

REPORT TO:	ENVIRONMENTAL & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 11
DATE OF MEETING:	25 JANUARY 2024	CATEGORY:
		DELEGATED or RECOMMENDED
REPORT FROM:	STRATEGIC DIRECTOR (SERVICE DELIVERY)	OPEN
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SUBJECT:	LOCAL PLAN BUDGET	
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE:

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Committee approves the budget of £190,000 for the 2024-25 financial year.
- 1.2 That the financial implications arising from this report are referred to Finance and Management Committee.

2.0 Purpose of the Report

- 2.1 To seek approval for a Local Plan budget of £190,000 for 2024-25 financial year with this request being part of the draft budget tabled to Finance and Management Committee on 23 November 2023. This is to assemble the necessary additional evidence to support the submission of the Local Plan Part 1 for its public examination by 30 June 2025. This date is a deadline imposed by central government on the submission of Local Plans under the current system which allows plans to be reviewed in two parts.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 Local Plans must be reviewed every five years. The current Local Plan Part 1 was adopted in 2016 and the review commenced in 2021 with the early stages amounting to initial evidence gathering on matters including the Derby Housing Market Area Study and Growth Options.
- 3.2 The additional evidence to be assembled includes Transport Modelling, Retail / Town Centre Masterplanning, Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, Sustainability Appraisal which will include additional Landscape and Visual analysis, Habitats Regulation Assessment and Heritage Assessment where required, and Whole Plan Viability. It is anticipated that as with the preparation of evidence up to this point, some of this work

will be undertaken with HMA partners and this is accounted for the £190 budget request.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 The requested budget will allow the Council to gather the evidence necessary to submit the Local Plan for examination. This budget is needed to achieve a sound Local Plan and a failure to submit this by June 2025 will lead to an increased risk of the Council being unable to demonstrate a five-year housing land supply which in turn will lead to a likelihood of large-scale housing appeals which may cost very significant sums of money to defend. It is not uncommon for major housing Inquiries to cost more than £100,000 to defend.

5.0 Corporate Implications

Employment Implications

5.1 None directly arising from this report.

Legal Implications

5.2 None directly arising from this report.

Corporate Plan Implications

5.3 The Local Plan is a key Council ambition, and this budget will enable the necessary evidence to be assembled to submit it for examination.

Risk Impact

5.4 None directly arising from this report.

6.0 Community Impact

Consultation

6.1 None.

Equality and Diversity Impact

6.2 None directly arising from this report.

Social Value Impact

6.3 None directly arising from this report.

Environmental Sustainability

6.4 None.

7.0 Conclusions

- 7.1 A significant amount of work has already been done to get the Local Plan to its Issues and Option stage. This budget request will enable to the further work to be undertaken to get the Local Plan to its submission stage.

8.0 Background Papers

None.