

**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (FIRST AMENDMENT)
(Report by Head of Planning Services)**

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report informs Cabinet of a minor amendment to the Local Development Scheme for Huntingdonshire, and seeks approval for its submission to the Secretary of State.

2 PURPOSE OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

- 2.1 At its meeting on 17 March this year Cabinet approved the first 'Local Development Scheme' (LDS) for Huntingdonshire for submission to the Government. In April Go-East indicated that it was content with the scheme.
- 2.2 The LDS is a requirement of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. It sets out the range of statutory planning documents which the Council will produce under the new system. As well as informing the community and other stakeholders of what to expect, the LDS is designed to assist with project management.

3 AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHEME

- 3.1 It was anticipated when the first LDS was produced that regular reviews would be needed, due to the many factors that can affect the timetable for producing planning documents (the principal risks are listed at paragraph 5.4 of the LDS).
- 3.2 This initial amendment is required because consideration of the Wind Power SPD has slipped from the 21 July to 1 September meeting of Cabinet, as a result of new software being procured and used to produce the document. The software enables reports to be published in a variety of formats, as well as allowing on-line consultation (and so helps to meet e-government targets).
- 3.3 The resulting changes to the LDS are very minor, and limited to the timetable for the Wind Power document. However, the opportunity has also been taken in Figure 2 (page 7) to show some slippage which has occurred in the timetable for Regional Spatial Strategy production: the start of the examination has been put back from September to November this year, so the RSS is unlikely to be adopted until early in 2007.

4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 It is recommended that Cabinet endorses the amended Local Development Scheme for submission to the Secretary of State.

Background Papers:

Report to Cabinet, 17 March 2005, and minutes: *Local Development Scheme*

ODPM, 2004, *Planning Policy Statement 12: Local Development Frameworks*

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