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To: **Members of the Cabinet**

Please attend a meeting of the Cabinet to be held on Thursday, 15 January 2026, at 2.00 pm in District Council Offices, Mill Lane, Wingerworth, Chesterfield, S42 6NG.

The meeting will be live streamed from [The Council's YouTube Channel](#).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Shruberry".

Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer

<u>Members of The Committee</u>	
Councillor N Barker (Chair) Councillor J Barry Councillor K Gillott Councillor K Rouse	Councillor P Kerry (Vice-Chair) Councillor J Birkin Councillor S Pickering

A G E N D A

Public Session

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest and/or other interest, not already on their register of interests, in any item on the agenda and withdraw from the meeting at the appropriate time.

3 Minutes of Last Meeting (Pages 4 - 12)

To approve as a correct record and the Leader to sign the attached Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 27 November 2025 and the Special Cabinet held on 18 December 2025.

4 Medium Term Financial Plan 2025/26 - 2029/30 (Pages 13 - 36)

Report of Councillor P R Kerry, Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership and Finance

5 Update on Local Plan Progress (Pages 37 - 55)

Report of Councillor S Pickering, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Place

6 Local Timetable Update (Pages 56 - 76)

Report of Councillor S Pickering, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Place

7 Urgent Items

To consider any other matter which the Leader is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency, in accordance with the provisions of Statutory Instrument 2012 No 2089, Regulations 5 and 11.

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Agenda Item 3

CABINET

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2025

Present:

Councillor Pat Kerry (Vice-Chair) (in the Chair)

Councillor Jayne Barry
Councillor Kevin Gillott
Councillor Nigel Barker

Councillor Joseph Birkin
Councillor Stephen Pickering

Also Present:

M E Derbyshire	Members ICT & Training Officer
M Broughton	Director of Growth and Assets
S Sternberg	Assistant Director of Governance (Monitoring Officer)
J Wells	Corporate Finance Manager / Deputy S151 Officer
A Smith	Legal Services Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer
A Bashir	Improvement Officer
T Fuller	Senior Governance Officer

CAB/ Apologies for Absence

42/2

5-26 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor K Rouse.

CAB/ Declarations of Interest

43/2

5-26 Councillor Kevin Gillott declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Agenda Items 5 (Choice Based Lettings and Allocations Policy) & 11 (New Homes to Rent Opportunity – Earls Park, Holmewood), as he was a board member of Rykneld Homes Ltd. He would leave the room and take no part in the consideration of the items.

CAB/ Minutes of Last Meeting

44/2

5-26 RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 23 October 2025 and extraordinary meeting held on 6 November 2025 were approved as correct records.

CAB/ Council Plan 2023-2027 Performance Report - Update July to September 2025

45/2

5-26 Cabinet considered a report which set out progress on the objectives that underpinned the Council Plan for the period July to September 2025 (Quarter 2). The report highlighted notable achievements, along with any targeted metrics which had been flagged as not on target.

Attached to the report was Appendix 1, which set out details of what had been achieved and progressed by objective, strategy, and tactic.

Cabinet agreed that the report showed that good progress was being made

towards the Council Plan.

RESOLVED

That progress against the Council Plan 2023-2027 objectives was noted.

REASONS FOR DECISION

This is an information report to keep Cabinet informed of progress against the council plan objectives.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Not applicable to this report as providing an overview of progress against the council plan objectives.

This was not a Key Decision and so can be implemented with immediate effect by officers.

Councillor Nigel Barker joined the meeting.

Councillor Kevin Gillott left the meeting for the following item.

CAB/ Choice Based Lettings and Allocations Policy

46/2

5-26 Cabinet considered a report which summarised the key proposed amendments to the Council's Choice Based Lettings and Allocations Policy. The report explained that a review had been carried out to ensure the policy was meeting the needs of the districts residents and incorporated any new legislative changes. As a result, several key amendments had been proposed, which were attached to the report at Appendix 1. The full draft policy which included the proposed amendments was attached to the report at Appendix 2.

The report also detailed the results of a public consultation on the proposed amendments, attached at Appendix 3.

Cabinet discussed the report. It was clarified that where armed forces were mentioned in the full draft policy, veterans were included. Cabinet agreed that the proposed amendments brought the policy up to date.

RESOLVED – That

1. Cabinet agreed the proposed amendments and adopted the draft policy.
2. Cabinet agreed the implementation date of 1 April 2026, except for the flexible Tenancy amendment which will be withdrawn immediately as this type of tenancy is no longer in use.

REASONS FOR DECISION

The amendments will ensure that the Council continues to operate a robust policy which enables Rykneld Homes Limited to allocate the council's housing stock to

those in most need in the most effective and transparent way. It will also allow the Council to make best use of its housing stock and help with antisocial behaviour. The policy was last reviewed in October 2022, with minimal amendments, therefore a full review was due in October 2025.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

An alternative option was not to amend the policy, however this would not resolve the issues identified, therefore this was rejected as an unviable option. The current policy is due to expire, therefore conducting a review in 2025 is essential, therefore not to review the policy at this time was rejected.

This was not a Key Decision and so can be implemented with immediate effect by officers.

Councillor Kevin Gillott returned to the meeting.

CAB/ Tenancy Strategy

47/2

5-26 Cabinet considered a report which outlined a proposed amendment to the Tenancy Policy to remove flexible tenancies. The report highlighted that a key amendment in the Choice Based Lettings and Allocations Policy was to remove Flexible Tenancies as these types of tenancies were no longer offered by the Council, therefore, these also needed removing from the Tenancy Policy as a tenancy option. The draft Tenancy Policy was attached to the report at Appendix 1.

Cabinet discussed the report. It was agreed that the proposed amendment to the Tenancy Policy was acceptable.

RESOLVED

That Cabinet agreed the proposed amendments to remove Flexible Tenancies from the Tenancy policy and adopt the draft policy.

