

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**CABINET MEETING****27th April 2006****Local Development Framework**
Revised Local Development Scheme

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COMMUNITY STRATEGY THEME:	A Better Environment
CORPORATE PLAN THEME:	Managing the Local Environment
KEY PRIORITY:	Forward Planning
CABINET MEMBER:	Councillor James Dudley
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APPENDICES:	None

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek Cabinet approval to a minor amendment to the submitted revised Local Development Scheme.

2. RECOMMENDATION**2.1 The Cabinet is asked to DECIDE:**

That in the revised Local Development Scheme submitted to Government Office for the West Midlands on 31st March 2006, the date for adoption of the Core Strategy be amended to February 2009.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Cabinet approved a revised Local Development Scheme (LDS) on 30th March 2006. The revised LDS was submitted to the Government Office for the West Midlands (GOWM) on 31st March 2006, and subject to certain provisos is intended to come into effect on 4th May 2006.
- 3.2 GOWM have consulted the Planning Inspectorate who have advised that in view of the proposed timetable for the Independent Examination of the Core Strategy, that the Inspector's report would be received by the Council in December 2008. Consequently the adoption date should move to January 2009, rather than

December 2008 as shown in the submitted revised LDS. GOWM are seeking confirmation that the Council are happy to make this minor amendment. As the next time tabled Council meeting following receipt of the Inspector's report is likely to be in February 2009, it is proposed to seek authority to adopt at that meeting.

4. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no additional costs arising from the minor amendment to the LDS.

5. **LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The production of a LDS is a statutory requirement under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and work should not be undertaken on Local Development Documents unless they are included in a current LDS..

6. **RISK MANAGEMENT**

6.1 A failure to achieve the LDS key milestones could adversely impact on future Planning Delivery Grant payments and BVPI 2006 results.

7. **CONCLUSION**

7.1 In view of the advice from the Planning Inspectorate it would be sensible to make the suggested minor amendment to the submitted revised LDS. However as adoption of the Core Strategy Development Plan document would be a matter for decision by Council, the date for adoption should be shown as February 2009, due to the absence of scheduled Council meetings in the month of January.

8. **CONSULTEES**

Head of Legal and Democratic Services

9. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Local Development Framework : Revised LDS Report to Cabinet 30th March 2006.

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