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Dear Carole,

I would be grateful if the following note could be shared with the Inspector please.

The Council's Local Development Scheme 2023 - 2026 ("LDS") has been submitted to the examination as core document CD12. The submission of the Local Plan (2020-2040) was in line with the Council's LDS (2023-2026), which envisaged submission of the Local Plan for examination by the end of the 2024 calendar year, with examination taking place throughout 2025 and adoption of the Plan assumed in the last quarter of 2025 (adoption being subject to progress on the examination of the Local Plan).

As part of a package of announcements made at the launch of the revised NPPF in December 2024, the Deputy Prime Minister has asked all local planning authorities to produce an updated LDS within 12 weeks of the publication of the NPPF (i.e. by no later than 6 March 2025).

In line with this request, the Council's Cabinet on the 4 February 2025 considered and approved a Local Development Scheme for the period 2025 – 2028. The Cabinet item can be viewed here:- [Agenda for Cabinet on Tuesday, 4th February, 2025, 2.00 pm – Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council](#) (as item 8)

The LDS for the period 2025 – 2028 is now on the Council's website:- [The local development scheme \(LDS\) – Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council](#)

In line with the transitional provisions of the December 2024 National Planning Policy Framework (paragraphs 234b & 236 respectively) for local plan making, where a local plan has been submitted for examination on or before the 12 March 2025 and the emerging Plan provides for less than 80% of local housing need, the Local Planning Authority will be expected to begin work on a new plan, under the revised plan-making system provided for under the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 (as soon as the relevant provisions are brought into force in 2025) in order to address any shortfall in housing need. This is the current position of the Council, and the LDS responds to this and sets out the Council's indicative programme for producing a new Local Plan on adoption of the submitted Local Plan. The need for and progress on a new Local Plan, beyond the Plan submitted for examination, will be dependent on the outcomes of the examination and the content of the regulations provided for under the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023.

Thanks

Kind Regards

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