



Rochford District
Council

REPORT OF THE PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

1 LOCAL PLAN DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2023-25

1.1 This item of business was referred by the Planning Policy Committee on 27 July 2023 to Council recommending that the Local Development Scheme 2023-25, as attached, be adopted and published on the Council's website. An extract of the key elements of the report is attached as Appendix 1. The Local Development Scheme 2023-25 is attached as Appendix 2.

1.2 It is proposed that Council **RESOLVES**

That the Local Plan Development Scheme 2023-25, as attached at Appendix 2, be adopted and published on the Council's website.

**Rochford District
Council****REPORT OF THE PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE – 27 JULY 2023**

REPORT TITLE:	Local Development Scheme 2023-25
REPORT OF:	Director of Place

REPORT SUMMARY

The Local Development Scheme is a formal document that sets out a forward timetable for the preparation of development plan documents and other core planning documents. This report consists of an update to the Council's Local Development Scheme, covering the period 2023 to 2025.

RECOMMENDATIONS

R1. That the Planning Policy Committee notes the proposed programme plan, set out at Appendix B.

R2. That the Planning Policy Committee recommends to Full Council that the Local Development Scheme 2023-25, attached at Appendix A, be adopted and published on the Council's website.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION**1.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1.1 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires local planning authorities to publish and maintain a Local Development Scheme which, inter alia, identifies the development plan documents that it intends to produce and sets out a timetable for their production.
- 1.2 Adoption of an up-to-date Local Development Scheme to replace the existing out-of-date Local Development Scheme would meet this requirement and provide greater clarity to stakeholders over the intended programme timetable for the production of key planning documents, including the New Local Plan.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 Failing to adopt an up-to-date Local Development Scheme would be contrary to the Planning and compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and not considered a realistic alternative.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 As set out above, all local planning authorities are required by law to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS) for their area.
- 3.2 The LDS must identify:
- the local development documents which are to be development plan documents;
 - the subject matter and geographical area to which each development plan document is to relate;
 - which development plan documents (if any) are to be prepared jointly with one or more other local planning authorities;
 - any matter or area in respect of which the authority have agreed to the constitution of a joint committee under section 29;
 - the timetable for the preparation and revision of the development plan documents;
 - such other matters as are prescribed.
- 3.3 The key role of the LDS is to identify the development plan documents that the Council intends to prepare and set out a timetable for these development plan documents. At this stage, the sole development plan documents being prepared by the Council is the New Local Plan. The Council could look to introduce a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) in the future.
- 3.4 The Council's existing LDS was adopted in 2021 and is now significantly out of date. There is therefore a need to adopt a new LDS which sets out an ambitious but realistic timetable for the next stages of preparing the New Local Plan. The suggested timetable is included below:

Stage	Target Date
<i>Issues and Options Document public consultation</i>	<i>December 2017 to March 2018</i>
<i>Spatial Options Document public consultation (Regulation 18)</i>	<i>July to September 2021</i>
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- 3.5 The Government has indicated that it intends to introduce a deadline for the submission of Local Plans produced under the current system of Summer 2025. Whilst it is probable that this deadline may be extended in light of ongoing uncertainty over the introduction of a new plan-making system, the Council's timetable for preparing a New Local Plan, as proposed in both the short- and medium-terms, is aimed at meeting this stated deadline.
- 3.6 At Appendix B, a high-level programme plan is included which sets out a summary of the key tasks and stages required to support the preparation of the New Local Plan in the short-term. This programme plan is a "live" document that will be continually updated to monitor actual progress against objectives and the real time identification of timetable pressures. It includes a summary timetable for key pieces of evidence which are being prepared to meet the proposed timetable, including:
- Local Plan Transport Assessment
 - Infrastructure Delivery Plan
 - Whole Plan Viability Assessment
- 3.7 As is practice, key evidence documents will be reported into future meetings of the Planning Policy Committee.
- 3.8 It is recognised that the delivery of a Preferred Options consultation for Winter 2023/24 relies upon having clarity over a future "preferred" strategy and policy matters. There are therefore key meetings and decisions required over the Summer and Autumn to set parameters and thereafter help define the preferred strategy. It is recognised that this stage may require more detailed considerations, which may present a future need for timetable adjustment. Nevertheless, it is considered favourable to set a positive timetable in the Local Development Scheme and consider the need to adjust the timetable at a later stage.
- 3.9 The Local Development Scheme also includes a range of high-level programme risks and potential mitigations aimed at ensuring the timetable remains realistic and achievable. This will be complemented by more detailed risk analysis undertaken by officers at the project level.
- 3.10 Pressures to the delivery of the Local Development Scheme will be reported to the Planning Policy Committee where appropriate considerations can be made as to whether the timetable requires adjustment, or whether other dependencies within the process need to be re-considered.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. The delivery of the New Local Plan and related documents is planned and accounted for within the agreed Local Development Framework earmarked reserve.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Council, as local planning authority, is obliged to publish and maintain a Local Development Scheme for its area, in line with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The document attached at Appendix A, and the recommendation set out in this report, would ensure this legal requirement is met.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS

