

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET MEETING
24th January 2008

Wyre Forest District Local Development Framework:
Scoping for Site Allocations and
Kidderminster Central Area Action Plan Documents

OPEN	
COMMUNITY STRATEGY THEME:	All themes
CORPORATE PLAN THEME:	All service themes
KEY PRIORITY:	Forward Planning
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APPENDICES:	Appendix 1 – Scoping Paper for Site Allocations DPD Appendix 2 – Scoping Paper for Kidderminster Central Area Action Plan. (KCAAP) <i>The appendices to this report have been circulated electronically and a public inspection copy is available on request. (See front cover for details).</i>

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek the Cabinet's endorsement of the purpose, scope and timetable for the preparation of the Site Allocations and Kidderminster Central Area Action Plan (KCAAP) Development Plan Documents (DPDs).

2. RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet is asked to **DECIDE:**

2.1

- **To approve the scoping paper attached at Appendix 1 to form the basis for the timetabling and preparation of the Site Allocations Development Plan Document.**
- **To approve the scoping paper attached at Appendix 2 to form the basis for the timetabling and preparation of the Kidderminster Central Area Action Plan Development Plan Document.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The current Local Development Scheme (LDS) November 2006 sets out a three year programme to advance the Local Development Framework for the district and the timetable for the production of new Local Development Documents (LDDs). It contains proposals to produce a Site Allocations DPD, which will allocate and designate areas of land for particular uses. The LDS also contains proposals to produce a KCAAP DPD to assist the urban regeneration agenda for Kidderminster by focussing on the opportunities for the town centre and making connections to the surrounding neighbourhoods.
- 3.2 The Community & Regeneration Panel received a report on the Scoping Papers for the Site Allocations and KCAAP DPDs at its meeting on the 9th January. Recommendations arising from this meeting will be reported at the time Cabinet consider this report.

4. Key Issues - Scoping

- 4.1 The Scoping Papers for the Site Allocations and KCAAP DPDs are attached at Appendices 1 and 2 to this report. These contain detail relating to the purpose; content; timetable; evidence base; sustainability appraisal and public consultation arrangements for each DPD.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 The costs of undertaking the scoping work can be met from the LDF preparation budget, together with the Planning Delivery Grant.

6. Legal and Policy Implications

- 6.1 As Development Plan Documents (DPD) the Site Allocations and KCAAP DPDs need to be prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004.

7. Risk Management

- 7.1 In view of the need to undertake stakeholder and public consultation on a Revised Core Strategy Issues & Options Paper (subject to a separate report on this agenda), it will be necessary to revise the Local Development Scheme detailed at paragraph 3.1. This will be the subject of a separate report to Cabinet at a later date.

8. Conclusion

- 8.1 The Site Allocations and KCAAP DPDs will underpin the delivery of the Core Strategy. They should be based on robust and credible evidence and be fully informed by Sustainability Appraisal. The attached scoping papers set out the context and detail required to commence Issues and Options work on these important DPDs.

9. Consultees

Regeneration & Economic Prosperity Manager.

10. Background Papers

- Wyre Forest District Local Development Scheme (November 2006)
- Wyre Forest District Local Development Framework: Core Strategy Revised Issues & Options Paper (December 2007)
- Kidderminster Regeneration Prospectus Scoping Paper
- Community & Regeneration Panel Report (09/01/08)