

Appendix A: Current progress against the 50 Stantec Local Plan review recommendations:

No.	Detail	Progress
	Task A (Review/Comparison of Past and Current Local Plan Proposals)	
R1	Recommendation R1 – It is strongly recommended that each of and all these 47 conclusions set out in Sections 2.2 – 2.6 above are used and acted upon in the development of the evidence studies, the formulation of more robust growth scenarios and spatial options, the development of the Preferred Option for growth and the preparation of the Regulation 19 publication submission. In addition, the Local Plan Vision and Strategic Objectives must be revisited and agreed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The recommendation is noted and is being actioned in full. ○ We have a work programme in place to enhance our evidence studies including housing and economic development needs. ○ We are preparing more robust growth scenarios- for example, we are utilising three economic forecasts (from three forecasting houses- Oxford Economics, Cambridge Econometrics and Experian)- previously there was only one forecast from Cambridge Econometrics being utilised. ○ The above will help refine our spatial options and identify an evidence-based preferred Option for growth. ○ The Local Plan Vision and Strategic Objectives are being refreshed accordingly for Regulation 19.
	Task B (Review of Existing Local Plan Evidence Base Studies)	
R2	Recommendation R2 – the specific recommendations/proposals set out in Table 3.2 and Sections 3.2 – 3.12 above should be followed for both Phase 1 and 2 evidence studies, but monitored and updated on a weekly/monthly basis and managed by the Local Plan Manager (or equivalent) and the Local Plan Project Manager.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The recommendation has been adopted in full. ○ Evidence studies (both Phase 1 and 2) are being monitored and updated on a weekly/monthly basis and managed by the Local Plan Project Manager (Local Plan Lead).
R3	Recommendation R3 – each evidence base document needs to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This recommendation has been implemented in full. Each

	<p>have a clear Local Plan officer 'owner' – even if it is being produced by another team in the Council. The Local Plan officer 'owner' should manage (or input into) all Briefs, Project Plans, Methodologies and Draft Reports.</p>	<p>evidence base document has a Local Plan Officer 'owner', and this is further scrutinised by the Local Plan Lead.</p>
R4	<p>Recommendation R4 – Local Plan Manager (or equivalent) needs to manage ALL Local Plan evidence studies, have regular catchups with evidence base 'owners', check key documents, such as Briefs, Project Plans, Methodologies and Draft Reports and it is vital to build in time to produce a Brief and Project Plan for ALL new studies/strategies – for those being undertaken internally and by consultants. Agree Briefs and Project Plan with Local Plan Manager before work commences.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This recommendation has been implemented in full. ○ All Local Plan evidence studies have weekly and/or fortnightly update reviews with evidence base owners. ○ This includes focusing on Project Briefs, Project Plans, Methodologies and Draft Reports. ○ The Local Plan Lead (Local Plan Project Manager) has regular (weekly and fortnightly) oversight over all internal and consultant studies.
R5	<p>Recommendation R5 – the evidence base studies should be developed in two phases: Phase 1 – to inform the scenarios for growth and draft Preferred Option for growth and be accompanied in 2024 with Technical Paper 1; and, Phase 2 – evidence that is developed based on the growth scenarios and spatial options to inform the final Preferred Option for growth and be accompanied in early 2025 by Technical Paper 2.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This recommendation is noted. However, it should be acknowledged that it is not practicable (or best professional practice) to separate all evidence bases into 2 phases. ○ Some evidence base subject areas are typically undertaken in phases- for example, Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) comprises Part 1 and Part 2 elements. This does not apply to studies including: Employment Land Availability Assessment and Housing Land Availability Assessment. ○ Growth scenarios, spatial options and the preferred option for growth will be accompanied by Technical (i.e. Topic) papers for Regulation 19.
R6	<p>Recommendation R6 – build in time in the overall Local Plan programme for consultants to</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The recommendation is noted and has been actioned.

