

## LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK PANEL

27 NOVEMBER 2008

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Councillors: \* Keith Ferry \* Julia Merison (4)  
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**PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS****RECOMMENDATION 1 - Local Development Scheme - Revision**

An officer introduced a report which identified the need to amend the existing Local Development Scheme to reflect recent changes to Planning legislation and to allow more time to prepare a robust evidence base for the Core Strategy.

The officer explained that the report had been deferred from the last meeting of the Panel. The draft timings contained within the proposed Local Development Scheme had been presented to the Government Office for London (GOL) at a recent meeting in November 2008. GOL reinforced the need for the Council to focus on the delivery of the Core Strategy above all other local development documents. They had also agreed to allow the Council to continue working on a Harrow Town Centre Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document.

Another officer outlined the timelines involved with the priority 1 level documents including the Core Strategy Development Plan Document, the Harrow Town Centre Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document, the West London Joint Waste Development Plan Document and the Sustainable Building Design Supplementary Planning Document.

During the discussion on this item, Members raised a number of queries which officers responded to as follows:

- that the Greater London Authority had an overriding authority on the approval process of the Local Development Scheme should there be a disagreement between the Secretary of State and the Mayor of London;
- that the dates specified in the report for the examination in public and adoption for the Priority Two level documents should replace each other;
- that a diagram contained in the report depicted documents which were required to be progressed under the Local Development Framework. A revised diagram would be produced in the final version of the Local Development Scheme to include completed documents such as the Harrow on the Hill Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Strategy and the Bentley Priory Supplementary Planning document;
- the Sustainable Community Plan was not part of the Local Development Framework Process although it was still an important consideration. The Plan was a document prepared by the Harrow Strategic Partnership and was due to be revised in early 2009;
- that a standard and uniform term be used for the Trees and Allotments Supplementary Planning Document.

**Resolved to RECOMMEND:** (to Cabinet)

That the draft revised Local Development Scheme, subject to the incorporation of the comments above, be approved for submission to the Government Office for London and the Greater London Authority.

**Reasons for Recommendation:** (1) To allow more time to prepare a robust evidence base for the Core Strategy and ensure that the Council stood the best possible chance of the Core Strategy being found sound by the Planning Inspectorate at examination in public and avoid unnecessary delays in the adoption of the Core Strategy.

(2) To ensure interim design guidance was developed to help manage development pressure on Harrow Town Centre, whilst the Local Development Framework Core Strategy was being prepared for submission to the Secretary of State.

(3) To ensure that the Council received the maximum possible amount of funds from the Government through the Housing and Planning Delivery Grant for the plan-making, by having an up to date Local Development Scheme.