REASONS FOR DECISION

Removing Flexible Tenancies ensures any tenancy offered through Rykneld Homes on behalf of the Council will be a secure lifetime tenancy. Issuing lifetime tenancies gives more security and stability to those who are in most housing need requiring settled accommodation.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

An alternative option was not to amend the policy, however this would not be in line with the proposed amendments to the Choice Based Lettings and Allocations Policy, therefore this was rejected.

This was not a Key Decision and so can be implemented with immediate effect by officers.

CAB/ New Equality and Diversity Policy

48/2

5-26 Cabinet considered a report which sought approval for the refreshed Equality and Diversity Policy. The report highlighted that previously the Council had two Equality and Diversity policies, one for customers/residents and one for employees. The new policy would combine them into one overarching Equality and Diversity Policy. The report included an explanation of additional proposed changes that had been incorporated in the draft policy which was attached to the report at Appendix 2.

Cabinet discussed the report. It was agreed that the refreshed policy was in line with modern requirements.

RESOLVED

That Cabinet approved the refreshed Equality and Diversity Policy.

REASONS FOR DECISION

The Equality and Diversity Policy is essential to fostering an inclusive working environment and demonstrating as a public service provider that every individual is valued and respected. This policy demonstrates compliance with legal obligations, including the Equality Act 2010, and demonstrates the Council's commitment to creating a workplace and community free from discrimination, harassment, and inequality.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

None, the Council requires an up-to-date Equality and Diversity policy to demonstrate its compliance with the Equality Act 2010.

This was not a Key Decision and so can be implemented with immediate effect by officers.

CAB/ Medium Term Financial Plan - Revised Budget 2025/26

49/2

5-26

Cabinet considered a report which set out the proposed revisions to the Budget for 2024/25, which had been approved by Council in January 2025. Cabinet was asked to endorse the proposed revisions and to recommend them to Council for approval.

The report stated that the revised budget process was now completed and the proposed revisions for the General Fund, HRA and Capital Programme were set out in the appendices to the report.

Cabinet considered the report. It was suggested that a variance in Extended Producer Responsibility had slightly skewed the position of the General Fund, however, it was highlighted that this would be offset once the changes made under Simpler Recycling had been brought in. It was agreed that the Council was in a positive position regarding its Medium Term Financial Plan.

RESOLVED – That

Cabinet made the following recommendations to Council:

- A. the budget in respect of the General Fund as set out in Appendix 1 of this report be approved as the Current Budget for 2025/26.
- B. the budget in respect of the HRA as set out in Appendix 3 of this report be approved as the Current Budget for 2025/26.
- C. the Capital Programme as set out in Appendix 4 of this report be approved as the Current Budget for 2025/26.

REASONS FOR DECISION

The purpose of this report is to prepare revised budgets as early as possible within the financial year to provide sufficient time to allow any planned changes to be delivered. The Council has faced some specific financial challenges this year putting pressure on the ability to set a balanced General Fund budget but, use of reserves ring fenced for providing resilience when needed has mitigated this.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

There are no alternative options being considered at this time. How resources are utilised is ultimately a decision for Members which will form part of the 2026/27 Medium Term Financial Planning process.

This was not a Key Decision and so can be implemented with immediate effect by officers.

CAB/ Urgent Items

50/2

5-26 None.

CAB/ Exclusion of Public

51/2

5-26 RESOLVED – that the public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the following item of business to avoid the disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006).

Councillor Kevin Gillott left the meeting for the following item.

CAB/ New Homes To Rent Opportunity - Earls Park, Holmewood

52/2

5-26 Cabinet considered a report which asked them to consider supporting Rykneld Homes Limited's (RHL) proposal to acquire 39 new homes to rent at Earls Park, Holmewood. The report also asked Cabinet to consider recommending to Council additional General Fund borrowing to provide investment to RHL, in the form of a loan, to progress with the acquisition. The report outlined RHL's proposal and detailed the viability of the scheme.

Cabinet considered the report. There were discussions around value for money, value to the Council and residents, the design of the development and borrowing

headroom.

RESOLVED – That

1. Cabinet approved RHL's proposal to acquire 39 homes for rent at Earls Park Holmewood
2. Cabinet recommended, to Council, borrowing of £5.553m to provide investment, in the form of a loan, to RHL to progress with the acquisition.

REASONS FOR DECISION

The opportunity to bring new affordable homes into the District meets the objectives in the Council Plan and Housing Strategy and provides warm safe homes for our residents at affordable rents.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

To not support the scheme. Not considered as the acquisition meets the Council's objectives regards housing supply.

This was a Key Decision. The call1in period for this decision would run until Thursday 4 December 2025.

Councillor Kevin Gillott returned to the meeting.

CAB/ Urgent Items

53/2

5-26 None.

CABINET

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 18 DECEMBER 2025

Present:

Councillor Nigel Barker (Chair) (in the Chair)

Councillor Jayne Barry
Councillor Kevin Gillott

Councillor Joseph Birkin
Councillor Kathy Rouse

Also Present:

Councillor C Smith Chair of Environment Scrutiny Meeting

L Hickin	Managing Director - Head of Paid Service
M Broughton	Director of Growth and Assets
J Dethick	Director of Finance and Resources (Section 151 Officer)
D Johnson	Assistant Director of Property, Estates and Assets
A Smith	Legal Services Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer
A Bryan	Governance Manager
M E Derbyshire	Members ICT & Training Officer

CAB/ Apologies for Absence

54/2

5-26 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Kerry and S Pickering.

CAB/ Declarations of Interest

55/2

5-26 There were no declarations of interest.

CAB/ Environment Scrutiny Committee Review on Wingerworth Lido

56/2

5-26 The Chair of the Environment Scrutiny Committee presented a report to Cabinet outlining the findings of the Environment Scrutiny Committee's review into the future use of Wingerworth Lido and the decision-making process of the Asset Management Board. The report included a briefing note that outlined Environment Scrutiny Committee's review, attached at Appendix 1, and a summary report of the Wingerworth Lido consultation, which was attached to the report at Appendix 2. The Committee had made 11 recommendations to Cabinet, which were outlined in the report.