	<p>submit fee proposals and be instructed, so that there is time for purchase orders and Works Orders to be put in place. Thurrock Accounts and Legal departments need to sign-up to undertaking these tasks within a set number of days, so that it can be worked into the overall Local Plan programme.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We have built in time in the overall Local Plan work programme for procurement of external consultant reports. However, we need to take further steps to reduce the time taken between commissioning a study and its inception. ○ Generally, the Accounts and Legal Department are processing Local Plan commissions efficiently. However, there remain resource limitations which increase the number of days taken for processing requests.
	<p>Task C (Review of the Planning Advisory Service (PAS) Report, Latest National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Adopted Local Plans Three Best Practice Examples)</p>	
<p>R7</p>	<p>Recommendation R7 – this simply supports the four PAS Local Plan related recommendations set out in Section 4.2 above. Furthermore, a first-class project manager should be recruited to manage the process through to adoption.</p> <p><u>The relevant PAS recommendations from the Planning Advisory Service (PAS) Review of Thurrock Council were:</u></p> <p>R3 – Urgently progress the Local Plan by continuing to ensure sufficient resources are allocated to taking it through to adoption. This should include:</p> <p>a. Stronger internal processes – to secure cross-party ownership in order to deliver the huge opportunity for growth in Thurrock (including a plan development cross party working group led by senior members).</p> <p>b. Political leadership and guidance – to ensure the Local Plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For reference, this recommendation refers to Recommendations 3 and 4 of the PAS Review report. <p><u>With reference to PAS Recommendation 3:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An external review of the Local Plan progress / gaps was completed by Stantec Ltd. by June 2024. ○ Enhanced focus has been given to the top 10/key priority activities identified by Stantec during the review. ○ Additional Local Plan resources (Planning Policy Officers) have been allocated into the Local Plan team to help accelerate the progress. ○ A dedicated Local Plan Coordinator has been appointed to the team.

	<p>addresses the growth ambitions and creates the political environment necessary to ensure the Local Plan is agreed and delivered by the Council.</p> <p>c. Managerial leadership and stronger project management – with a clearer focus on the steps needed to produce the plan in line with the current timetable, re-assuring all partners of a realistic programme and proportionate evidence base. Further PAS support is offered on this.</p> <p>R4 – Ensure the new Local Plan is promoted corporately and politically as the primary tool to drive housing, jobs and regeneration delivery in Thurrock. Political leaders from all parties should ensure that all members understand that the Local Plan is the delivery tool for future growth in Thurrock.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A Local Plan Board has been assembled and convenes weekly/fortnightly. ○ The Local Development Scheme (LDS), Thurrock’s Local Plan, update Report, was adopted in October 2024. ○ A dedicated Local Plan Project Manager has also been appointed to the team. ○ Strong leadership has ensured that a realistic timetable/ programme has been adopted in the October 2024 LDS. ○ The Local Plan Steering Group has cross party membership. <p><u>With reference to PAS recommendation 4:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Corporate Plan has been developed with the Local Plan intended to be an integral component of its delivery. In a similar way, leading up to its adoption in the years ahead, the development of the Local Plan will follow the same corporate oversight and communication paths as the Corporate Plan. ○ Ongoing engagement with various departments and partners continues as part of the emerging evidence gathering phases. ○ As the Local Plan evolves, it will be pivotal in helping set and drive housing, employment and regeneration ambitions within Thurrock.
<p>R8</p>	<p>Recommendation R8 – the Local Plan team should review Appendix C and the NPPF when updating the evidence base or undertaking work on strategic sites, growth scenarios/spatial options or the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The recommendation has been actioned and is central to the Local Plan preparation process. ○ The Local Plan team continue to review the NPPF (which is

