

Committee: Borough Plan Advisory Committee

Date: 23rd October 2008

Agenda item: 5

Wards: All

Subject: Local Development Framework - Report on Overall Progress of the Core Strategy

Lead officer: Sarah Tanburn - Interim - Head of Regeneration & Leisure

Lead member: Cllr William Brierly - Cabinet member for Planning and Traffic Management

Forward Plan reference number: n/a

Contact officer: Liz Devlin

Recommendations:

- A. To note the deadlines involved in the production Core Strategy ahead of submission
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. To advise Committee members on the progress of the Local Development Framework's Core Strategy and the tight deadline required to meet submission in July 2009.

2 DETAILS

- 2.1. Progress on the Local Development Framework is progressing in line with the 2007 adopted Local Development Scheme (version 5). The work is focussing on the production of the Core Strategy due to be submitted in July 2009.
- 2.2. The attached project plan shows the timetable that is currently being worked to. To date the core dates (indicated in the pink bar in the middle) have been met and the team is confident of meeting all future deadlines, despite the extremely tight deadlines involved.
- 2.3. One key date is Council approval on 26th November 2008 for proposed consultation material in order to consult on the amendments drafted following the revised planning guidance and feedback from the 2007 Preferred Options consultation.
- 2.4. The deadlines are very tight and will require extremely tight work plans for the LDF team until at least submission in July 2009.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 3.1. All alternatives would require amendments to the Local Development Scheme, which would need to be approved by Full Council, then submitted to the Secretary of State. This would affect the level of funding received from the Housing and Planning Delivery Grant.

4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

- 4.1. As the project plan, see Appendix 1, indicates consultation is proposed to start late December and will be in accordance with the adopted Statement of Community Involvement and Planning Policy Statement 12.

5 TIMETABLE

- 5.1. Please see Appendix 1

6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. There are severe potential financial implications if the timetable is not met as funding from the Housing and Planning Delivery Grant is dependant on the submission date being met. The LDF process is a resource hungry process that will need to be fully resourced in order to meet the adopted deadlines.

7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1. It is important no administrative inaccuracies affect the quality and process of the produced document which could impact on the timetable for submission to the Secretary of State and examination by the Planning Inspectorate.

8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1. An Equalities Impact Assessment was undertaken in 2007 of the process and emerging policies, and will be reviewed if any significant changes are proposed. All sections of the community will be invited to make representations during the consultation and their views will be considered, in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement (2006).

9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1. Not required for the purposes of this report

10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1. Any delay to the timetable, could have risk management implications, with the loss of planning control in the borough and the loss of Housing and Planning Delivery Grant money.

11 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT

- Appendix 1: Core Strategy Project Plan

12 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 12.1. Planning Policy Statement 12: Local Spatial Planning

- Drafting**
- Spatial Issues/ Vision/ Objectives
 - Key diagram
 - Sustainable Neighbourhoods
 - Centres
 - Sub-Areas
 - Open Space/Biodiversity and Public Realm/Built Heritage
 - Housing Choice/Housing Provision
 - Waste
 - Low Carbon/Climate Change
 - Business Excellence
 - Reducing the Need to travel/Connecting Merton
 - Infrastructure
 - Flood Risk
 - Delivery & Implementation
 - Monitoring

Critical Friend Review
TBA Early Oct

GOL/GLA Mtgs
TBA End Sept

Corporate Mtg
TBA End Sept.

Informal Member Mtgs
TBA Early Oct

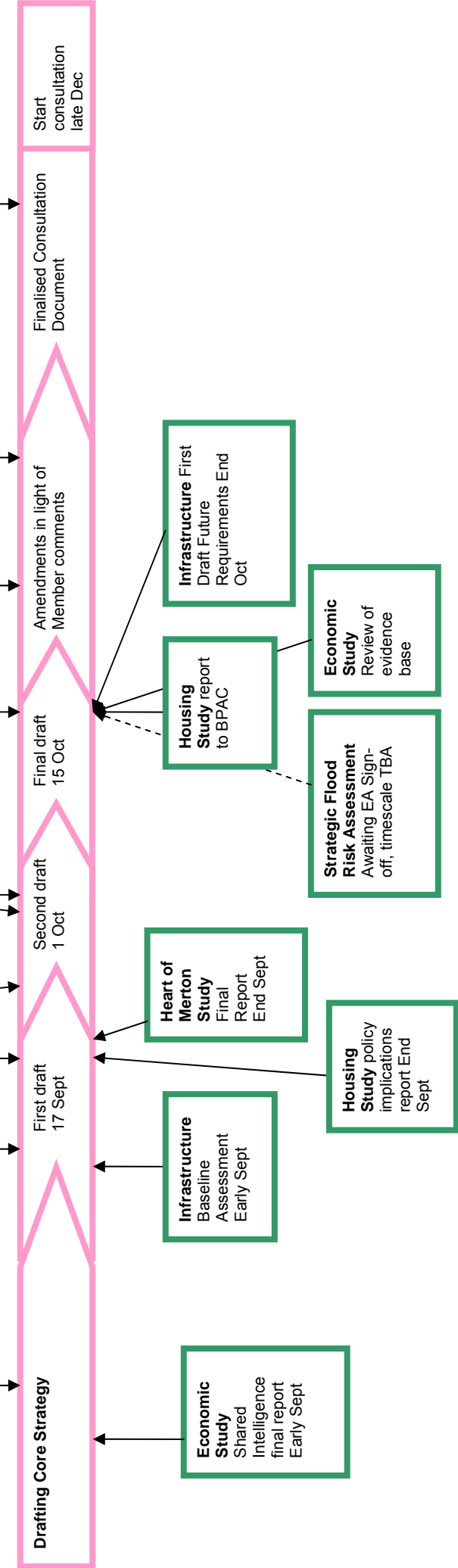
CMT
7 Oct

BPAC
23 Oct

LPG
27 Oct

Cabinet
10 Nov

Full Council
26 Nov



Ongoing	Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report Refresh and SA Report
	DC Policies DPD Consideration of content and workprog

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