Cabinet discussed the report and thanked officers for progressing the review swiftly and stakeholders for engaging with the consultation. Some Members queried how stakeholders had been involved in the review and heard how stakeholders had been encouraged to engage with the consultation. Some Members suggested that there had been a misconception around the Council's position on fishing at the lido and this represented a good opportunity to outline the vision for the future of the site. It was clarified that the vision was for as many people and groups to enjoy the community facility as possible, it was highlighted that results from the consultation would be important in making sure that

happened.

Some Members queried the process for reintroducing fishing in the interim, prior to the completion of the Biodiversity Improvement Plan. The timescale and process for actioning recommendations, should they be passed, was shared. Members heard that there had been engagement with the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust (DWT) and Angling Trust, on how best to reintroduce fishing on an interim basis. It was shared that the next step would be a formal agreement, which would likely be early in 2026. Members also heard the timescale for the Biodiversity Improvement Plan. The process for monitoring the outputs from the recommendations was also clarified.

Some Members queried what the governance arrangements for the running of Wingerworth Lido would be. It was shared that principle of having a group of local interested parties, with multiple perspectives, was the aspiration. In this context, local stakeholders were encouraged to get involved.

At the end of the discussion, Members agreed to all 11 recommendations set out in the report.

RESOLVED –

Wingerworth Lido

1. That the Cabinet approved the exploration of interim arrangements to reinstate angling at the earliest opportunity, prior to the completion of the Biodiversity Improvement Plan. Any reinstatement must be subject to robust management processes to ensure compliance with statutory duties and to prevent further degradation of the site, as advised by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust.
2. That the Council continued to undertake maintenance of the site and continues to allow Clay Cross Angling Association to inspect water quality and the welfare of their fish.
3. That Cabinet recognised the strong support for angling evidenced through the scrutiny review and public consultation and seeks to secure fishing as a long-term activity on the site beyond any interim arrangements, ensuring that all fishing activities and associated management contribute positively to biodiversity improvement.
4. That Cabinet asked officers to explore examples of best practice with other organisations on the running of an angling site i.e. Wingerworth Parish Council, Earl of Harrington's Angling Club (Derby City Council).
5. That Cabinet supported the enhancement of biodiversity at the Lido and recognises there may be financial investment required to deliver the Biodiversity Improvement Plan.
6. That Cabinet recognised the consultation feedback highlighting the need to enhance the area for greater accessibility, including improvements such as better pathways, seating, and educational signage to benefit children and

those with mobility issues.

7. That the Council continues to work with stakeholders to develop an independent group (the same concept of a 'Friends of Group'), including the Parish Council, other local interest groups, and for the Group to be a consultee on the Biodiversity Improvement Plan and participate on implementation.
8. That the Biodiversity Improvement Plan is submitted to the Environment Scrutiny Committee upon its completion.
9. That the Environment Scrutiny Committee be informed of progress in terms of angling in the short-term and long-term.

AMB

1. That the Council provide training for all elected Members to understand the process of the AMB, and for them to be informed on the role they play in the Ward Member consultation process.
2. An Annual Report on Asset Management decisions be submitted to Cabinet going forward, with the report being "open" to enable greater transparency of asset related decisions made.

This was not a Key Decision and so can be implemented with immediate effect by officers.

CAB/ Urgent Items

57/2

5-26 None.

Agenda Item 4

North East Derbyshire District Council

Cabinet

15 January 2026

Medium Term Financial Plan 2025/26 to 2029/30

Report of the Deputy Leader of the Council with responsibility for Finance

Classification: This report is public

Report By: **Jayne Dethick, Director of Finance and Resources (S151 Officer)**

Contact Officer: **Jayne Dethick**

PURPOSE / SUMMARY

To seek approval of the Current Budget for 2025/26 and Original Budget for 2026/27 for the General Fund, Housing Revenue Account and Capital Programme as part of the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan covering the years 2025/26 to 2029/30.

To provide Elected Members with an overview of the Council's medium term financial position.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That all recommendations below are referred to the Council meeting of 26 January 2026.

The following recommendations to Council are made:

2. That the view of the Director of Finance & Resources, that the estimates included in the Medium-Term Financial Plan 2025/26 to 2029/30 are robust and that the level of financial reserves are adequate at this time, be accepted.
3. That officers report back to Cabinet and the Services Scrutiny Committee on a quarterly basis regarding the overall position in respect of the Council's budgets.

General Fund

4. A Council Tax increase of £6.48 will be levied in respect of a notional Band D property (2.99%).
5. The Medium-Term Financial Plan in respect of the General Fund as set out in **Appendix 1** of this report be approved as the Current Budget 2025/26, as the

Original Budget 2026/27, and as the financial projections in respect of 2027/28 to 2029/30.

6. That the General Fund Capital Programme as set out in **Appendix 4** be approved as the Current Budget in respect of 2025/26, and as the Approved Programme for 2026/27 to 2029/30.
7. That budget under spends be transferred to the Resilience Reserve to provide increased financial resilience for future years of the plan.

Housing Revenue Account (HRA)

8. That Council sets its rent levels for 2026/27 in consideration of the Social Housing Rent Standard increasing rents by 4.8% from 1st April 2026.
9. The Medium-Term Financial Plan in respect of the Housing Revenue Account as set out in **Appendix 3** of this report be approved as the Current Budget in respect of 2025/26, as the Original Budget in respect of 2026/27, and the financial projection in respect of 2027/28 to 2029/30.
10. That the HRA Capital Programme as set out in **Appendix 4** be approved as the Current Budget in respect of 2025/26, and as the Approved Programme for 2026/27 to 2029/30.
11. That the Management Fee for undertaking housing services at £13.962m and the Management Fee for undertaking capital works at £1.1m to Rykneld Homes in respect of 2026/27 be approved.
12. That Members note the requirement to provide Rykneld Homes with a 'letter of comfort' to the company's auditors and grant delegated authority to the Council's Director of Finance & Resources (S151 Officer) in consultation with the Deputy Leader of the Council to agree the contents of that letter.