	<p>preferred option for growth, to ensure policy compliance is robust and develop a Local Plan which will be found sound. In addition, other policy changes are summarised in Sections 4.3.5 – 4.3.6.</p>	<p>expected to be published in December 2024) and adapt best practice examples of Adopted Local Plans including evidence base documents, strategic sites, growth scenarios and spatial options.</p>
R9	<p>Recommendation R9 – it is possible following the General Election on 4 July 2024 and the previous proposals for Local Plan transitional arrangements that the Local Plan system may change, if so, it would have a major impact on the Local Plan Programme that is proposed in Task I. The Council should track and monitor any changes to Local Plan regime at national Government level, identify implications for Local Plan and act accordingly and quickly. In the meantime, work must commence and be completed in 2024 on Technical Paper 1 to support the Regulation 18 IPD.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This recommendation is noted and is being actioned. The authority is closely monitoring changes to the Local Plan system. ○ Technical (Topic) Papers are being prepared for the whole Local Plan.
R10	<p>Recommendation R10 – Thurrock Council needs to seriously reconsider its current Local Plan timetable and is likely to need to formally amend its Local Development Scheme (LDS) and once approved, notify the Secretary of State for DLUHC of that amended timetable, as referred to below in Recommendation R46.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This action has been implemented in full, a revised LDS was approved by Cabinet in October 2024. The Secretary of State was notified accordingly.
R11	<p>Recommendation R11 – for each of the selected best practice Local Plans, within Tables 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 in Appendix C, it has been set out which evidence base documents were part of each Local Plan that were then used to gain adoption. These three evidence based document list examples were compiled to produce Table 4.5, which sets out the list of evidence base documents that are</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The recommendation is noted. The authority is preparing a suitable suite of evidence base documents. We understand the best practice examples to be illustrative; the authority will utilise other examples too. The evidence base documents are set out in the Local Plan project programme.

	considered to be required for the Thurrock Local Plan.	
R12	Recommendation R12 – in addition, and again for each of the selected Local Plans, a list of their structure/content for each Local Plan was prepared and from this, recommendations are made about both the most appropriate structure for the Thurrock Local Plan and whether the Initial Proposals Document (IPD) for Regulation 18 structure/content was appropriate. The recommendations for the Local Plan team structure are set out in Sections 4.35 and 4.36 of Appendix C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The recommendation is noted. We will utilise and adapt the most appropriate structure for the Thurrock Local Plan. ○ We have sought legal advice from Counsel on the structure and content of Regulation 18. To date, this does not preclude the authority from progressing to Regulation 19. ○ The Local Plan team structure is being changed through a planning service restructure at the time of writing.
	Tasks D and E (Review of Council’s Local Plan and Other Teams Resources, Skills and Management)	
R13	Recommendation R13 – Local Plan team and technical officers need to work with consultants to produce and agree a Brief and Project Plan for both existing and new Local Plan evidence base studies being produced by consultants. Agree Briefs and Project Plan with Local Plan Manager before any work commences.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The recommendation is noted and has been fully implemented for new evidence base studies and for existing studies which are subject to review/refresh.
R14	Recommendation R14 – each evidence base document needs to have a clear Local Plan officer ‘owner’, so as to ensure consultants are managed efficiently and outputs are agreed and delivered to programme. The Local Plan officer ‘owner’ should manage (or input into) all Briefs, Project Plans, Methodologies and draft Reports.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This recommendation has been fully actioned. The designated Local Plan officer ‘owner’ is managing evidence base documents from start to finish.
R15	Recommendation R15 – the Local Plan Manager and/or Local Plan Project Manager needs to manage ALL Local Plan evidence studies, have regular progress meetings with evidence base ‘owners’, check key documents, such as Briefs,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This recommendation has been fully actioned. The Local Plan Lead is managing all Local Plan evidence studies including briefs, project plans, methods, and report preparation.

	Project Plans, Methodologies and Draft Reports, as well as attend meetings with consultants, when required.	
R16	Recommendation R16 – it is essential to build in time in the overall Local Plan programme for consultants to submit fee proposals and be instructed, so that there is time for purchase orders and Works Orders to be put in place. Thurrock Accounts and Legal departments need to sign-up to undertaking these tasks within a defined/agreed period, so that it can be worked into the overall Local Plan programme.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This recommendation is noted. We have built in time for procurement including accounting and legal matters to be suitably addressed in current and future external consultancy project arrangements.
	Members	
R17	Recommendation R17 – set up the Local Plan Working/Project Group (LPWG) during Summer 2024, with its first meeting in September 2024, using and agreeing ToR broadly in line with the above best practice example.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This recommendation is being actioned. The Local Plan Steering Group seeks to fulfil this function. At the time of writing the Terms of Reference have been agreed with the Cabinet Member for Good Growth. However, the first meeting is to be scheduled.
R18	Recommendation R18 – ensure a Membership of 12 - 15 elected Members, including a Thames Freeport representative, two public and two landowner/business representatives, which would be quorate with 4 Member attendees and it should meet monthly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This recommendation is noted. A membership of 10 elected members was ratified at Annual Council in May 2024. The Council consider that formal membership of the group should be limited to members; Freeport representatives and business/landowner interests shall be invited whenever appropriate for the agenda. A monthly meeting schedule is being established.
R19	Recommendation R19 – establish a Work Programme by the second meeting, advised by senior officers, which will involve briefing from officers monthly on progress.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This recommendation is being actioned. A Local Plan work programme is in place, progress will be reported to members on a monthly basis.
R20	Recommendation R20 – ensure all Members of this LPWG and other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This recommendation is noted. A member training programme is in

