst producing the Preferred Options it has become clear that further guidance, in the form of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD), will be required to help promote high quality developments.
- 2.5 The Preferred Options document currently identifies the following four Supplementary Planning Documents:
- Shopfront Design Guide
  - Design Standards
  - Developer Contributions and Planning Obligations
  - Biodiversity and Development
- 2.6 It should be noted that some of these may be subject to change, and others added, following the outcome of the Government's *Planning for the Future* White Paper which has recently been published for consultation. The White Paper will be given full consideration prior to the production of the subsequent Publication Draft of the Local Plan.
- 2.7 As a result we have only committed one Supplementary Planning Document into the timetable (the Shopfront Design Guide), and will reflect the others in more detail in a further update to the Local Development Scheme (likely to be in 2021).
- 2.8 The milestones for the Shopfront Design Guide are:
- Document production – June to November 2020
  - Public Consultation on Draft SPD – January/February 2021
  - Adoption – June 2021
- 2.9 In addition to this, there has also been an expression of interest to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for Drigg and Holmrook parish, which we have noted in the new Local Development Scheme.
- 2.10 These are the only changes that have been made to the Local Development Scheme that was approved in November 2019, and the full Local Development Scheme 2020 can be found at Appendix 1.

## **APPENDICES**

- Appendix 1: Draft Local Development Scheme 2020