



# Economic Development, Transport and Tourism Scrutiny Commission

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## **Leicester Local Plan Timetable and Consultation**

Report of the Director of Planning, Development and  
Transportation

## Useful information

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### 1. Summary

The report outlines the timetable for the next stages of the Local Plan including provisions for scrutiny and consultation.

### 2. Recommendations

That the Local Plan timetable and provisions for scrutiny and consultation be noted.

### 3. Proposed Local Plan Timetable:

#### 3.1 Background

At the Economic, Development, Transport and Tourism Scrutiny meeting on 6th December 2018, a report informing the Commission of the latest position on the new Local Plan was outlined and noted.

This report now sets out the proposed Local Plan timetable and consultation in more detail.

#### 3.2 Local Plan Progress

Following revisions to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) last year officers have been updating the evidence base needed for next stage consultation and have carried out site assessments of potential sites for future growth.

We are now at a stage where further decisions are needed to shape the final stages of the draft plan to ensure that it is viable and deliverable. The key issues outline work areas which are currently being finalised to allow consultation to progress:

#### 3.3 Key Decisions required for draft plan

- Allocate sites for housing, employment, open space and other uses. Establish capacity to inform setting our housing requirement and quantifying unmet need which will need to be subject to negotiation with adjacent districts.
- City Centre and Strategic Regeneration Area – Key objectives, area analysis,

potential densities, guidance on buildings heights.

- Transport and Infrastructure provision along with other infrastructure (e.g. education, health, sports).
- Key policy decisions such as requirements for affordable housing, space standards, open space provision standards

### **3.3 Local Plan Timetable**

Subject to emerging Government policy and any associated changes in plan making requirements, the current timetable for the local plan is as follows:

- Draft Local Plan - Scrutiny / Public consultation November 2019 - January 2020
- Review responses/prepare Submission Draft Local Plan - March to June 2020
- Scrutiny /Public consultation on Submission Draft – July 2020
- Submission of Local Plan to Government & Examination in Public - Autumn 2020
- Inspector's Report by early 2021
- Public Consultation on any proposed Modifications mid 2021
- Adoption mid 2021

### **4. Details of Proposed Scrutiny**

- Scrutiny of the Local Plan will be carried out at the Draft Plan (November 2019) and Submission Draft Plan (June 2020) stages, as outlined above.
- The detailed arrangements for scrutiny will be considered with the Chair of EDTT, in consultation with the City Mayor and Executive.
- These are proposed to include special meetings with representatives from other Scrutiny Commissions to allow for discussion across policy areas (for example health, education and housing)
- The plans will also be referred for approval at Full Council at each key stage.

Following issues raised last year through a petition to Full Council regarding the Evesham Road link, any relevant issues emerging in the Local Plan can be fully considered through the Scrutiny process as outlined above.

## **5. Public Consultation**

Officers have recently revised the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) document, which sets out how we will involve the public, developers, businesses and other agencies in the preparation of its planning policy documents.

It is intended to use a variety of methods of communication for consultation on the local plan. These include; letters and e-mails, press releases, exhibitions, workshops and the internet to ensure that there is appropriate public consultation and participation (See attached draft Public Consultation Strategy) (Appendix C1).

## **6. Financial, legal and other implications**

### 6.1 Financial implications

There are no immediate resource implications for the Council as support for the development of the Local Plan is being resourced through existing staffing and operational budgets.

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### 6.2 Legal implications

There are no implications from a Legal Planning perspective arising from this report as any changes to planning policy will be brought into effect by the formal local plan process in due course.

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### 6.3 Climate Change and Carbon Reduction implications

The Local Plan will need to consider outcomes of the Climate Emergency Action Plan.

### 6.4 Equalities Implications

All Local Plan Policies will be subjected to Sustainability Assessment and associated Equality Impact Assessment as required.

## 6.5 Other Implications

None applicable