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Local Development Scheme 2021 to 2024

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Introduction

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 introduced the requirement for councils such as Leicester City Council to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS). An LDS sets out a timetable for the production of new or revised Development Plan Documents (such as a Local Plan) by the local council.

The Council prepared its first LDS in 2005, formally reviewed it in 2014 and since then have issued regular updates via its website & other forms of council communication.

This 2021 LDS, which supersedes previous versions, sets out a planning work programme for the Council over a three-year period from July 2021 to July 2024 or adoption of the replacement City of Leicester Local plan depending on which happens first. It will be regularly reviewed to keep it up to date.

What are the current adopted Development Plan Documents for Leicester?

The current Development Plan Documents for Leicester are the Leicester LDF Core Strategy (adopted originally Nov 2010 revised 2014) and the Leicester and Leicestershire Waste Development Framework Core Strategy & Development Management Policy Document.

What new Development Plan Documents are to be prepared?

Leicester City Council is preparing a replacement City of Leicester Local Plan which formally commenced preparation of in April 2014 which will eventually replace the adopted Core Strategy, and the remaining saved local plan policies and current proposals map.

The new local plan will contain, core policies, development management policies, waste policies, site allocation policies and a new policies map. It is expected that this will now be adopted in 2023.

A schedule setting out more detail on the preparation of the new Local Plan is set out on the next page.

Leicester City Council will be preparing a replacement waste local plan following the adoption of the replacement local plan. A proposed timetable is included on the next page but it is acknowledged that this may change either if the local plan slips or changes proposed as part of the planning white paper are introduced before the commencement or during the early stages of the plan production.

What other documents are being produced?

Leicester City Council has made various revisions to the statement of Community Involvement (SCI) including new version which took into account the recent changes within the NPPF & associated legalisation, which was adopted in Summer 2019.

The council has also made the decision to produce a new temporary addendum to the adopted SCI to take into account the government changes to consultation practice as part of the current 'on-going' covid pandemic. A further decision around these changes including the length they will be in place for will be made once further steer has been given from central government.

Leicester City Council has yet to make a decision on whether it will adopt a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) so will wait till the adoption replacement Local Plan before a formal decision is made.

Neighbourhood Planning

Leicester City has one defined neighbourhood area & associated forum covering an area of the Knighton Ward of Leicester. Further information regarding this including progress of the plan can be found the Leicester City Council website <https://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council/policies-plans-and-strategies/planning-and-development/neighbourhood-planning/> and on the forum's own website <https://www.knightonforum.org.uk/>.

Timetables for the preparation of documents which form the Local Development Plan with the period 2021 to 2024.

1) The Replacement City of Leicester Local Plan.

Stage	Dates
Issues and Options	October 2014 to Jan 2015
Emerging Options consultation	July to December 2017
Draft local plan stage (preferred options)	September 2020 to December 2020
Pre Submission Consultation	March to April 2022
Submission	November 2022
Adoption	By August 2023

2) Replacement Waste Local Plan

Stage	Dates
Issues & Options and Call for Sites	June 2022
Draft Plan	June 2023
Pre Submission	June 2024
Submission	September 2024
Adoption	Early 2025

A detailed Gantt chart showing a timetable for the preparation of all proposed planning documents to be prepared during this LDS period can be found on the last page.

What has been the progress since the last Local Development Scheme?

Development Plan Documents

In regard to the replacement City of Leicester Local Plan the council has continued to work towards preparing a draft plan. The main reasons for slippage in timetable between this LDS and the previous LDS are: -

- The 35% uplift to Leicester's housing requirements and the significant additional work required around agreeing a Statement of Common Ground with our HMA partners.
- The current 'on going' covid pandemic which lead to the council making the decision delay the public consultation on the previous regulation 18 draft for 6 months.
- Other important legal changes particularly around climate change and biodiversity have been introduced which has meant that draft policies from the regulation 18 have needed to be amended to reflect these changes The plan will continue to be amended as & when new guidance is received from central government up to submission consultation.

Other Documents

As noted above Leicester City Council has also adopted a revised Statement of Community Involvement and has reviewed and amended that document with a temporary addendum to ensure that consultation can continue even in light of the 'on going' covid pandemic. Decisions will be made around the temporary addendum in due course.

