

Meeting:	Cabinet
Date:	17 September 2009
Subject:	Timetable for the Preparation and Consideration of the Statutory Plans and Strategies 2008/09 - Variation
Key Decision:	No
Responsible Officer:	Hugh Peart, Director of Legal and Governance Services
Portfolio Holder:	Cllr David Ashton, Leader and Strategy, Partnership and Finance Portfolio Holder
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	None

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

On 14 May 2009, Cabinet agreed the timetable for the preparation and consideration of the statutory plans and strategies 2009/10. There is now a need to vary the timetable in respect of one plan, the Local Development Framework – Core Strategy Development Plan Document.

Recommendations:

That the timetable for the preparation and consideration of the Local Development Framework – Core Strategy Development Plan Document be varied as set out in paragraph 2.1.5.

Reason: (For recommendation)

Cabinet have previously agreed the timetable in order to comply with the requirements of paragraph 3 of the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules set out in Section 4C of the Council's Constitution. It is therefore necessary to seek Cabinet's agreement to vary the timetable.

Section 2 – Report

2.1 Background

2.1.1 The Council's Constitution sets out the process for the development of the policy framework at paragraph 3 of the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules. In accordance with the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000, the approval of Development Plan Documents that make up the Local Development Framework is reserved to the Council.

2.1.2 The Constitution requires the Executive to determine, at the start of each Municipal Year, a timetable for the preparation and consideration of the statutory plans and strategies that are required to be made in that year. On 14 May 2009, Cabinet agreed the timetable for preparation and consideration of the statutory plans. The timetable showed the meeting of the Executive at which it was expected that the Plan or Strategy will be agreed for recommendation to Council, the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to which the matter is to be referred and the date of the Council meeting at which the recommendation will be considered.

2.1.3 Cabinet agreed the following timetable for the Local Development Framework – Core Strategy Development Plan Document:-

- Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 24 September 2009
- Cabinet – 22 October 2009
- Council – 28 October 2009.

2.1.4 The main reasons for the change in Core Strategy Development Plan Document reporting timetable results from amendments to the timetable for its preparation as detailed in the Local Development Scheme – 2008 Revision report. In summary, and as set out in more detail in the December Cabinet report, in light of discussions with Government Office for London and the Mayor of London the Council has agreed to revise the timetable for preparing the Core Strategy Development Plan Document to bring forward the formal submission of the document to the Secretary of State by some 14 months. To meet this new and ambitious timetable, both the LDF Panel and Cabinet agreed to a streamlining of the committee process required to consider the draft Core Strategy Development Plan Document for publication for public consultation. This would allow officers more time to prepare the document and to undertake necessary internal consultation and review before the document is reported to Cabinet on 22 October.

2.1.5 Cabinet are asked to approve the following variation to the timetable for the consideration of the Development Plan Document. The only variation is in the change in the reporting date to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

- Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 12 October 2009 (not 24 September 2009)
- Cabinet – 22 October 2009
- Council – 29 October 2009.

Options

Cabinet are asked to vary the timetable for the Core Strategy Development Plan Document, which forms part of the budget and policy framework. Cabinet could decide to set an alternative timetable for the consideration of this Strategy.

Risk Management Implications

Risk included on Directorate risk register? No

Financial Implications

None

Performance Issues

The delay from the original timetable will not adversely affect performance against the CAA or any other measure.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Myfanwy Barrett



Chief Financial Officer

Date: 25 August 2009

Name: Matthew Adams



On behalf of the
Monitoring Officer

Date: 25 August 2009

Section 4 – Performance Officer Clearance

Name: Alex Dewsnapp



On behalf of the*
Divisional Director
(Partnership Development and
Performance)

Date: 19 August 2009

Section 5 – Environmental Impact Officer Clearance

Name: John Edwards



Divisional Director
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Date: 26 August 2009

Section 6 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers:

The Council's Constitution

Cabinet – 14 May 2009 - approved the timetable for the preparation and consideration of statutory plans 2009/10