



Economic Development, Transport and Tourism Scrutiny Commission

Date of Commission meeting: 6th December 2018

Leicester Local Plan - Timetable

Report of the Director of Planning, Development and
Transportation

Useful information

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1. Summary

The report outlines the proposed timetable for preparation of the Local Plan including provisions for consultation and scrutiny.

2. Recommendations

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

3. Proposed Local Plan Timetable:

3.1 Background

At the Economic, Development, Transport and Tourism Scrutiny meeting on 25th October 2018, a report informing the Commission of the finalisation of the Strategic Growth Plan was noted and agreed. The latest position on the proposed timetable for the new Local Plan was also outlined.

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

3.2 NPPF and Local Plan update

The Government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (July 2018), has introduced significant new requirements for local plan preparation, including:-

- A new requirement to identify and allocate small sites below 0.5ha – in response the Council is currently undertaking a "Call for Sites" consultation until 16th December 2018, see web link below:-
<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council/policies-plans-and-strategies/planning-and-development/emerging-planning-policy/>
- A new Government consultation on using revised housing formula is also underway from 27th October until 7th December 2018. The consequential potential impact upon housing requirements for the city local plan will be considered.
- In respect of housing provision, consideration of the needs of different groups
- Revised requirements relating to density requirements
- A sustainability and viability appraisal will be required of plan proposals reflecting the above

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:

- Current Call for additional potential small development sites – to December 2018
- Draft Local Plan (housing, retail and employment needs, proposed sites, policies and infrastructure requirements); scrutiny /public consultation July - September 2019
- Review responses/prepare Submission Draft Local Plan - September 2019– Feb 2020
- Scrutiny /public consultation on Submission Draft - Feb/May 2020
- Submission of Local Plan to Government & Examination in Public Summer/Autumn 2020
- Inspector's Report by early2021
- Public Consultation/Scrutiny 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, submission and modification 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 could include special meetings with representatives from other scrutiny commissions.

The plans, at appropriate stages, will also be referred for consideration at Full Council.

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