# LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME REVISION (Report by Head of Planning Services)

# 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report informs Cabinet about the changes proposed to the Local Development Scheme arising from new Regulations on Development Plan Document production and the required content of a Local Development Scheme, and from the need to amend the anticipated timetables for production of various Development Plan Documents since adoption of the Core Strategy.
- 1.2 Cabinet's approval is sought to submit the revised LDS to Go East for the Secretary of State.

# 2 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a requirement of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. It sets out the range of development plan documents which the Council will produce. As well as informing the community and other stakeholders of what to expect, the LDS is designed to assist with project management. The current LDS dates from March 2007.

#### 3 PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE LDS

- 3.1 A copy of the draft revised LDS is attached as an Appendix to this report. The main proposed amendments include:
  - Summarisation of the most recent legislative changes to the development planning process, including resultant changes to public participation and formal submission procedures
  - Notification of the elements of the Local Development Framework that are already approved
  - Updating of the production programme for Development Plan Documents
  - Deletion of Supplementary Planning Documents from the LDS programme in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2009
  - Updating the list of saved policies from the Huntingdonshire Local Plan (1995) and Alteration (2002) and specification of where they have been, or will be, replaced in the Local Development Framework.

# 4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 It is recommended that Cabinet:
  - a. Endorses the draft revised Local Development Scheme for submission to the Secretary of State;
  - b. Authorises the Head of Planning Services, after consultation with the Executive Councillor for Planning Strategy, to make minor changes to the draft LDS prior to its submission, should this be necessary following informal consultation with Go-East;

# **Background Papers:**

Planning Policy Statement 12: Local Spatial Planning (2008) Report and Minutes, Cabinet, 30 November 2006

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