

EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION FORM

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY: Councillor Pat Hackett

KEY DECISION: Yes

PORTFOLIO AREA: The Local Plan

PORTFOLIOS AFFECTED: Leader of the Council

WARDS AFFECTED: All Wards

**SUBJECT: Approval of revised Local Development Scheme for Wirral-
September 2020**

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the adoption of the revised Local Development Scheme as set out at Appendix 1 of this report be approved.

2. REASONS FOR THE DECISION

- 2.1 This revised document replaces the Local Development Scheme adopted by the Council on 14th October 2019. It has become necessary to review the Local Development Scheme because of changes to the timetable for the Local Plan. The Covid 19 pandemic has delayed the commissioning and completion of several evidence base studies and on-site assessment work. This includes work commissioned in response to submissions made at the Regulation 18 consultation in early 2020. This has had the knock-on effect of delaying the preparation of the Regulation 19 stage of the Local Plan.
- 2.2 In order to ensure that the Local Development Scheme is up to date and reflects the above practicalities it is appropriate to seek approval for an amendment to the scheme.

3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

- 3.1 The recommendation is made further to legal advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that it does not incur unlawful expenditure. It is also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been completed. The recommendation reflects the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

4.1 None

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| <p>Signed: Executive Member:</p>  <p>Pat Hackett, Leader of the Council</p> <p>Date: 25 September 2020</p> <p>Also present:</p> | <p>Signed: </p> <p>Chief Officer: Alan Evans Director of Regeneration and Place</p> <p>Date: 25th September 2020</p> |
| <p>Date of Senior Policy Team Meeting(s):</p> | |

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