Category	Title / Activity	Purpose	Status (Consultant)	January 2024 (First Half)	January 2024 (Second Half)	February 2024 (First Half)	February 2024 (Second Half)	March 2024 (First Half)	March 2024 (Second Half)	April 2024 (First Half)	April 2024 (Second Half)	May 2024 (First Half)	May 2024 (Second Half)	June 2024 (First Half)	June 2024 (Second Half)	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	Q1 2026	Q2 2026
Complete Evidence	**South Essex Housing Needs Assessment**	To identify the objective need for new homes, including affordable and specialist housing, before 2040	Complete																										
	Green Belt Study	To objectively assess the value of different areas of Rochford's Green Belt	Complete																										
	Landscape Character, Sensitivity and Capacity Study	To objectively assess the landscape value of different areas of Rochford District	Complete																										
	Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment	To assess the availability of land for housing and employment uses across the District	Complete																										
	Urban Capacity Study	To assess the capacity of urban and brownfield land across the District	Complete																										
	Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment	To objectively assess the risk of flooding from different sources across Rochford District	Complete																										
	Settlement Role and Hierarchy Study	To identify the role and function of the different settlements across the District, including the accessibility of services within them	Complete																										
	Green and Blue Infrastructure Study	To assess the opportunities to improve the network of green spaces across South Essex	Complete																										
	Open Space Study	To objectively assess the quality and quantity of open spaces across the District	Complete																										
	Retail and Leisure Needs Assessment	To identify the objective need for additional retail and leisure floorspace in the District before 2040	Complete																										
	Economic Development Needs Assessment	To identify the objective need for additional industrial or office floorspace in the District before 2040	Complete																										
Emerging Evidence	**Employment Land Review**	To assess the quality and quantity of existing employment land across Rochford District	Complete																										
	Town Centre Healthchecks	To consider the role and purpose that the town centres are playing and explore the policies that may be required to preserve their role in the long-term	Underway																										
	Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment	To identify the objective need for additional Gypsy and Traveller pitches in the District before 2040	Review underway (ORS) - updated timetable being sought	Survey outcomes currently being considered by officers, report will follow		Draft report received	Comments provided	Revised report available																					
	Heritage Impact Assessment	To assess the impact of the Plan's policies and strategy on protected heritage assets	Minor assessment to be commenced once preferred strategy agreed									Report received																	
	Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)	To assess the baseline quality of the District's walking and cycling network and identify opportunities for improvement	Review underway (WSP)	Public survey closes		Report received							Refresh / Addendum started to take account of Preferred Options growth					Report received											
	Site Selection Assessment	To justify the selection of particular sites as proposed allocations for their planning reasons	Underway						Early draft available			Advanced draft available																	
	Infrastructure Delivery Plan	To understand the baseline infrastructure capacity within the District, review the impact of potential growth on local infrastructure, and assess the adequacy of potential mitigation on those impacts	Underway, engagement with infrastructure providers at advanced stage (LUC)						Draft report received	Comments provided	Revised report available						Any additional work undertaken			Revised report available									
	Whole Plan Viability Assessment	To review the impact of proposed policies on the overall viability of developing in the District	Underway (Aspinall Verdi)						Draft report received	Comments provided	Revised report available						Any additional work undertaken			Revised report available									
	Local Plan Transport Assessment	To review the impact of potential growth on the District's transport network, and assess the adequacy of potential mitigation to manage those impacts	Underway, testing of strategic options at advanced stage (Systra)						Draft report received	Comments provided	Revised report available						Any additional work undertaken			Revised report available									
Core Local Plan	**Drafting of Consultation Documents**	To draft proposed policies for inclusion in the New Local Plan	Ongoing, non-strategic policy section now in advanced draft, strategic sections to follow							Advanced draft shared			Target for final 'consultation ready' version		Preferred Options Consultation Target							Pre-Submission Consultation Target				Submission Target		Adoption Target	
	Integrated Impact Assessment	To undertake an independent regulatory assesment of the New Local Plan	Iterative, latest phase cannot be commenced until draft of consultation document available (AECOM)										Target for final 'consultation ready' version																
Other Future Evidence	**Local Wildlife Sites Review**	To assess whether areas of land within the District should be given special protection for their wildlife value	Complete, refresh in 2024															Target for final report											
	Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment	To assess the specific flood risk of proposed allocations within the Local Plan	Not yet procured, required for mid-2024															Target for final report											
Annually Recurring / Housekeeping	**Authority Monitoring Reports and Five Year Housing Supply Position**	To review the performance of the Council's planning policies over the previous year	2023 version complete, annually updated												Target for AMR publication										Target for AMR publication				
	Brownfield Register	To identify a list of brownfield sites available and suitable for development	2023 version complete, annually updated												Target for Brownfield Register publication										Target for Brownfield Register publication				
Non-Core Local Plan	**Biodiversity Net Gain SPD**	To provide applicants with detail on how they can comply with mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain requirements as part of planning applications	On pause due to Government delay to introduction of Biodiversity Net Gain, potential restart in early 2024																										
	Design Codes and Masterplanning	To prepare new documents setting out design expectations for new development that comes forward	Not yet commenced, timescales to be determined based on wider Local Plan timetable																										

Indicates preparatory work
Indicates publication of final outcomes
Indicates public consultation