

Report to	<b>Planning Committee</b>
Date	<b>12 September 2011</b>
By	<b>Head of Planning</b>
Title of Report	<b>South Downs National Park Local Development Scheme</b>
Purpose of Report	<b>To present the draft Local Development Scheme for the South Downs National Park Local Development Framework.</b>

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**Recommendation: That the National Park Authority agrees the proposed draft Local Development Scheme to be submitted to the Secretary of State.**

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## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The Local Development Scheme represents a project plan for individual Local Development Frameworks (LDFs) being carried out by local planning authorities. It is a requirement under the *Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004, as amended* for local planning authorities to produce such a Local Development Scheme, which is a three-year project plan for their Local Development Frameworks, and submit it to the Secretary of State for approval.
- 1.2 This report sets out what is required to be included in a Local Development Scheme and the basis on which the South Downs National Park Authority's draft Local Development Scheme has been drawn up.
- 1.3 As the National Park Authority is now responsible for all planning within the National Park the Local Development Scheme will cover both the South Downs National Park LDF and the Minerals and Waste LDFs.

## **2 What is a Local Development Scheme**

- 2.1 Planning Policy Statement (PPS) 12 *Local Spatial Planning* sets out what is expected from local development schemes (LDS). It states that LDSs should:
  - provide a brief description of all the development plan documents (DPDs) and supplementary planning documents (SPDs) to be prepared and the content and geographic area to which they will relate. It should include the Statement of Communities Involvement
  - explain how the different DPDs and SPDs relate to each other, and especially how they relate to the core strategy
  - set out which supplementary planning guidance or SPDs support saved policies
  - set out the timetable for producing DPDs – giving the timings for the achievement of the following milestones:
    - consulting statutory bodies on the scope of the Sustainability Appraisal
    - publication of the pre-submission version of the DPD
    - submission of the DPD
    - adoption of the DPD
  - Set out the timetable for producing SPDs – giving the timings for the publication of the draft SPD and the adoption of the SPD.

## **3 The draft South Downs National Park Local Development Scheme**

- 3.1 The South Downs National Park Authority became the sole planning authority for the South Downs National Park on 1 April 2011. As such it is responsible for producing a Local Development Framework for the National Park, and therefore also a Local Development Scheme, the project plan for the LDF.
- 3.2 As the SDNPA inherited the Development Plans for the 15 local planning authority areas covering the National Park, there are also the 15 existing Local Development Schemes which set out the proposed milestones for the respective LDFs.
- 3.3 The proposed SDNP LDS (attached as **Appendix 1**) sets out the NPA's work programme for the period August 2011 – October 2014, based on the existing national planning guidance in PPS12 and the *Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England (Amendment) Regulations 2008*, but also having regard to the proposals set out in the consultation draft *National Planning Policy Framework*, the final version of which is proposed to replace all PPSs early in 2012.

#### **4 Resource Implications**

- 4.1 The joint submission of the Core Strategy DPD will require staff and Member time. Any financial costs incurred for the examination, publication and publicity of the Joint submission Core Strategy will be met from the planning budget.

#### **5 Risk Management**

- 5.1 Without a comprehensive, sound and robust planning policy framework for the National Park underpinned by up-to-date evidence the Authority risks losing control over inappropriate new development, which may be allowed on appeal, and losing opportunities to guide and facilitate appropriate new development.
- 5.2 These risks are significantly reduced by the timely preparation of a sound Core Strategy or joint Core Strategies and associated Development Plan Documents for the South Downs National Park. In order for joint adoption to be successful, there has to be a clear understanding of and commitment to pursuing a joint approach by equal partners.

#### **6 Human rights, equalities, health and safety**

- 6.1 There are not considered to be any extraordinary human rights, equalities, or health and safety issues arising from this report.

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