

Options - Table of potential Risks

RISK	IMPACT	MITIGATING ACTIONS
<p>Not progressing the preparation of the Local Plan in a timely manner</p>	<p>Failure to meet the Council's statutory duty of preparing a development plan that will support the delivery of key objectives of the Sustainable Community Strategy and the Corporate Plan;</p> <p>Lack of up-to-date development plan for deciding planning applications;</p> <p>As a consequence, the Council loses the opportunity to guide development to the most suitable locations.</p>	<p>Ensure that the preparation of the Local Plan is identified as a corporate priority; Project manage the preparation of each document;</p> <p>Identify any possible causes of delay early and seek to resolve delays; Ensure sufficient staffing levels are maintained.</p>
<p>Local Planning Documents being found to be unsound by Planning Inspector</p>	<p>Need to return to early stage of preparation and review work; Significant delays of possibly up to 2-3 years in adopting documents;</p> <p>Significant additional costs if background evidence has to be repeated;</p> <p>Loss of the Council's reputation;</p> <p>Political embarrassment;</p>	<p>Ensure that Local Planning Documents are developed using a comprehensive and robust evidence base to ensure compliance with national policy requirements and tests of soundness;</p> <p>Complete soundness and legal-compliance self - assessment toolkits;</p> <p>Ensure staff continue to be up to date with latest policy and guidance.</p>
<p>Infrastructure required to deliver strategic allocations not funded or delayed.</p>	<p>Allocations not delivered or delayed;</p> <p>Failure to deliver strategic housing or economic developments;</p> <p>Significant delays may lead to need to review allocations.</p>	<p>Work with funding partners and stakeholders to secure the delivery of infrastructure in a timely manner; Prepare infrastructure plan and monitor annually</p>
<p>Further changes in legislation and government policy / guidance/ details of plan preparation as they arise. requirements</p>	<p>Abortive work/additional work causing slippage in programme.</p>	<p>Maintain close contact with Government departments and discuss with them details of plan preparation as they arise. requirements Keep up-to-date on</p>

		emerging guidance and respond to changes early
Volume of work greater Causes slippage in programme. than anticipated - e.g. necessary. Steering Group to consider additional resources. higher level of representations than expected.	Causes slippage in programme	Ensure timetable is realistic but has some flexibility built in. Review timetable if Volume of work greater Causes slippage in programme. than anticipated - e.g. necessary. Policy Project Board to consider additional resources.
Lack of in-house skills for specialised areas of policy work/ background studies.	Slow progress causing a slippage in programme. Objectives on quality compromised.	Steering Group to consider employing specialised staff on a consultancy basis
Planning Team required to do other unforeseen work	Diverts team from Local Plan causing a slippage in programme.	Preparation of the Local Plan to be made a priority and other work minimised.
Lack of IT support for current system or for delivery of electronic service	Delays due to failure of computers. Delays in making documents available electronically	Ensure adequate backup of documents and databases and alternative hardware available.  Continue to highlight priority to be given to electronic delivery of planning.
Insufficient revenue provision to finance the project.	Work delayed or cannot be progressed. Objectives on quality compromised.	By setting adequate budgets by ensuring Local Plan is corporate priority