Approved by Cllr P Kerry, Deputy Leader with responsibility for Finance

IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk:

Yes

No

Details:

The issue of financial risk and resilience is covered throughout the report. In addition, it should be noted that not achieving a balanced budget is outlined as a key risk within the Council's Strategic Risk Register. While officers are of the view that these risks are being appropriately managed it needs to be recognised that the continued budget pressures on the Council's financial position need careful consideration when approving the Medium Term Financial Plan.

The capital programme identifies and recognises the need to maintain the Council's assets in a fit for purpose state and to retain and attract income streams for the Council. The financing of the capital programme is secured for the plan thus minimising the risk of any additional unplanned borrowing.

Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 requires that the S151 Officer reports on the robustness of the estimates made and the adequacy of reserves in this financial plan. These requirements are addressed at 2.66 – 2.70 of this report.

All other financial implications are covered in the relevant sections throughout the report.

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details:

The Council is legally obliged to approve a budget prior to the commencement of the new financial year, 1 April 2026. This report together with the associated budget timetable has been prepared in order to comply with our legal obligations.

The recommended budget for the General Fund, Housing Revenue Account and Capital Programme complies with the Council's legal obligation to agree a balanced budget.

There are no Data Protection issues arising directly from this report.

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes No

Details:

There are no staffing issues arising directly from this report.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Decision Information	
Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:	No
NEDDC: Revenue - £125,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £310,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	
Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	No
District Wards Significantly Affected	None
Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) details:	
Stage 1 screening undertaken <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed EIA stage 1 to be appended if not required to do a stage 2 	No, not applicable
Stage 2 full assessment undertaken <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed EIA stage 2 needs to be appended to the report 	No, not applicable
Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cabinet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SMT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Members <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes Details:

Links to Council Plan priorities; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A great place that cares for the environment A great place to live well A great place to work A great place to access good public services
The budget underpins all Council Plan priorities.

REPORT DETAILS

1 Background (reasons for bringing the report)

1.1 This report presents the following budgets for Members to consider:

- General Fund – Appendix 1 and 2
- Housing Revenue Account (HRA) – Appendix 3

- Capital Programme – Appendix 4

1.2 In particular financial projections are provided for:

- 2025/26 Current Budget – this is the current year budget, revised to take account of any changes during the financial year that will end on 31 March 2026.
- 2026/27 Original Budget – this is the proposed budget for the next financial year starting 1 April 2026. For the General Fund, this is the budget on which the Council Tax will be based. The HRA budget includes proposals on increases to rents and charges.
- 2027/28 to 2029/30 Financial Plan – in accordance with good practice the Council agrees its annual budget within the context of a Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP). This includes financial projections in respect of the next three financial years for the General Fund, HRA and Capital Programme. Once Cabinet has considered this report and the appendices, the recommendations agreed will be referred to the Council meeting of 26 January 2026 for members' consideration and approval.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

General Fund Revenue Budget

2025/26 Current Budget

2.1 In January 2025, Members agreed a budget for 2025/26 to determine Council Tax. At this time there was a requirement to achieve efficiencies of £0.505m to balance the budget, reduced to £0.294m after the approval of the Council Tax increase.

2.2 The Revised Budget was considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 27 November 2025 at which time the budget shortfall had reduced to nil and forecast a contribution back to the Resilience Reserve of £0.432m. There have been no material changes to the budget position since this time.

2.3 The final position will clearly be dependent on the actual financial performance out-turning in line with the current budgets and there may be further changes required as the year progresses.

2026/27 Original Budget and 2027/28 – 2029/30 Financial Plan

Local Government Finance Settlement

2.4 The draft Finance Settlement for 2026/27 was issued for consultation on 18 December 2025. The settlement is for three years from 2026/27 and represents the most significant redistribution of funding in Local Government in 25 years. Since the last major update in 2013/14, there have only been minor updates and several one-year settlements. The funding system is complex and even straightforward updates to datasets can create substantial changes and redistributions.

2.5 This funding review began in 2016, and the current package builds on the work undertaken. It addresses the fundamental way in which funds are distributed. This includes:

- major changes to the main funding formula with a stronger link to levels of deprivation and population.
- many new burdens funding streams have been rolled into the main funding formula instead of being provided as separate grants. This includes ongoing revenue funding for food waste new burdens (see 2.6 below).
- the baseline for retained business rates has been reset in full in 2026/27 (see 2.10 below).
- the New Homes Bonus grant has been abolished.
- several grant pots have been consolidated, including for homelessness prevention, rough sleeping and temporary accommodation.
- transitional funding has been provided, including a minimum funding floor, to protect councils from the full impact of the funding changes (see 2.12 – 2.13 below).
- The Recovery Grant allocations have been preserved at 2025/26 levels for the spending review period (see 2.14 below).

Funding the Legislative Changes for Food Waste

2.6 2.28 of this report highlights the increase to ongoing revenue costs to embed the change in legislation in relation to food waste collections. Traditionally such a change to service delivery enacted through legislation would be funded through a specific grant known as New Burdens. This would provide transitional funding for a fixed period to give time to adapt to the required change in delivery. The decision in the Finance Settlement to roll many new burdens grants into the main funding formula may be administratively simpler but lacks transparency especially in a settlement that includes wide sweeping changes to all aspects of the funding formula. It is therefore impossible to establish whether the annual increase to deliver this service of £0.965m is included within our Revenue Support Grant allocation (see 2.12 below). The District Councils Network continues to lobby MHCLG for full transparency on funding for the cost of food waste new burdens.

2.7 Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) payments (see 2.8 below) are continuing so have been utilised to meet this additional cost to provide the service with some certainty and sustainability through this period of change.

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

2.8 EPR aims to create a more sustainable and circular economy by ensuring that producers take responsibility for the environmental impacts of their products throughout their lifecycle, effectively shifting responsibility for waste management from consumers and local governments to the producers. Regulations requiring reporting of packaging data have been in place for producers since 2023 and from January 2025 producers have been paying fees to the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) based on this data.

