

## **REPORT TO COUNCIL – 16 March 2016**

### **REPORT OF CABINET – 7 March 2016**

Cabinet met on 7 March 2016. The minutes are published on the Council's website.

The following Members were present at the meeting:

Present:

Mayor Dorothy Thornhill  
Councillor Johnson  
Councillor Scudder  
Councillor Sharpe  
Councillor Taylor  
Councillor Watkin

Also present:

Councillor Bell  
Councillor Martins  
Councillor Mehta

The following was a recommendation to Council:

#### **62. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2016-19**

A report was received from the Head of Regeneration and Development. The Local Development Scheme (LDS) set out the subject, scope and timetable for the preparation of the Local Plan Documents.

During 2016-19 it was expected that Local Plan 2 would be completed and adopted and have commenced a review of the Local Plan Strategy to advance the end date to 2036.

Councillor Sharpe introduced the report and commented that the local development scheme was a timetable for producing planning policy documents. It was a requirement in the 2004 Act which envisaged an easy to operate planning system. Watford was ahead of other local authorities as it was coming to the end of Local Plan 2. The report set out the timetable of Local Plan 2 and also for the ongoing process.

The Mayor thanked the Head of Regeneration and Development's team.

RESOLVED

That Cabinet:

1. supports the timetable set out in the Local Development Scheme.
2. agrees that the Local Development Scheme is recommended for approval to Council on 16 March – with a commencement date of 1 April 2016.