- 6.1 The Local Development Scheme 2023-25, as attached at Appendix A, sets out a timetable for the delivery of key planning documents. The delivery of these key planning documents to the defined timetables is ambitious, but considered realistic in the context of existing, agreed resources and budgets. High-level related risks and mitigations are reported within the document.
- 6.2 Nevertheless, any future risks to the timetables set out in the Local Development Scheme which arise as a consequence of resource constraints will be reported to the Planning Policy Committee where appropriate actions to resolve these risks can be considered.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 7.1 The Local Development Scheme 2023-25, as attached at Appendix A, identifies a range of high-level risks to the delivery of the timetable contained within the document. These programme risks will be kept under review and mitigated against wherever possible.
- 7.2 It is expected that future risks to programme delivery will be reported to the Planning Policy Committee where appropriate actions to resolve these risks can be considered.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

- 8.1 The report itself is not subject to engagement or consultation but identifies timetables for the undertaking of future consultation. This consultation will be undertaken in accordance with the Council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement 2022.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no equality or diversity impacts arising from this report.

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no direct environmental or climate implications arising from this report.

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Council is required to prepare a Local Development Scheme (LDS) under Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The purpose of the LDS is to set out the programme for the preparation of the Council's planning policy documents. The Council's first LDS was adopted in 2005 and has since been subject to a number of updates. This LDS covers the period 2023 to 2025 and will be reviewed regularly to ensure that there continues to be a realistic and achievable programme for the preparation of the Council's planning policy documents.
- 1.2 Community and stakeholder involvement is a key component of the planning system. Public participation will take place at an early stage in the preparation of the Council's planning policy documents. The LDS is the document which the public can use to find out what the Council is proposing to do and when, and at what stage they can expect to be involved in the planning process.

2 Adopted Planning Policy Documents

- 2.1 The adopted local development plan (as of June 2018) consists of seven development plan documents and a number of supporting supplementary planning documents. These documents were produced under the previous Local Development Framework (LDF) system, which has since been superseded by the reintroduction of single Local Plans through the Localism Act 2011.
- 2.2 These documents were prepared in accordance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), which was adopted January 2007. This has since been superseded by a revised SCI which was adopted in October 2022 to support the preparation of the new Local Plan. The SCI outlines how the Council intends to involve the local community, as well as other stakeholders, in the preparation of its planning policy documents, the consideration of planning applications and enforcement action.

Adopted Development Plan Documents

- 2.3 The Council has produced and adopted seven development plan documents, which together form the statutory local development plan for the district. Development plan documents set out the planning policies which planning applications are assessed against. These documents, detailed below, have been adopted following independent examination by a Planning Inspector:
 - Core Strategy (adopted December 2011) sets out the spatial vision, strategic objectives and core policies up to 2025;
 - Allocations Plan (adopted February 2014) sets out site specific policies and land use allocations over the plan period;
 - Development Management Plan (adopted December 2014) sets out detailed policies for managing development across the District;
 - London Southend Airport and Environs Joint Area Action Plan (adopted December 2014), produced in conjunction with Southend Borough Council, sets out detailed policies for managing growth and change at the airport and in the surrounding area;

- Hockley Area Action Plan (adopted February 2014) sets out detailed policies for managing development in the centre of Hockley;
- Rochford Town Centre Area Action Plan (adopted April 2015) sets out detailed policies for managing development in and around Rochford town centre;
- Rayleigh Centre Area Action Plan (adopted October 2015) sets out detailed policies for managing development in the centre of Rayleigh.

Adopted Supplementary Planning Documents

2.4 Supplementary planning documents are non-statutory documents that give further guidance on the policies and proposals set out in development plan documents. Whilst supplementary planning documents must be in conformity with development plan documents and subject to public consultation, they do not have to go through independent examination.