2.9 DEFRA are redistributing these fees to waste collection and disposal authorities to cover the costs associated with the disposal of packaging waste. It is also intended to help local authorities improve recycling services and reduce waste management costs under the Government's Simpler Recycling waste reforms. The Council's allocation in 2026/27 is £1.253m.

Business Rates

2.10 A full business rates reset has taken place for the first time since 2013/14. The baselines in the funding formulas have been amended to reflect this. This revision effectively removes all growth from the baseline, within the system. This has a significant impact on our ability to generate growth through business rates through this MTFP. The reset and change to the baseline have been anticipated for several years now and growth from business rates has been ringfenced in the Business Rates Reserve to protect against this impact. The reserve is being utilised in the plan to provide such protection.

2.11 Members will be aware that the Council has been a member of the Derbyshire Business Rates Pool since its establishment in 2015/16. Being a member of the pool has allowed us to retain more of our Business Rates income locally. The reduction in growth from the reset also removes any pool benefit in 2026/27 so all Derbyshire councils have elected to revoke the pool for 2026/27. This will be reviewed again ahead of the 2027 budget.

Revenue Support Grant/Transitional Protection

2.12 Since 2013 the national settlement assumption of our "needs" built into the formula for grant support has meant that limited Revenue Support Grant (RSG) has been paid to us during this time. The Fair Funding Review 2.0 and particularly the business rates reset significantly changes this assumption and based on the revised assessment of "needs" the Council will receive significantly increased RSG payments throughout this settlement period.

2.13 The Fair Funding Review 2.0 also includes transitional protection in the form of a funding floor. This ensures that no authority has a cash-terms reduction in their overall funding. We will receive transitional protection support throughout this settlement period.

Recovery Grant

2.14 This grant was introduced in 2025/26 and is being retained throughout this settlement period at 2025/26 levels. It is a highly targeted grant focussing on Councils with high levels of deprivation, high levels of need and low tax bases. Our allocation is £0.203m per annum for the period 2026/27 – 2028/29.

2.15 Appendix one provides a summary of the impact of the Fair Funding Review 2.0 on our funding, showing RSG and transitional support and the loss of growth from business rates.

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

2.16 The main uncertainty in this plan is the impact that LGR will have on our financial health and viability, and particularly our reserves. The Case for Change submitted to MCHLG in November identified that implementation costs are estimated at £66m to be funded from shared reserves across Derbyshire. The impact on our reserves is still to be determined so is not included at this time; this analysis is being undertaken jointly by the S151 Officers across Derbyshire over the coming months and will be reported in due course.

2.17 LGR also creates uncertainty as to whether this Council will exist in its current form over the life of this financial plan. It is however important to continue to operate on a going concern basis and remain focussed on funding the delivery of services during this period, ensuring we continue to exercise prudence and good financial governance throughout.

2.18 The financial impact of LGR will be kept under close review and will be reported as further information becomes available.

Council Tax Implications

2.19 Council tax is a local decision taken by Council each year. Council tax income is a significant funding stream for us, providing over a third of the annual income needed to fund the services in the General Fund. It is important to note, the increase each year not only services that year's budget but also increases the base for future years. The national settlement assumes the maximum increase in all their funding calculations. Table 1 below shows the benefit of the indicative increase over the life of the plan:

Table 1

	Original Budget 2026/27 £000	Planning Budget 2027/28 £000	Planning Budget 2028/29 £000	Planning Budget 2029/30 £000
General Fund Shortfall (MTFP)	46	1,248	2,127	3,534
Application of Council Tax increase each year assuming 2.99% (max)	(312)	(624)	(936)	(1,248)
General Fund Shortfall after applying indicative council tax increase	(266)	624	1,191	2,286

Council Tax Base

2.20 In preparation for the budget, the Director of Finance & Resources under delegated powers has determined the Tax Base at Band D for 2026/27 as 33,8713.43.

Council Tax Options

2.21 The Council's part of the Council Tax bill in 2025/26 was set at £216.67 for a Band D property. This was an increase of 2.99%.

2.22 The Government indicate what upper limit they consider acceptable for council tax setting each year. For 2026/27, district councils are permitted to increase their share of the Council Tax by 3% or £5 whichever is the greater, without triggering the need to hold a referendum. Table 2 below shows increase options and the extra annual revenue this would generate:

Table 2

Increase %	New Band D £	Annual Increase £	Weekly Increase £	Extra Revenue £
0%	216.67	0	0	0
1.00%	218.83	2.17	0.04	165,459
2.00%	221.00	4.33	0.08	238,852
2.99%	223.15	6.48	0.12	311,511

2.23 The proposed increase for 2026/27 is 2.99%, generating additional annual revenue of £311,511 (inclusive of tax base growth).

Budget Detail

2.24 In developing the financial projections for the detailed plan several assumptions have been made:

- Budgets are cash limited except where contractual commitments to increase costs exist.
- A pay award of 4% has been included in 2026/27 pay budgets. From 2027/28 pay inflation forecasts include a 3% uplift.
- Energy costs and fuel have been forecast to reflect anticipated price changes.
- Fees and charges – annual service specific increases have been applied in the plan.
- Inflation where required is included in the plan at 2%, in line with Bank of England monetary policy, which forecasts inflation stabilising at 2% in the medium term.
- Interest rates for new treasury management investments will be made at an average rate of around 3.25%, and new long-term loans will be borrowed at an average interest rate of 5.50%.

2.25 The Net Cost of Services detailed in **Appendix 1** is further analysed by type in Table 3 below. **Appendix 2** provides further analysis for each budget area.

