

Report on Progress on the Preparation of the Site Allocations and Development Management Plan and supporting documents		Agenda No: 8
Corporate Priority: Environment is clean and green, business is encouraged and local economy prospers, housing and transport meet local needs		
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Background Papers: National Planning Policy Framework Town and Country Planning (Local Plan) (England) Regulations 2012		Public Report Yes
Options: To note this report. To amend the proposed timetable of plan preparation. To specify additional work to be undertaken.		Key Decision: No
Executive Summary: This report sets out outstanding work that needs to be undertaken in order to finalise the Site Allocations and Development Management Plan and a draft timetable for this work.		
Decision: To note the proposed timetable of plan preparation.		
Purpose of Decision: To inform Members of the LDF Sub Committee about further work required and the proposed timetable for plan preparation and adoption.		
Corporate implications		
Financial:	Costs of LDF Evidence and Site Allocations and Development Management Plan Preparation and Examination.	
Legal:	Plan preparation and adoption process follows legal procedures.	
Equalities/Diversity	There will be an equalities impact assessment of the plan.	
Customer Impact:	Impact of plan proposals and future planning decisions based upon the allocations and policies.	
Environment and Climate Change:	Plan proposals will have an impact upon the environment and climate change.	
Consultation/Community Engagement:	There will be public consultation on the draft plan.	
Risks:	Risk of Site Allocations and Development Management Plan not being found sound.	
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1. Current Position

1.1 As Members are aware, the LDF Sub- Committee has already approved draft development boundaries and draft site allocations for almost all the towns and villages within the District.

Retail evidence has now been prepared for the Council by consultants.

Employment viability evidence is currently being prepared by consultants.

2. Outstanding issues to be considered by the Sub- Committee on 24.10.12:-

- Retail boundaries and allocations
- Gypsy and Traveller site allocations
- Development Management Policies

3. To be considered at the meeting on 7.11.12:-

- Employment allocations
- A report on housing allocation numbers in Witham following consideration of the viability of employment uses in Witham
- An equalities impact assessment of the draft plan
- A review of the Statement of Community Involvement

4. Other Work Outstanding

- A review of the Local Development Scheme (which sets out the timetable of plan preparation)
- Sustainability Appraisal of the draft plan and alternatives to the draft plan
- Public consultation on the draft plan
- Evidence that the Council has fulfilled the duty to co-operate
- A viability assessment of the whole plan
- Update of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment

5. Public Consultation and Further Stages

5.1 Subject to the approval of the LDF Sub Committee of the above parts of the draft plan, it is proposed that there should be public consultation on the draft plan and alternatives commencing at the end of November 2012.

5.2 Representations concerning the draft plan would then be reported to the LDF Sub Committee in the New Year and Members can consider whether they wish to amend the plan in response to these representations.

5.3 There will then be a pre- submission consultation, (objections will be considered by the Planning Inspector) followed by submission of the plan to the Planning Inspectorate for examination in the summer of 2013. Subject to the plan being found sound by the Planning Inspector, the Council should be able to adopt the Plan in autumn 2013.