	key Cabinet Members attend a soon-to-be established training programme for the coming year.	place, future sessions can further be tailored for the Local Plan.
R21	Recommendation R21 – appoint a Member ‘champion’ for the Local Plan (possibly the relevant Portfolio Holder) and encourage support from other Members.	○ This recommendation is noted and actioned. The Cabinet Member for Good Growth fulfils this role.
R22	Recommendation R22 – this LPWG will issue regular (monthly) updates to both the Planning Committee and full Council of its actions, recommendations and progress on its Work Programme.	○ This recommendation is noted. It will be actioned in accordance with the programme of the Local Plan Steering Group.
	Team Organisational Structure	
R23	Recommendation R23 – to ensure there are adequate resources, at the right level, to deliver the Local Plan according to a revised LDS timetable (refer to Table 9.1), but ensuring the evidence studies are completed, suitable scenarios developed, and a Preferred Option is development that are sound for a Regulation 19 publication.	○ This recommendation is noted. A restructure has been implemented. There are currently vacant posts which need recruitment. This has placed additional pressure on the Local Plan team and creates potential future risk to the timetable.
R24	Recommendation R24 – to ensure proper integration of all key technical functions within the Strategic Planning team to produce a sound Local Plan.	○ This recommendation has been actioned; an integrated work programme is used to improve collaboration across technical functions.
R25	Recommendation R25 – to not downgrade existing posts if to do so might cause the current postholder to resign, when that person is a strongly valued member of the team.	○ This recommendation is noted. A service restructure has been implemented.
R26	Recommendation R26 – all Local Plan staff must be integrated more with other teams and build relationships outside the Strategic Services department, to ensure technical liaison is maximised and ensure all relevant aspects are considered within the emerging Local Plan, especially with Health, Housing and Employment, etc. It is vital to bring in other department officers into the relevant evidence	○ The recommendation is noted. There are several outlets through which the Local Plan team is collaborating. Regular meetings take place with Housing, Health, Transport and Economic Development officers. There is strong partnership working in procurement and technical

	studies (i.e. writing Briefs/commissioning consultants; developing methodologies and reviewing assessment results) or getting other departments to undertake evidence base documents) in partnership with the Local Plan team, with there always being a Local Plan officer lead.	matters e.g. transport planning and public health.
R27	Recommendation R27 – support the Local Plan and wider team; increase their visibility and support to staff; provide links to other key Council departments with inputs into the Local Plan; assist with training; become more involved in the ‘Duty to Cooperate’ work with neighbouring local authorities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The recommendation is noted and has been actioned. ○ Senior Managers are supporting the Local Plan team and helping facilitate links to other Council departments (e.g. housing, economic development/regeneration and transport). This has increased corporate visibility.
	Team Roles and Responsibilities	
R28	Recommendation R28 – the existing roles and responsibilities for each team member needs to be simplified and limited to 3 topic/thematic areas only.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This recommendation is noted. The restructure is being implemented at the time of writing. Currently it is not possible to limit team member responsibilities to 3 topic/thematic areas, as we need to recruit to vacant posts.
R29	Recommendation R29 – team members should provide a monthly work programme look ahead and weekly reports of progress to their relevant Manager based on Figure 5.3 and the responsibilities set out in Section 5.8.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This recommendation is noted and has been actioned through the evolution of the Local Plan work programme.
R30	Recommendation R30 – working days and contact details for each Member need to be centrally available and easily accessible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The recommendation is noted and has been actioned.
R31	Recommendation R31 – all evidence studies must be preceded by agreed Technical Briefs and a Works Order and then be project managed weekly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This recommendation is noted and has been actioned.
R32	Recommendation R32 – priorities must be set monthly and rolled	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This recommendation is noted and has been actioned.