Table 3

	Current Budget 2025/26 £000	Original Budget 2026/27 £000	Planning Budget 2027/28 £000	Planning Budget 2028/29 £000	Planning Budget 2029/30 £000
Employee related costs	22,736	24,471	25,205	25,973	26,789
Premises related costs	2,150	2,286	2,307	2,335	2,371
Transport related costs	691	835	846	857	869
Supplies and Services	9,883	7,954	8,130	7,882	7,942
Rent rebates/allowances	230	230	230	230	230
Capital Financing costs	887	1,044	1,141	1,173	1,069
Income	(20,232)	(19,022)	(19,262)	(19,481)	(19,699)
Net Cost of Services - NCS (App 1)	16,345	17,798	18,597	18,969	19,571
NCS transfers to grants/reserves	(894)	(190)	(1,374)	(2,162)	(1,989)
NCS transfers from grants/reserves	0	(46)	0	0	(1,581)
NCS after movements in grants/reserves	15,451	17,562	17,223	16,807	16,001

2.26 Table 2 above shows that except for pay related costs, cash limiting maintained across all expenditure budgets means there are only minor variations throughout the life of the plan. Some of the above costs are funded by grants and reserves and some of the income needs to be moved to grants and reserves to fund future expenditure commitments. Therefore, these movements are included in the table to show the “true” position.

2.27 Like many other public bodies the main ongoing budget pressure relates to pay costs; namely the annual NJC pay award. An additional £0.89m was needed in 2025/26 with a further £0.991m forecast in 2026/27. Additional costs of £0.965m are required to fund the new Food Waste collection service, under the Government’s plans for Simpler Recycling. Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) payments of £1.253m whilst not specifically intended to fund these changes (see 2.6 above) provide the means to do so.

2.28 A combination of ongoing prudent budget management alongside the certainty of funding arising from the multiyear settlement and planning for the loss of business rates growth in anticipation of the reset means the unplanned call on reserves in the plan are limited. Budget pressures continue to increase throughout the plan largely because of pay inflation, overall the net cost of services increases by 10% to 2029/30.

2.29 It remains important to ensure that financial management remains prudent and ongoing savings continue to be identified and implemented to maintain this

position. Shortfalls do increase throughout the plan and in 2029/30 the uncertainty surrounding funding, following the end of this settlement, re-occur.

Reserves

- 2.30 It is widely accepted that use of reserves to meet funding shortfalls remains an acceptable short-term measure whilst long term solutions are identified, however, use of reserves to fund revenue budgets is not a sustainable or prudent solution for the medium term for any organisation. Given the current level of reserves and balances held, we do have a reasonable period in which to recover budget shortfalls or meet short term uncertainty should it be necessary.
- 2.31 A planned response to addressing budget pressures is more conducive to sound financial management and more importantly it limits the detrimental impact upon our ability to deliver the planned and agreed level of services to residents. We have been operating in a challenging financial climate for several years and have an excellent track record of both identifying and delivering service efficiencies as required alongside a strong commitment to financial resilience and good financial governance.
- 2.32 The main un-ringfenced financial reserves are held in the General Fund Balance and the Resilience Reserve. The latter was specifically created to provide financial resilience in instances where unforeseen expenditure cannot be contained within existing approved budgets whilst longer term solutions are found.
- 2.33 The level of the General Fund Balance has been maintained at £2m in the plan. This is a risk-based reserve and represents a working balance of resources that could be used at short notice or to meet a major financial issue.
- 2.34 The Resilience Reserve had an opening balance of £3.60m on 1 April 2025 and estimates for 2025/26 are forecast to increase this to £4.03m by the end of the current financial year. The planned contribution from the reserve in 2026/27 of £0.046m will reduce this to £3.984m. This reserve is not forecast to be utilised again until the final year of the plan (2029/30) largely because this is when uncertainty surrounding national funding re-occurs with the end of the current multiyear settlement. This reserve was created for this very purpose and will continue to be utilised to provide financial resilience to the general fund in future years as required by Medium Term Financial Plan. The final contribution from the Resilience Reserve each year will clearly be dependent on the actual financial performance. Efforts will continue, as in previous years, to identify efficiencies to reduce the need to utilise the reserve.
- 2.35 The Business Rates Reserve is an earmarked reserve created from surplus growth to protect against the impact of lost growth, either through a change in the economic climate or through changes to the business rates retention system. It is the latter that is forecast to have a significant impact on business rates income from April 2026 because of the business rates reset. The reserve is being utilised from 2027/28 to provide such protection.

2.36 The Invest to Save Reserve is utilised to fund innovation and development that will yield efficiencies in the medium to long term. The reserve had an opening balance of £2.43m on 1 April 2025. Commitments already made against this reserve for future years amount to £0.17m leaving £2.26m uncommitted. There is likely to be a call on this reserve to fund the implementation costs of LGR (see 2.16 above).

Housing Revenue Account (HRA)

2025/26 Current Budget

2.37 In January 2025, Members agreed a budget for 2025/26 including setting of rent levels in consideration of government regulations. HRA fees and charges were also set, effective from the same date.

2.38 The Revised Budget was considered by Cabinet at its meeting on the 27 November 2025. There have been no material changes to the budget position since this time.

2.39 The estimated surplus in the year will be dependent on the actual financial performance out-turning in line with the revised budgets. The surplus will be utilised to fund additional homes and/or improved services to tenants in future financial years so all surpluses will be transferred to reserves.

2.40 The HRA balance is being maintained at £3m in line with the level of financial risk facing the HRA. Maintenance of this balance is necessary as it will help ensure the financial and operational stability of the HRA which is essential to maintain the level of services and quality of housing provided to tenants. We continue to work closely with Rykneld Homes (RHL) to ensure the continued sustainability of the HRA over the life of the 30-year Business Plan.

2026/27 Original Budget and 2027/28 to 2029/30 Financial Plan

2.41 The proposed budget for 2026/27 currently shows a balanced position. **(Appendix 3)**. The HRA budget makes the same assumptions as the General Fund budget for staff costs and inflation. There are however, some additional assumptions that are specific to the HRA. The main factors considered in developing the financial plans for the HRA are set out within the sections below.