2.5 The Council has adopted a number of such guidance documents including:

- Educational Contributions (adopted January 2007);
- Housing Design (adopted January 2007);
- Shop Fronts - Security and Design (adopted January 2007);
- Design Guidelines for Conservation Areas (adopted January 2007);
- Design, Landscaping and Access Statements (adopted January 2007);
- Parking Standards Design and Good Practice (adopted December 2010);
- Playing Pitch Strategy (adopted April 2012);
- Local List (adopted December 2013);
- Essex Coast Recreational Disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy (adopted October 2020).

Adopted Statement of Community Involvement

2.6 The level of participation in the preparation of the Council's planning policies has dramatically increased since the first Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) came into effect in 2007. However, there have inevitably been a number of legislative changes on community engagement since its adoption and, taking into consideration the Council's more recent consultation and engagement experience, the Council undertook a review of the 2007 SCI and updated where necessary.

2.7 The revised SCI was consulted on for a nine week period between 16 March and 18 May 2016, and was adopted by the Council on 19 July 2016. This SCI set out how the Council will engage with the local community and other stakeholders throughout the preparation of the new Local Plan and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging

Schedule in particular. The preparation of the SCI was in line with the timetable adopted on 23 February 2016.

- 2.8 A review of the 2016 SCI was undertaken in 2021 in light of the legal requirement for a review every 5 years and the recommendation in the Planning Practice Guidance that SCIs should be reviewed in light of Coronavirus restrictions. The SCI was further updated as a result of this review, and subject to public consultation in Summer 2021. Post-consultation, this revised SCI was subsequently adopted by the Council in October 2022 and forms the SCI now in place for the Council.
- 2.9 At this time, there are no plans to review the adopted SCI further until the mandatory five year review period in 2026.

3 Development Plan Documents

New Local Plan

- 3.1 The Council is committed to an early review of its Core Strategy. This will take the form of a new single Local Plan, which will become the principal development plan document for the district. It will include the Council's strategy for future development across the district; specific proposals and the allocation of specific sites to realise this strategy; and development management policies to support these. In particular it will ensure that policies are in place to meet development needs for residential and employment use throughout the district over the next 20 years.
- 3.2 The new Local Plan will be part of the statutory local development plan and on its adoption it will supersede a number of policies within the current adopted local development plan (as set out at paragraph 2.3). As to which policies will be superseded, this will be dependent on the outcome of the plan-making process in respect of the new Local Plan, and which policies are ultimately included in the final, adopted version.
- 3.3 Community and stakeholder involvement will be a key element in the preparation of the new Local Plan. As with past development plan documents, the new Local Plan will be produced in stages, with opportunities for the public and other interested parties to participate in the decision-making process on a wide range of planning issues. The Council will also continue to engage with specific prescribed bodies, such as neighbouring Local Authorities, as part of the Duty to Co-operate.
- 3.4 Early engagement with local communities – both residents and businesses – took place over Summer and Autumn 2016. This included a programme of parish workshops supplemented by a community survey. Such early engagement enabled local communities to input into the first stage of the new Local Plan; the Issues and Options Document.
- 3.5 Consultation on the Issues and Options Document (and draft Sustainability Appraisal) took place for a 12 week period between 13 December 2017 and 7 March 2018. This Document set out a range of challenges and opportunities that impact on how the District may change and grow over time, alongside options for how specific planning policies could change to reflect changing priorities and needs.

- 3.6 A further consultation on the New Local Plan took place over an eight week period, closing on 22 September 2021. This consultation, called the Spatial Options Consultation, revisited some of the broad principles and policy options set out in the previous Issues and Options document, but specifically expanded upon these with ‘spatial’ options (e.g. options for where and how the long-term need for housing, jobs and infrastructure could be met).
- 3.7 The new Local Plan will also need to be supported by an evidence base covering a range of topics which will be prepared and reviewed throughout the preparation of the Plan. A number of key evidence base documents have already been prepared and others are being prepared now. The preparation of such evidence could have an impact on timescales. It is important therefore that the LDS is kept under review, and that the timescales are ambitious but realistic.
- 3.8 Some supporting documents will be available for comment alongside the new Local Plan, including the Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment. The timetable for the new Local Plan is set out below:

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<i>Issues and Options Document public consultation</i>	<i>December 2017 to March 2018</i>
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- 3.9 The timetable for the preparation of the new Local Plan will be refined further as the document is progressed, and will need to take account of any changes at the national policy level as these emerge.

Community Infrastructure Levy

- 3.10 At this time, the Council is not actively pursuing the introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The Council will keep this under review and include a timetable for the introduction of CIL in a future LDS if a decision to pursue the levy is taken.