	forward for each team member's workload	
	Task F (Summary of Thurrock's Communities Views Over Time)	
R33	Recommendation R33 – the 78 'key matters of significance' must be incorporated into the Local Plan going forward and set out how each has been dealt with.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This recommendation is noted. Further we are highlighting 'key matters of significance' from the Regulation 18 consultation. The Statement of Consultation Report will also cover these matters.
R34	Recommendation R34 – for the purposes of Local Plan 'soundness' and legal compliance, the cooperation with persons identified in Section 33A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (PCPA), 2004 (as amended) must be demonstrably 'maximised' and 'have been dealt with rather than deferred'.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The recommendation is noted and is being actioned. ○ We have audited our Duty to Cooperate works to date, and are engaging with neighbouring local authorities, as there are cross-boundary issues which need to be explored and planned for. These discussions continue- e.g. on housing and infrastructure requirements and will be recorded appropriately for submission of the Local Plan.
R35	Recommendation R35 – maintains that it is vital that the Local Plan team should be supported by central Council departments (PR/Press, website, marketing/graphics teams/event organising) in the future Regulation 19 consultation, supported by a first-class Local Plan project manager (as set out in Recommendation R7 above) – this may also involve the use of additional and appropriate software to assist in dealing with subsequent consultation responses, which should be commissioned later in 2024 or early 2025.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The recommendation is noted. ○ An external consultancy assisted with the analysis of the Regulation 18 consultation responses. ○ We shall be preparing our Regulation 19 approach to consultation covering software, graphics and event management in early 2025. ○ A Local Plan Project Manager has been recruited (also known as Local Plan Lead).
	Task G (Review of Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) / Sustainability Appraisal (SA) for the Local Plan)	
R36	Recommendation R36 – it is recommended that further scenarios are developed from	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This recommendation is noted and is being actioned.

	evidence and then provided for IIA analysis to ensure the growth scenarios/spatial options and the Preferred Option for growth are tested and are defensible and robust.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We are developing scenarios (using a triangulated data approach) and spatial options- to be tested as part of Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA)/Sustainability Appraisal (SA).
R37	Recommendation R37 – the 15 recommendations are summarised in Section 7.5.5 and these should be adopted when the IIA work is recommended in the lead up to the Regulation 19 publication.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The action is noted and will be implemented throughout the IIA/SA assessment process.
	Task H (Current Status and Effects of Major Projects on the Local Plan)	
R38	Recommendation R38 – it is strongly recommended that each project is monitored closely by the Local Plan team and impacts mitigated (wherever possible), but more importantly the effects of each project needs to be accounted for during the preparation of the Regulation 19 publication submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The recommendation is noted and is being implemented- i.e. ongoing review of Development Consent Orders (DCOs) to correspond with Regulation 19 Local Plan.
R39	Recommendation R39 – the Local Plan team will need to include a Local Plan policy for each strategic site (the full list to be concluded during the course of the Local Plan Regulation 19 production), but it could include these 12 sites and potentially others when the scenarios and Preferred Option for growth are confirmed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The recommendation is noted and will be implemented after the completion of site selection analysis.
R40	Recommendation R40 – the Local Plan team need to ensure that the information received on each of these 12 sites is fed into each of the Local Plan evidence base studies, as they will each have an impact and create housing and social infrastructure needs, both individually and cumulatively. Furthermore, it is recommended that a single, cumulative Local Impact Report should be considered, even if outside of the formal DCO processes, so the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The recommendation is noted and is being implemented. For example, the Infrastructure Delivery Plan will consider individual and cumulative needs including phasing for all strategic (major) sites.

