

CHAIR'S STATEMENTS TO COUNCIL

Councillor Steven McCormick
Chair of the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee

I would like to update the Council on items included in the scope of the Licensing and Planning Policy committee.

Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy:

We have an updated draft hackney carriage and private hire licensing policy which came to the committee in April this year. The Committee agreed on the policy subject to public consultation, with the results of the public consultation and any policy modifications to be brought back to the Committee prior to recommendation to full Council for adoption.

Dates for consultation are 15th July until 9th September.

Local Development Scheme (LDS) and the Local Plan:

Again in April this year, the Committee approved the Local Development Scheme (LDS), a project plan that sets out the timetable to produce new or revised Development Plan Documents which will form the Council's Local Development Plan.

This LDS, which supersedes all previous versions, sets out a planning work programme for the Council over a three-year period to 2025.

The key items to call out are the following milestones.

- October/November 2022 – Draft Local Plan Consultation (Regulation 18)
- October/November 2023 – Submission Public Consultation (Regulation 19)
- December 2023 – Submission to the Secretary of State
- Winter 2024 – Estimated date of adoption

In May this year, we saw the revised draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), being agreed upon for public consultation which finished on the 4th of July.

The Committee also reviewed and approved the planning framework for local plan preparation.

This will be what shapes the strategic direction of the spatial strategy and policies of the new Local Plan.

There is a great deal of work to be completed as we progress towards a draft local plan consultation (Regulation 18) in October/November this year. I urge members to help support the consultation, aid communications where possible and provide whatever practical assistance to residents and interested parties that you can to encourage involvement and engagement with the consultation.

Thank you, Councillors.