

## TRAFFORD COUNCIL

**Report to:** Executive Meeting  
**Date:** 22nd February 2016  
**Report for:** Decision  
**Report of:** Executive Member for Economic Growth and Planning

### Report Title

**Trafford Local Development Framework: Local Development Scheme 2016 - 2019 - approval for adoption**

### Summary

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) requires the Council to produce and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS) that identifies the planning policy documents it intends to prepare as part of the development plan for the Borough.

This report details a review of the Trafford Local Development Scheme (2016 – 19); a three year programme of work.

### Recommendation(s)

That the Executive:

1. Approve the Local Development Scheme 2016 -2019 for adoption as set out in Appendix A.
2. Delegate responsibility for approving any minor amendments to the wording of the document, to the Director of Growth and Regulatory Services, prior to its publication.

### Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

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Background Papers:  
None

*Implications:*

Relationship to Policy Framework/Corporate Priorities	The plans detailed in the revised LDS contribute to a number of Corporate Priorities, in particular: Economic Growth and Development and Reshaping Trafford Council, also the Greater Manchester growth agenda as set out in the Greater Manchester Strategy.
Financial	The preparation of the documents within the LDS is being funded from the Strategic Planning & Growth Team budget. The Greater Manchester Spatial Framework is jointly prepared and funded by all ten Greater Manchester authorities.
Legal Implications:	The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and Localism Act 2011 provide the statutory basis for drawing up development plans in England and Wales. The existing Trafford Unitary Development Plan, Core Strategy and associated Supplementary Planning Guidance will eventually be replaced by the new Greater Manchester Spatial Framework, the Trafford Local Plan and associated Supplementary Planning Guidance.
Equality/Diversity Implications	The LDS is a three-year project plan that sets out the timescales for preparing the new planning policy documents. As appropriate, each plan will comply with the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 and the Public Sector Equality Duty.
Sustainability Implications	The underlying principle of the Trafford Local Plan and the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework is to ensure that development in the borough/across Greater Manchester is sustainable in line with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). To this end, where appropriate, documents included in the LDS will be supported by a Sustainability Appraisal.
Resource Implications e.g. Staffing / ICT / Assets	The Plans detailed in the LDS will be resourced by the Council's existing Strategic Planning and Growth Team. The Greater Manchester Spatial Framework is being resourced by all ten districts. The adopted LDS will be available to view electronically via the web. Development Plans identified in the LDS may allocate land or property owned by the Council and will assist in the delivery of Council priorities.
Risk Management Implications	A risk management table is set out in section 7 of the LDS document.
Health & Wellbeing Implications	Not applicable.
Health and Safety Implications	Not applicable.

**1.0 Background**

- 1.1 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a key document that forms part of the Local Development Framework (LDF). The LDS sets out the current planning policies for Trafford, as well as timescales for preparing new planning policy documents over a three year period (2016 – 2019). Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) requires local planning authorities to prepare and maintain a LDS.
- 1.2 Since the last Trafford LDS was published, in 2010, the Council has adopted the Core Strategy (January 2012); adopted the Community Infrastructure Levy (2014); commenced work on the Land Allocations Plan (2014) and; in October 2015 adopted a revised Statement of Community Involvement. Work has also commenced jointly with Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA) on the emerging Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF). It is therefore considered timely to review and update the Council's LDS.
- 1.3 The LPA is required to include details in its LDS of any planning policy document which is being prepared and which will form part of the Local Plan – e.g. Development Plan Documents (DPDs). A DPD must be included within the LDS before statutory stages of its preparation can be undertaken. There is no requirement to include other parts of the LDF, such as Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs).

#### **GMSF timetable**

- 1.4 The 2016 - 2019 LDS (see Appendix A) sets out the timeline for the production of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF), including details of the recent consultation on the GMSF Options Document. This timeline has been provided by the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA).

#### **The Trafford Local Plan timetable**

- 1.5 A decision was taken in March 2015, by the Council's Executive, to delay the production of the Land Allocations Plan until such time that the production of the GMSF is further advanced. However given that it is anticipated that consultation could commence on the Trafford Local Plan following the submission of the GMSF in early 2018, an indicative timetable has been included in the 2016-2019 LDS for the production of the Trafford Local Plan.

#### **Policies Map**

- 1.6 The Policies Map is revised each time a new DPD, which incorporates land allocations, is adopted.

#### **Other LDDs**

- 1.7 The LDS lists a number of the different types of Local Development Documents which have been adopted by the Council, such as; the Statement of Community Involvement, Greater Manchester Joint Plans (Minerals and Waste), Neighbourhood Plans (once adopted), the Community Infrastructure Levy and, SPDs.

#### **Other Options**

1.8 Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 states that Local Authorities are required to prepare and maintain an LDS. Therefore if the LDS is not maintained, the Council will not be in compliance with Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and will not be able to commence the statutory stages of preparation of any new DPDs, until the list is revised to include them.

**Consultation**

1.9 There is no statutory requirement for public consultation on the LDS, however it should be noted that various stages of public consultation will take place in relation to the individual planning policy documents included in the LDS.

**Reasons for Recommendation**

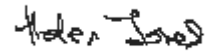
1.10 To ensure that the LDS remains an up to date expression of work being carried out in relation to the production of LDF documents within Trafford and complies with Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended).

**Key Decision** Yes

**If Key Decision, has 28-day notice been given?** Yes

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**CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE** (electronic).....

To confirm that the Financial and Legal Implications have been considered and the Executive Member has cleared the report.