

Committee: Local Plan Leadership Group
Title: Quarterly Local Plan response to government
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Summary

1. This report sets out the first update to government on the Uttlesford Local Plan.

Recommendations

2. To note and comment on the draft response to government.

Financial Implications

3. None.

Background Papers

4. None.

Impact

- 5.

Communication/Consultation	LPLG is being consulted on this update.
Community Safety	N/a
Equalities	N/a
Health and Safety	N/a
Human Rights/Legal Implications	N/a
Sustainability	N/a
Ward-specific impacts	N/a
Workforce/Workplace	N/a

Situation

6. The Council resolved on 30 April to proactively keep the government informed on progress on the Uttlesford Local Plan.
7. It is proposed that the below paragraphs are incorporated into a letter to MHCLG.
8. *The Council has retained the advice of the East of England Local Government Association Peer Review Team, who previously advised Uttlesford on the options for withdrawal of the previous Local Plan. This team will continue to provide impartial advice to the Council on a number of issues to assist with the progress of the Local Plan.*
9. *At Cabinet on 9 July, the Council agreed the governance arrangements for the new Local Plan. This involves setting up a new Local Plan Leadership Group to discuss emerging proposals for the new Local Plan. It noted the scrutiny committee's preference to examine the process before decisions are made within its current structure, rather than ask Cabinet to establish a dedicated Local Plan Scrutiny Committee. These papers can be found on the Council website [here](#). The first Local Plan Leadership Group met on 29 July 2020.*
10. *The Council is now looking to agree a Local Development Scheme and Statement of Community Involvement to set out the timetable for progress on the new Local Plan and how the Council intends to engage with and consult the community moving forward.*

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
Risk of intervention if the Local Plan is not in place by December 2023	3 – the LGA peer review team are of the view that it should take four years to get a Local Plan in place, this would take Local Plan production just beyond December 2023	4 – government intervention would significantly damage the reputation of the Council	A detailed, ambitious and realistic timetable will be drawn up to progress the Local Plan. Quarterly updates to MHCLG will provide the government confidence that the Council is working towards a new Local Plan.

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.