4 Other Local Development and Non-Statutory Planning Documents

Supplementary Planning Documents

- 4.1 The Council has adopted a number of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) between 2007 and 2020.
- 4.2 In line with the forthcoming introduction of mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain, the Council intends to prepare, consult and adopt a new Biodiversity Net Gain SPD to the following timescales.

Stage	Target Date
Preparation of Biodiversity Net Gain SPD	Ongoing
Draft SPD consultation (Regulation 12)	Autumn / Winter 2023
Adoption (Regulation 14)	Spring 2024

- 4.3 At this time, it is not possible to be precise about the types of new or revised SPDs that may be required to support the New Local Plan but it is understood these may include:
- Design Guidance, Codes or Masterplans
 - Planning Obligations
 - Climate Change
- 4.4 Detailed timescales for the review, preparation, consultation and adoption of any new SPDs will be kept under review and published as part of future LDS.

Neighbourhood Plans

- 4.5 Neighbourhood Plans are community-led plans for guiding the future development and growth of a local area introduced by the Localism Act (2011). Such plans must be in general conformity with the strategic policies in the local development plan for the area. They are subject to independent examination and referendum, and once adopted will form part of the statutory local development plan for the area.
- 4.6 In areas with defined parishes, such as Rochford District, these plans can be prepared by the Parish or Town Councils in consultation with the local community. As of June 2018 one formal application had been received by the Council for the designation of Neighbourhood Areas. Details are published on the Council's website*.
- 4.7 It is understood that work to pursue this neighbourhood plan has been paused.

Minerals and Waste Local Plans

* www.rochford.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning

- 4.8 Essex County Council is responsible for preparing Minerals and Waste Local Plans, and determining planning applications for minerals and waste uses across Essex (excluding Southend and Thurrock unitary authorities). As of June 2023, the following local development documents had been prepared and adopted by Essex County Council:
- Minerals Local Plan (adopted July 2014)
 - The Essex and Southend Waste Local Plan (adopted July 2017)
- 4.9 These policy documents form part of the statutory local development plan for the district and can be viewed online at www.essex.gov.uk.
- 4.10 Timetables for the review and updating of these plans is published in a separate Local Development Scheme, available at www.essex.gov.uk.

Authority (formerly Annual) Monitoring Report (AMR)

- 4.11 The Authority (formerly Annual) Monitoring Report (AMR) is a document prepared by the Council which includes information on progress of local development plan preparation. This report is published annually by the Council and published on the Council's website at the end of each monitoring period.

5 Monitoring and Review

- 5.1 The Council's progress in respect of plan production will be monitored through the AMR. Each year the AMR will:
- Show how the Council is performing against the timescales in the LDS for the preparation of development plan documents and supplementary planning documents;
 - Consider the effectiveness of extant policies in advance of the adoption of new planning policy documents;
 - Monitor local development plan policies against a set of government, regional and local indicators; and
 - Provide an up to date list of documents in preparation and adopted, and provide details of future reviews of those documents.
- 5.2 This LDS sets out broad timetables for the preparation of development plan documents. These timetables will be reviewed and refined as the document production progresses.

6 Risks and Mitigation

- 6.1 There are a number of key risks which could impact on the delivery of these planning policy documents by the broad targets that have been identified. The key risks and potential mitigation measures include:

Risk	Level of Risk	Potential Mitigation
Changes to national policy and/or legislation	Medium/ High	<p>Keep up to date with national policy and/or legislative changes</p> <p>Attend and undertake relevant training to ensure officer and member awareness of the impacts of proposed or introduced changes</p> <p>Respond to relevant Government consultations to ensure the District's interests are represented</p> <p>Make amendments to emerging policies and undertake additional consultation as necessary</p>
Delays to evidence preparation lead to delays to consultation stages	Medium / High	<p>Incorporate contingencies in Local Plan timetables to account for probable delays</p> <p>Ensure stringent contractual monitoring to avoid unexpected delays</p> <p>Ensure appropriate balance between in-house and consultancy-led evidence production to avoid resource bottlenecking</p> <p>Undertake regular monitoring of interdependencies to understand how early delays may accumulate</p>
Lack of capacity/resources to deliver planning policy documents by timescales identified	Medium/ High	<p>Undertake regular monitoring of tasks to understand how delays may accumulate</p> <p>Consider options for increasing capacity/resources, including making business cases for additional resource or recruiting temporary staff at key times</p>

