

<b>Policy and Resources Committee</b>	
<b>Meeting Date</b>	27 November 2024
<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Local Development Scheme autumn 2024</b>
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<b>Classification</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>Recommendations</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Members of Policy and Resources Committee are recommended (by the Planning and Transportation Policy Working Group) to recommend <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the amended revised timetable for Regulation 18 draft Plan consultation in quarter 2 of 2025 and a Regulation 19 pre-submission plan consultation in quarter 4 of 2025 be recommended to Full Council.</li> <li>• That the accompanying Local Development Scheme that formally sets out the consultation timetable at Appendix III of this report be recommended to Full Council.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

## **1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek recommendation to Full Council that the Local Plan Review process be updated to a Regulation 18 draft Plan consultation in quarter 2 of 2025 and a Regulation 19 pre-submission plan consultation in quarter 4 of 2025, and subsequently to recommend the accompanying Local Development Scheme that formally set out the timetable. The report taken to Planning and Transportation Policy Working Group (PTPWG) on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024 is provided at Appendix I.

## **2 Background**

2.1 The discussion at PTPWG involved the proposed timing of the Regulation 18 draft Plan consultation and the local elections for Kent County Council in May 2025 and the need to schedule meetings so that decisions can be made before the purdah period.

2.2 There was also short discussions on the value of evidence to improve landscape and design standards and the process for identifying sites and their proposals for development. As a result PTPWG resolved that *the design code and landscape character work be brought forward as far as possible, alongside the Local Plan consultations*. Officers are working to optimally schedule these valuable pieces of

evidence, but it is not appropriate to reflect this level of detail in the Local Development Scheme.

2.3 The draft minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> September PTPWG meeting are provided in Appendix II.

### **3 Proposals**

3.1 On 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024, PTPWG resolved:

- 1 That the amended revised timetable for Regulation 18 draft Plan consultation in quarter 2 of 2025 and a Regulation 19 pre-submission plan consultation in quarter 4 of 2025 be recommended to the Policy and Resources Committee.
- 2 That the Local Development Scheme shown at Appendix I of the report be recommended to the Policy and Resources Committee.

### **4 Alternative Options Considered and Rejected**

4.1 An alternative option was presented to PTPWG and rejected. The option was to not update the timetable for Local Plan consultation set out in Local Development Scheme. However, not updating the timetable would mean that the additional call for sites work requested by members including site suitability assessments would not be completed within the existing timetable. This alternative option would make the published Local Development Scheme out of date and the Council would fail in its legislative duty to keep local communities and stakeholders up to date on its intentions towards Local Plan making.

### **5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed**

5.1 Consultation undertaken for the proposed revision to the consultation timetable is set out within the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024 PTPWG report and include the formal recommendation of the working group.

### **6 Implications**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Implications</b>
Corporate Plan	The proposals in the report align with the following Corporate Plan action: A Local Plan with local needs and capacity at its heart.
Financial, Resource and Property	This report will have no specific budgetary implications.
Legal, Statutory and Procurement	Preparation of a Local Plan is carried out under a national legislative and regulatory framework.

Crime and Disorder	None identified at this stage.
Environment and Climate/Ecological Emergency	The Local Plan will be supported by its own Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulation Assessment at each key stage in decision making.
Health and Wellbeing	None identified at this stage
Safeguarding of Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults	None identified at this stage.
Risk Management and Health and Safety	None identified at this stage.
Equality and Diversity	None identified at this stage.
Privacy and Data Protection	None identified at this stage.

## **7 Appendices**

- 7.1 Appendix I Local Development Scheme update report to Planning and Transportation Policy Working Group – 17th September 2024.
- 7.2 Appendix II Printed minutes Planning and Transportation Policy Working Group – 17th September 2024.
- 7.3 Appendix III Proposed Local Development Scheme Autumn 2024.

## **8 Background Papers**

- 8.1 None

