

WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
CABINET – 4 OCTOBER 2016

Recommendation from the Cabinet Housing and Planning Panel on 8 September 2016:-

Local Development Scheme (LDS) for Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan:

Report of the Director (Governance) proposed a revised Local Development Scheme (LDS) timetable for the preparation of the Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan. The LDS is the Council's official timetable for the preparation and adoption of the Local Plan and other planning documents for the Borough. It is now proposed that the Local Plan be submitted to the Secretary of State in spring 2017 to allow sufficient time for responses to the public consultation to be analysed and considered by Members.

During discussion the following points were made and addressed:-

- Proposals to substantially change or revise the Local Plan including the addition or removal of sites would require a further consultation period prior to Submission.
- Variations proposed to any site would be considered on a site by site basis.
- Should the removal of a site be proposed, legal advice would be sought.
- Interested parties, such as developers, would make a case should a site be removed.
- All objections received in connection for each site would be considered carefully.
- All responses received during the consultation period would be analysed and brought to the Panel for discussion.
- Members needed to be aware of any responses given during the consultation period.
- The Planning Inspectorate was expecting the initial draft of the Local Plan to be submitted by early 2017.
- A named Inspector would be identified at the point of submission.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the revised Local Development Scheme (LDS) timetable be agreed by the Cabinet Housing and Planning Panel.
- (2) That the revised Local Development Scheme (LDS) be recommended for adoption by Cabinet, at its meeting on 4 October 2016.