

# DECISION NOTICE

Notice is given that the following decision has been taken under the Provisions set out in the Council's Constitution

**Decision maker:** Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning

**Date:** 17 October 2016

**Decision in the matter of:** Local Development Scheme

**Decision:** That approval be given to the draft updated Local Development Scheme for publication.

**Background:** A local planning authority must set out the timetable for producing or reviewing its Local Plan in its Local Development Scheme as a legal requirement under Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011). It must specify (among other matters) the documents which, when prepared, will comprise the Local Plan for the area, be made available publically and kept up-to-date. Councils must also report progress against it.

Appended to the report is a draft, updated Local Development Scheme for Cheshire East. It provides the starting point for local communities, businesses, developers, service and infrastructure providers and other interested parties to find out what Local Plan documents are proposed and the timetable for their preparation. The Cheshire East Local Plan is proposed to be developed in three parts:

- the Local Plan Strategy which establishes the overall strategy for the borough's sustainable development, including housing and employment targets and strategic site allocations;
- the Site Allocations and Development Policies Document (SADPD), setting out more detailed development management policies and smaller scale site allocations, where required; and
- the Minerals and Waste Development Plan Document (MWDPD) which will include policies for dealing with Minerals and Waste and identify specific sites.

The Local Plan will be supported by a Policies Map which will show how policies will apply across the area. The Local Plan Strategy is currently at examination and it is envisaged that the Plan will be

adopted during the second quarter of 2017, although this is dependent on the timing of public consultation on the Inspector's draft Main Modifications to the Plan and receipt of the Inspector's Report with his final, recommended Main Modifications.

The timetables for the SADPD and MWDPD envisage their adoption by the end of 2018. This will be preceded by evidence gathering, extensive public consultation and independent examination. A Local Development Scheme is a legal requirement and it and an updated Local Development Scheme will also demonstrate to the Inspector conducting the Local Plan Strategy examination, and others, that the Council is committed to progressing and adopting all parts the Local Plan in a timely manner.

**Background Documents:**

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer.

**Approved:**

Signed .....  
Councillor Ainsley Arnold (Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning)

**Date:**

17 October 2016

**Advising Officer:**

Signed .....  
Stuart Penny (Planning Policy and CIL Manager)