	Council can properly understand the extent of these cumulative impacts.	
	Key Considerations for Local Plan Programme	
R41	Recommendation R41 – introduction of a ‘Consolidation Period’ of approximately 12 months in order to undertake the Phase 1 evidence studies, complete the Regulation 18 Consultation Report, fill key Local Plan Team staff vacancies and complete two critical Technical Papers (one in the first 12 months and one subsequent to that period).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This recommendation is noted and is being actioned. ○ The Council announced a consolidation period of circa 12-15 months in its October 2024 Local Development Scheme to enhance its evidence studies and complete consultation works. ○ Recruitment to staff vacancies is ongoing and is expected to conclude in early 2025. ○ Technical Papers will be progressed throughout 2025.
R42	Recommendation R42 – the need to develop later during late-2024/early 2025 and based on completing key evidence studies set out in Section 3, Table 3.2 and Appendix B, the development of Local Plan growth scenarios /spatial options that are more robust and then could be used in the further IDP work and for strategic transport modelling and to inform other evidence studies that require the Preferred Option for growth, such as the Detailed Green Belt Assessment and the Local Plan Viability Update.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The recommendation is noted and is being implemented. ○ Work is continuing on the development of robust Local Plan growth scenarios /spatial options. ○ The work programme has been sequenced so that other studies including IDP, IIA and Plan Viability are based on and address the preferred option for growth.
R43	Recommendation R43 – recognition of the newly announced General Election on 4 July 2024 and the ‘All-Out’ local elections in May 2025 and the effect that either could have on Government and Local planning policy and legislation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This recommendation is noted and has been implemented. ○ The Local Plan team is keeping informed about national policy changes and the forthcoming local election.
R44	Recommendation R44 – three DCOs would have progressed further, and they could significantly affect the proposals coming forward in the Local Plan, such as: National Highways LTC decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This recommendation is noted and is being implemented. ○ The LTC decision is expected in May 2025.

	<p>delayed to 4 October 2024 currently, National Grid's Norwich to Tilbury Connection is likely to have been submitted around mid-2025 and will therefore have more clarity; the Thurrock Flexible Regeneration Plant approved DCO may have determine its delivery more clearly; and, the Thames Freeport will have further developed its planning proposals via a DCO(s) or an LDO, which could significantly affect the Local Plan.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Local Plan is being prepared to be attuned with the current and potential DCOs. ○ We have regular meetings with Freeport representatives, to ensure that Local Plan opportunities are maximised- for example- related to energy supply.
	Local Plan Programme	
R45	<p>Recommendation R45 – this revised Local Plan Programme (Table 9.1) should be approved and updated monthly and used as the basis for updating the LDS in Q4 2024 and this programme must be adhered to by the Local Plan team and other related teams by managing the evidence base 'owners', consultation with other teams and senior officer reviews.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This recommendation is noted. ○ The Local Plan Programme was approved and is updated monthly- it is reviewed by senior officers. ○ As stated previously the LDS was updated in Q4 2024 (October). ○ The Local Plan Lead and evidence base owners regularly update and monitor the programme (weekly and fortnightly).
R46	<p>Recommendation R46 – it is strongly recommended to review and update the Local Plan Business Plan and then update the LDS in Q4 of 2024 and to notify Government of any such changes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This recommendation is noted and has been actioned. ○ The Government has been notified about our revised LDS in October 2024.
R47	<p>Recommendation R47 – for senior management and Members to support and approve the revised Local Plan Programme prior to any publication of a revised LDS.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This recommendation is noted and has been actioned in full.
	Risks to Local Plan Programme	
R48	<p>Recommendation R48 – the key risks are set out in Section 9.4.10 and should be incorporated into the existing Corporate Risk Register or amend those risks relating to the Local Plan accordingly.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This recommendation is noted and is being implemented. ○ These risks have been identified and specified in the Risk Register.
	Local Plan Funding	

R49	<p>Recommendation R49 – that the Local Plan Reserve is closely monitored on a quarterly basis to understand remaining funding and, as appropriate, update and increase the Local Plan Reserve in Q1 of 2025 for £1 - £2m to ensure adequate funding through to Local Plan adoption. A more detailed analysis of current spend against Local Plan Reserve budget is required and an estimate of additional funding required (with full justification) until Local Plan adoption.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The recommendation is noted. ○ The Local Plan Reserve is monitored on a quarterly basis. ○ The LDS Cabinet paper (October 2024) identified that an additional £1.36 million is required to support the Local Plan through to adoption; this was based on a detailed analysis of current spend and projected future spend compared with the Local Plan Reserve budget.
	Conclusion	
R50	<p>Recommendation R50 – that senior management and Members endorse and approve and use all recommendations in this Final Report as Council policy to be adopted in subsequent Local Plan work going forward.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The recommendation is noted. ○ The Council is committed to give careful consideration to all the recommendations and adopt them as appropriate.