

The background image is a photograph of a courtyard. On the left is a three-story stone building with a classical pediment and a decorative urn on top. To the right is a modern glass building with a facade of vertical glass panels. In the foreground, a woman and two children are walking on a grassy area. A pergola with columns is visible in the background on the left.

Bath & North East Somerset  
Monitoring Report  
April 2013 - March 2015

# Implementation of the Local Development Scheme

## 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Review and monitoring are crucial to the successful delivery of the vision and objectives of the Local Development Framework (LDF) and are undertaken on a continuous pro-active basis. By identifying key outputs and trends, monitoring enables the building of a comprehensive evidence base against which local development document (LDD) policies and implementation mechanisms can be assessed.
- 1.2 This paper forms part of the 2013 - 2015 Authority's Monitoring Report (AMR). The AMR comprises of a number of topic based reports that are published throughout the year. This paper reports on the implementation of the Local Development Scheme (LDS), which is a work programme for the preparation of the Local Development Framework, setting out details of which planning documents will be produced, in what order and when.

## 2.0 Implementation of the Local Development Scheme

- 2.1 At April 2013 the LDS Review 2012-2015 was still in force (agreed on 12th September 2012 and effective from 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012).
- 2.2 The further work required for the Core Strategy during the suspension of the Examination (between July 2012 and June 2013) had an impact on meeting the milestones in the LDS. This precipitated an early review of the LDS to cover the next three years (2013-2016) and to ensure the timeframes were up-to-date and realistic to support the delivery of the LDF. The LDS Review 2013-2016 was agreed on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2013 an effective from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2013.
- 2.3 The current B&NES LDS 2014-2017<sup>1</sup> was approved as a Cabinet Single Member Decision<sup>2</sup> in October 2014 and came into effect on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014. This review was prompted by the need to revise the programme for the preparation of the Gypsy and Traveller DPD and to recognise the preparation of the West of England Joint Planning Strategy. This represents the second review of the LDS during the reporting period April 2013-March 2015.



<sup>1</sup> The current LDS can be found here:  
[http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/sitedocuments/Planning-and-Building-Control/Planning-Policy/LDFGeneral/Lds\\_review\\_2014.pdf](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/sitedocuments/Planning-and-Building-Control/Planning-Policy/LDFGeneral/Lds_review_2014.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> The Report can be found here:  
<http://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/documents/s32379/E2690%20Local%20Development%20Scheme%20Review.pdf>

## Milestone/Progress

LDD	PROGRESS FROM APRIL 2013 TO MARCH 2015
Core Strategy DPD <sup>3</sup>	<p><b>LDS Milestones in LDS Review 2012-2015:</b></p> <p><i>Update evidence base and develop policy options (July 2012-February 2013); Council agrees changes to Core Strategy (February/March 2013); Publication of changes to draft Core Strategy (April-May 2013)</i></p> <p><b>Commentary:</b> A six week period of consultation on the Proposed Changes to the Submitted Core Strategy (2013) started on 26th March 2013 meaning that these milestones were met.</p> <p><b>LDS Milestones in LDS Review 2013-2016/17:</b></p> <p><i>Publication of changes to draft Core Strategy for public consultation (April-May 2013); Resume Examination (July 2013); Hearing sessions (December 2013 and March 2014); Receive Inspector's Report (September 2014); Adoption (October 2014)</i></p> <p><b>Commentary:</b></p> <p>The Core Strategy was suspended in July 2012 to enable the Council to undertake further work to address preliminary conclusions of the Examination Inspector and resumed in July 2013. This necessitated a review of the programme.</p> <p>These milestones were subsequently met and the Core Strategy adopted ahead of schedule on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014.</p>
Placemaking Plan DPD <sup>4</sup>	<p><b>LDS Milestones in LDS Review 2012-2015:</b></p> <p><i>Pre-production period including commencement of document preparation (July 2012 to Jan 2013); Issues and alternative options consultation (March to April 2013).</i></p> <p><b>Commentary:</b></p> <p>Progress on the Placemaking Plan has continued but affected by insufficient resources and the need to prioritise work on the Core Strategy. Milestones in the LSD therefore not met. However, as agreed by Cabinet an amended timetable on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2013 which was incorporated in the LDS review 2013-2016 (see below and also para 2.2).</p> <p><b>LDS Milestones in LDS Review 2013-2016/17:</b></p> <p><i>Pre-production period including commencement of document preparation (September 2013); Consultation Issues and alternative options (November 2014).</i></p> <p>The Placemaking Plan was published for consultation between 25th July 2013 and 20<sup>th</sup> September 2013 and therefore this milestone was met.</p>

<sup>3</sup> The Core Strategy website can be found here: <http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/core-strategy-examination>

<sup>4</sup> The Placemaking Plan webpage can be found here: <http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/placemaking-plan>

The LDS was then subject to a further review in September 2014 before the second milestone was reached (see below and also para 2.3).

**LDS Milestones in LDS Review 2014-2017:**

*Consultation Issues and alternative options (November 2014).*

The programme for the Placemaking Plan was reviewed and agreed in November 2013. Consultation on the Placemaking Plan Options took place between 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014 and 30<sup>th</sup> January 2015 and LDS milestone met.

**Gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople site allocations DPD<sup>5</sup>**

**LDS Milestones in LDS Review 2012-2015:**

*Consultation on Draft DPD (May – July 2013); Submission to Secretary of State (October 2013).*

Milestones not met. Work on the DPD was delayed due to resourcing arrangements but has been progressed to a Preferred Options stage in July 2012. The programme for the remaining stages of DPD preparation was set out in the Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Site Allocations Plan Update Report to Cabinet in June 2013 to allow for the further work required to be undertaken (as articulated in the Report<sup>6</sup>) before publishing a Draft Plan. The revised programme was reflected in the review of the LDS agreed in November 2013.

**Commentary:**

At its meeting on 12th June 2013 the Council's Cabinet agreed a revised programme to allow further work to be completed. The significant additional work required on the Core Strategy along with the need to collaborate on a sub-regional level has affected progress on this plan necessitating a review of the timetable and a revised programme was agreed by the Council's Cabinet in November 2013.

**LDS Milestones in LDS Review 2013-2016/17:**

*Publication of revised set of site options for consultation (November 2014)*

Milestone not met due to the further site assessment work needed, the requirement to work jointly with adjoining authorities (Duty to Cooperate) to ensure that all non-Green Belt options are fully explored<sup>7</sup>. This has affected progress and has necessitated the review of current the

<sup>5</sup> The Gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople DPD webpage can be found here: <http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/gypsies-travellers-and-travelling-showpeople->

<sup>6</sup> Cabinet Report for 12<sup>th</sup> June 2013 can be viewed via this link: <http://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/documents/s26113/E2412%20Gypsy%20Travellers%20DPD.pdf>

<sup>7</sup> The Report for the Review of the B&NES Local Development Scheme can be viewed here: <http://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/documents/s32379/E2690%20Local%20Development%20Scheme%20Review.pdf>

timetable (see para 2.2 and below).

**LDS Milestones in LDS Review 2014-2017:**

*Consult on revised set of site options (May/June 2015); consult on Draft DPD (November 2015).*

No milestone due to be met between October 2014 (date of latest LDS review) and end of reporting period.

**Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)<sup>8</sup> and Planning Obligations SPD Review**

**LDS Milestones in LDS Review 2012-2015:**

*Public consultation on Draft Charging Schedule (June – July 2013); Submission (November 2013).*

Consultation on the CIL Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule took place between 18<sup>th</sup> April and 20<sup>th</sup> June 2012 as previously reported. Further progress on the CIL was affected by the Core Strategy programme and the milestones not met. LDS review 2013-2016 set in place a revised programme to align this with the adoption of the Core Strategy.

**LDS Milestones in LDS Review 2013-2016/17:**

*Public consultation on Draft Charging Schedule (July 2014).*

**Commentary**

Council published the CIL Draft Charging Schedule for public consultation between 24<sup>th</sup> July and 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014, thus meeting the requisite milestone. Although the LDS was further reviewed in September 2014, there were no changes proposed to the CIL programme (see below).

**LDS Milestones in LDS Review 2014-2017:**

*Submission (October 2014); Hearings (December 2014/Jan 2015); Report (February/March 2015); Adoption (by April 2015).*

**Commentary:**

Following the consultation on the CIL Draft Charging Schedule the Council resolved to make a single minor modification to the Schedule. Consultation took place on this Modification between 10<sup>th</sup> October and 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014. This was concurrent with the submission of the Draft Charging Schedule for Examination (10<sup>th</sup> October 2014). The Examination Hearings for the CIL Draft Charging Schedule took place on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015, the Inspector's Report received on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2015 and the CIL Charging Schedule approved by Full Council on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2015 and came into effect on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2015. Milestones met and the CIL Charging Schedule adopted ahead of schedule.

The Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) has

<sup>8</sup> The CIL website can be found here:

<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/community-infrastructure-levy>

been reviewed alongside the preparation of CIL in order to reflect the new regulations which scale back developer contributions to site specific infrastructure. Public consultation on the draft SPD was undertaken between 24th July and 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014. It was adopted at Cabinet on the 11th February 2015.

**Core Strategy  
DPD Review &  
Joint Strategic  
Planning Strategy  
(JSPS)<sup>9</sup>**

*Added during the  
reporting period*

**LDS Milestones in LDS Review 2014-2017:**

*Publication of issues and alternative options for public consultation (Autumn 2015); Publication of proposed Submission DPD (Spring 2016).*

In February 2014, the four West of England (WoE) UAs agreed to prepare a Joint Strategic Planning Strategy (JSPS) in light of the need to meet the requirements of the Duty to Co-operate on respective reviews of the Core Strategies. The Council has committed itself to an early partial review of the Core Strategy in conjunction with adjoining UAs in around 2016 and then a routine 5 year review in 2019, five years post adoption.

No LDS Milestone due to be met between October 2014 (date of latest LDS review) and end of this reporting period. Nevertheless, to date consultation has taken place on the Pre-Commencement Document setting out the proposed scope and programme for the preparation of the JSPS which closed on 6th March 2015.

<sup>9</sup> More information on the JSPS via this link: <http://www.westofenglandlep.co.uk/jointstrategicplanningstrategy>