

Committee:	Local Plan Leadership Group	Date:	Thursday, 24 June 2021
Title:	Local Plan Evidence Base Update		
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor J Evans, Portfolio Holder for Planning and the Local Plan		
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Summary

1. This report set out current progress on eighteen separate studies that will inform the preparation of the new local plan.

Recommendations

2. To note progress on the evidence base summarised in this report.

Financial Implications

3. The approved budget for the Local Plan in 2021-22 includes sufficient provision for the work needed through to the end of March 2022.

Background Papers

4. None.

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	N/a
Community Safety	N/a
Equalities	Forthcoming policies will be subject to an Equalities and Healthy Impact Assessment (EqHIA).
Health and Safety	N/a

Human Rights/Legal Implications	Preparation of a local plan is a statutory duty. It needs to meet legal tests and comply with regulations.
Sustainability	Forthcoming policies will need to meet the sustainability objectives of the Council and the Local Plan will be subject to a Sustainability Appraisal.
Ward-specific impacts	All
Workforce/Workplace	N/a

Situation

Study	Current Status
Sustainability Appraisal	Consultants appointed, work commenced
Infrastructure Delivery Plan	Consultants appointed, work commenced
Habitats Regulations Assessment	Consultants appointed, work commenced
Strategic Transport	Consultants appointed, work commenced
Employment	Consultants appointed, work commenced
Heritage	Consultants appointed, work commenced
Landscape	Consultants appointed, work commenced
Retail Study	Procurement process underway
Green Infrastructure	To be done in house
Strategic Flood Risk Assessment	Procurement process underway
Viability Study	Procurement process underway
Water Management	Procurement process underway
Decarbonised Energy Study	Preparing consultant's brief
Net Zero Carbon Verification Study	Preparing consultant's brief
Biodiversity Strategy	Consultant's brief to be prepared
Cultural Strategy	To be done in house, Brief in preparation
Masterplanning	Procurement process underway
Review of Local Wildlife Sites	Procurement process underway