Risk	Level of Risk	Potential Mitigation
Failure for infrastructure to be delivered by the relevant providers, e.g. Essex County Council, to appropriately support development	Medium / High	<p>Ongoing engagement and consultation with infrastructure providers at all stages of the plan-making process to ensure objectives are aligned and information is shared</p> <p>Align strategy decisions to a realistic and commercial understanding of infrastructure constraints, funding and opportunities</p> <p>Considering pursuing a Community Infrastructure Levy to increase the supply of developer contributions available to support infrastructure delivery</p> <p>Consider alternative models for delivering infrastructure, including exploring an infrastructure-first approach and applying for funding from third-party sources (e.g. Government)</p>
Lack of capacity/resources to support preparation of Neighbourhood Plans	Medium/ High	<p>Consider options for increasing capacity/resources, including recruiting temporary staff</p> <p>Ongoing engagement with Parish or Town Councils throughout the plan-making process to understand likely demand</p> <p>Support Neighbourhood groups to access available third-party support and funding</p>
Lack of capacity/resources within external organisations including Planning Inspectorate	Medium	<p>Early and ongoing engagement with key organisations needed to minimise risk</p> <p>Incorporate contingencies in Local Plan timetables to account for probable delays</p>

Risk	Level of Risk	Potential Mitigation
Significant public opposition to planning policy document	Medium / High	<p>Undertake effective Member and public engagement to build public understanding of challenges and opportunities</p> <p>Provide clear and transparent communication on the reasons for decisions</p> <p>Build a robust evidence base which includes community participation</p>
Legal compliance and soundness tests not met at examination	Medium	<p>Ensure the evidence base is robust and undertaken in conformity with national policy, guidance and legislation</p> <p>Undertake effective public engagement led by the Council's adopted SCI</p> <p>Undertake effective and ongoing engagement with specific prescribed bodies as part of the Duty to Co-operate</p>
Legal challenge to adoption of a planning policy document	Medium / High	<p>Prior to each consultation stage, ensure that procedures and regulatory requirements are identified and followed</p> <p>Seek legal advice where required</p>
Budget shortfalls as a result of timetable delays, examination length and / or legal challenge	Medium	<p>Undertake regular budget monitoring in consultation with the finance team</p> <p>Identify opportunities to secure external funding, e.g. Government, Homes England or Planning Performance Agreements</p>



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TIMESCALES FOR DELIVERY, IF NOT COMPLETE																		
Category	Title / Activity	Purpose	Status (Consultant)	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Q2 24	Q3 24	Q4 24	Q1 25	Q2 25
Complete Evidence	South Essex Housing Needs Assessment	To identify the objective need for new homes, including affordable and specialist housing, before 2040	Complete															
	Retail and Leisure Needs Assessment	To identify the objective need for additional retail and leisure floorspace in the District 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															
Emerging Evidence	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															
	Employment Land Review	To assess the quality and quantity of existing employment land across Rochford District	Review underway (In house)															
	Economic Development Needs Assessment	To identify the objective need for additional industrial or office floorspace in the District before 2040	Review Underway (Lichfields)															
	Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment	To identify the objective need for additional Gypsy and Traveller pitches in the District before 2040	Review underway (ORS)															
	Heritage Impact Assessment	To assess the impact of the Plan's policies and strategy on protected heritage assets	Complete, further assessment later in 2023															
	Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan (LWIP)	To assess the baseline quality of the District's walking and cycling network and identify opportunities for improvement	Review underway (WSP)															
	Site Selection Assessment	To justify the selection of particular sites as proposed allocations for their planning reasons	Not commenced (In house)															
Core Local Plan	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	Recently commenced															
	Whole Plan Viability Assessment	To review the impact of proposed policies on the overall viability of developing in the District	Recently commenced															
	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	Review recently commenced (Systra)															
	Drafting of Consultation Documents	To draft proposed policies for inclusion in the New Local Plan	Ongoing															
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															
	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															
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 update underway, annually updated															
	Brownfield Register	To identify a list of brownfield sites available and suitable for development	Complete, annually updated															
Non-Core Local Plan	Design Codes and Masterplanning	To prepare new documents setting out design expectations for new development that comes forward	Not yet commenced, likely to be undertaken in house															

Key Interdependency 1 Understanding overall principles and priorities for strategy / site selection will help identify scenarios to be examined in more detail in the Transport Assessment, Infrastructure Delivery Plan and Viability Assessment

Key Interdependency 2 The scenario testing identified above will then be reported to Members to help inform the selection of a single "preferred" strategy

Indicates preparatory work

Indicates publication of final outcomes

Indicates public consultation