Level of Council Dwelling Rents

2.42 Social housing rents in England will follow a new 10-year settlement from April 2026 allowing annual increases of CPI + 1% with a mechanism for properties below formula rent to catch up via an extra convergence uplift. This replaces the current CPI+1% cap and brings a long-term strategy for rent setting, focusing on fairness and convergence towards formula rent levels over the decade, with specific caps for different property sizes. Landlords retain the option to apply lower increases, freeze rents, or even reduce them if needed, considering local market conditions and tenant affordability.

Rent Increase 2026/27

2.43 The updated Social Housing Rent Standard applies in 2026/27. CPI in September was 3.8% so the maximum permitted increase from April 2026 will be 4.8%. As in previous years, landlords continue to be free to apply a lower increase if they wish to do so. The standard directs providers to consider the local market context when deciding on the level of rent increase as well as the levels of Housing Benefit or Universal Credit available to claimant households who might occupy their properties.

2.44 The impact of the affordability of increased rents for tenants is an important consideration. In addition, consideration must be given to increasing cost pressures on the HRA. There is a statutory requirement that the HRA breaks even each year, and rental income is the main source of revenue to meet the costs of management and maintenance. It also must be sufficient to cover the cost of servicing debt each year, both historic and for funding new build schemes and major works.

2.45 We pride ourselves on providing our tenants with homes that are well managed and maintained, safe, and of a good quality and have recently been recognised for this by the Regulator of Social Housing awarding the highest grade of C1 rating for our housing services, delivered in partnership with Rykneld Homes. However, regulation and compliance are having a significant impact on the cost of delivery. To meet the cost of ongoing compliance requirements the HRA needs to fund an additional £1.543m per annum from 2026/27.

2.46 Table 4 below shows increase options and the extra annual revenue this would generate:

Table 4

Increase %	New Average Weekly Rent £	Weekly Increase £	Extra Revenue £
0%	93.74	0	0
3.8%	96.74	3.00	1.1m
4.2%	97.68	3.94	1.5m
4.8%	98.24	4.50	1.7m

2.47 Taking all the above into consideration, a rent increase of 4.8% is being recommended in the budget for 2026/27.

Other Fees and Charges

2.48 Although the main source of income for the HRA is property rents, there are other charges such as heating and rents for garages and plots. Heating charges are set on the principle that wherever possible they will reflect the cost of providing those services.

Rykneld Homes Ltd Management Fee (Revenue)

2.49 The majority of the funding available to Rykneld Homes (RHL) is provided by way of a management fee from the Council for delivery of services in line with the Management Agreement. The Management Agreement sets out the financial framework for the relationship between the Council and RHL and Schedule 3 of the agreement sets out the arrangements for the calculation of the annual fee for services undertaken by RHL

2.50 The calculation of the management fee each year is informed by the annual business planning and budget setting process. External pressures driven by changes to regulation, increased demand for services and the ongoing impact of the economic climate are putting considerable pressure on the delivery of housing services.

2.51 The impact of regulation and compliance as detailed in 2.45 above is having a significant impact on the cost of delivery. These are a combination of both capital and revenue pressures and have been built into the capital programme and repairs management fee respectively.

2.52 The proposed management fee for 2026/27 is £13.962m. This is contained within two budgets – Repairs and Maintenance (£6.565m) and Supervision and Management (£7.396m).

2.53 A further issue needs to be brought to the attention of Cabinet which concerns the fact that Rykneld Homes is a company wholly owned by the Council. As such the company's external auditors seek from the Council on an annual basis at the time of the audit of the Company's accounts a Letter of Comfort from the Council as the parent company. That letter of comfort fundamentally seeks reassurance regarding the fact that the Council will continue to provide financial support to the company over the coming financial year (which in the case of the 2025/26 accounts will be the 2026/27 financial year). On the basis that this report is approved then it is reasonable to provide such a letter of comfort. In addition it may be the case that specific representations are required in order to support the Auditors view that the Company remains a going concern. The reasonableness of providing such assurances will need to be considered at that point in time when the Company's auditors approach the Council, and it is therefore recommended that delegated powers be granted to the Director of Finance & Resources in consultation with the Leader of the Council to provide a response on behalf of the Council.

Financial Reserves – HRA

2.54 The HRA has a working balance of £3m, which like the general fund is a risk-based reserve and is calculated on a per property basis. In addition to the Working Balance there are further reserves for the HRA specifically used to fund the HRA capital programme. These are the Major Repairs Reserve and the Development Reserve. An Insurance Reserve is also held to cover claims excesses and self-insured claims.

Capital Investment Programme

2.55 There will be a separate report to Council on 26 January 2026 concerning the Treasury Management suite of Strategies. That report will consider capital financing such as borrowing which enables the proposed capital programme budgets to proceed.

2025/26 Current Budget

2.56 In January 2025, Members approved a Capital Programme in respect of 2025/26 to 2028/29. Scheme delays and technical problems can often cause expenditure to slip into future years and schemes can be added or extended as a result of securing additional external funding. All slippage from 2024/25 has been accounted for in the 2025/26 revised position.

2.57 The Revised Capital Programme was considered by Cabinet at its meeting on the 27 November 2025. There have been no material changes to the budget position since this time, some reprofiling between years has taken place.

General Fund Capital Programme 2026/27 to 2029/30

2.58 The proposed Capital Programme for the General Fund totals:

- £4.97m for 2026/27;
- £4.15m for 2027/28;
- £2.31m for 2028/29;
- £3.22m for 2029/30.

The budget in 2026/27 includes the Warm Homes Local Grant project, as well as the cyclical Vehicle Replacement Programme along with the annual Asset Management Programme.

HRA Capital Programme 2026/27 to 2029/30

2.59 The proposed Capital Programme for the HRA totals:

- £28.9m for 2026/27;
- £26.5m for 2027/28;
- £16.7m for 2028/29;
- £15.7m for 2029/30.

2.60 The proposed programme for HRA capital works totals £87.8m over the four-year programme. The budget includes the HRA's Warm Homes Social Housing

Fund and includes the annual fee paid to RHL for delivering all HRA capital works (£1.1m).

