

APPENDIX **DATE OF UPDATE: 14/06/21**
LOCAL PLAN WORKSTREAM STATUS
PERIOD: QUARTER 1
01.04.21 - 30.06.21

RAG Status		AMBER
Reasons	Actions	Date
Procurement arrangements underway with ECC. Competitive market given plenty of consultancy work.	Lead officers working with ECC procurement and actively working on consultants appointments.	07/04/21 - 30/06/21
Consultants do not deliver evidence base on time and/or within specification. Transport consultants in particular have identified some risks in terms of the timetable for the transport study.	Lead officer to manage relationship with consultants and project timetable to ensure compliance with agreed brief	various
Senior Planner leaving the Planning Policy team in August. This post is key in preparing the Local Plan.	Initiate recruitment process to secure permanent replacement. Arrangements for interim cover whilst recruitment is completed.	14/06/21 - 01/10/21
Required Decisions		
Description	Expected by	Due Date
Agree Preliminary Outline Strategy for the Local Plan	LPLG and Cabinet	29/07/21 and 02/09/21
Confirm Housing Numbers for the Local Plan	LPLG and Cabinet	24/06/21 and 01/07/21

Previous Section on Risk issues now incorporated in main Risk Register under updates and comments.

Executive Summary

The LP has now moved into the Preferred Options stage with an extensive amount of procurement activity. A paper on methodology and programme was agreed by LPLG in April and the Group and Cabinet agreed the Local Plan objectives during May. LPLG and Cabinet are due to confirm housing numbers in June. The Preliminary Outline Strategy for the Local Plan is due to be discussed by LPLG 29.07.21 with a decision to be made at Cabinet 02.09.21.

LPLG on the 24.05.21 considered the remaining responses to the final three themes of the I&O consultation. The Call for Sites period has now ended and officers are currently verifying and logging the bids made. Around 300 sites have been suggested. It is intended to complete and publish the list of sites in June, although this does depend on the capacity of the officers and systems to do this. The site assessment methodology has been agreed and officers will review the sites as soon as they have been verified and logged.

There are currently 17 separate studies which are in various stages of procurement. Inception meetings have already been held with the consultants leading on the Sustainability appraisal and the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

Duty to cooperate meetings continue to take place including recent meetings with Greater Cambridge and a forthcoming meeting with East Hertfordshire.