- 2.61 The programme includes a regeneration budget of £2.5m proposed for smaller regeneration schemes.
- 2.62 The regeneration project at Stonebroom continues into 2026/27 with an estimated completion during 2027/28.
- 2.63 In addition, £4m has been included across the four-year programme to fund the ongoing commitment to purchasing affordable houses in the district to replace those lost through right to buy sales.
- 2.64 An analysis of all the schemes and associated funding are attached at **Appendix 4** to this report.

Robustness of the Estimates and Adequacy of Reserves

- 2.65 This section of the report is prepared in accordance with Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003, which requires the S151 Officer to report on the robustness of the estimates made for the purposes of budget setting and the adequacy of the financial reserves.
- 2.66 In forming an opinion on the robustness of the estimates, the S151 Officer has considered the following factors:
 - The robustness of the budget setting process and the assumptions underpinning the budget such as inflation. This includes consultation with all budget managers and senior management.
 - Employee costs are based on the approved establishment.
 - Investment income is in line with the Treasury Management Strategy.
 - Income budgets are achievable.
 - The financial management and control frameworks in place.
 - The risks associated with the budget and the measures in place to mitigate those risks.
 - The alignment of the budget with the council's strategic priorities and objectives.
 - The impact of external influences on the estimates such as changes in government policy or legislation.
- 2.67 In consideration of the above, the Section 151 Officer is satisfied that the estimates are robust and prudent. Estimates in respect of national policy change are based on best available data at the time of setting the budget and funding has not been included where there is insufficient certainty to do so.
- 2.68 The council's reserves are held to manage financial risks and to ensure financial stability. The key reserves are detailed at 2.30 – 2.36 above.
- 2.69 In consideration of the above, the Section 151 Officer is satisfied that the levels of reserves are adequate to fund planned expenditure and potential issues and risks that face the Council at this time. Based on current assumptions there are

sufficient reserves to meet the requirements in the medium-term financial plan should they be required.

Financial Resilience

2.70 Financial Resilience has become a significant issue for local authorities over recent years. CIPFA issued their Financial Management Code in 2019 designed to support good practice in financial management and to assist local authorities in demonstrating their financial sustainability. One of the key areas of focus in the Code is financial performance monitoring and demonstrating that financial resilience is being assessed on an ongoing basis. Three key areas are analysed to aid this:

- Revenue Health
- Capital Health
- Funding Sensitivities

2.71 Performance against these metrics is monitored and benchmarked on a regular basis and reported to the Services Scrutiny Committee. The latest analysis shows healthy results for both revenue and capital health. The low taxbase position presents a risk to financial resilience as it limits the income that can be generated through council tax. Exposure to interest rate risk is also rising due to an increasing reliance on borrowing externally which results in increased exposure to rises in interest rates.

3 Reasons for Recommendation

3.1 This report presents a budget for consideration by Cabinet. It seeks to secure approval to recommend budgets to Council in respect of the General Fund, the Housing Revenue Account, and the Capital Programme.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 The Council is required to set a budget each year. There are no alternative options being considered at this time.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
Appendix 1	General Fund MTFP – Summary 2025/26 to 2029/30
Appendix 2	General Fund MTFP – Detail 2025/26 to 2029/30
Appendix 3	HRA MTFP 2025/26 to 2029/30
Appendix 4	Capital Programme MTFP 2025/26 to 2029/30
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet you must provide copies of the background papers)	
None	

	Current Budget 2025/26	Original Budget 2026/27	Planning Budget 2027/28	Planning Budget 2028/29	Planning Budget 2029/30
	£	£	£	£	£
Organisation and Place Directorate	8,619,612	9,497,341	10,164,681	10,242,164	10,549,150
Finance and Resources Directorate	5,128,994	5,631,569	5,663,296	5,750,842	5,902,155
Growth and Assets Directorate	3,215,026	3,287,462	3,387,657	3,594,720	3,737,668
Recharges to Capital and HRA	(618,350)	(618,350)	(618,350)	(618,350)	(618,350)
Net Cost of Services	16,345,282	17,798,022	18,597,284	18,969,376	19,570,623
Investment Properties	(461,545)	(442,395)	(441,020)	(439,640)	(438,220)
Bad Debt Provision	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Interest	(1,261,404)	(1,059,857)	(872,493)	(666,472)	(625,973)
Debt Repayment Minimum Revenue Provision	56,000	56,000	56,000	56,000	56,000
Parish Precepts	4,083,784	4,083,784	4,083,784	4,083,784	4,083,784
Transfer To Earmarked Reserves	735,554	50,000	0	0	0
Transfer From Earmarked Reserves	(893,690)	(189,576)	(1,373,938)	(2,162,304)	(1,989,301)
Transfer Shortfall From Reserves	0	(46,213)	0	0	(1,580,841)
Total Spending Requirement	18,643,981	20,289,765	20,089,617	19,880,744	19,116,072
Business Rates	(6,079,668)	(3,494,078)	(3,661,414)	(3,833,937)	(4,011,760)
New Homes Bonus	(743,488)	0	0	0	0
Recovery Grant	(203,179)	(203,179)	(203,179)	(203,179)	0
100% Income Protection Floor	0	(208,656)	(510,122)	(836,536)	0
Employer National Insurance Contributions	(145,150)	0	0	0	0
Revenue Support Grant/ Fair Funding Transitional Protection	0	(4,819,290)	(4,150,340)	(3,442,530)	(3,539,750)
Collection Fund (Surplus)/Deficit - Council Tax	(141,491)	(141,491)	(141,491)	(141,491)	(141,491)
Collection Fund (Surplus)/Deficit - NNDR	0	0	0	0	0
NEDDC Council Tax Requirement	(7,247,221)	(7,339,287)	(7,339,287)	(7,339,287)	(7,339,287)
Parish Council Council Tax Requirement	(4,083,784)	(4,083,784)	(4,083,784)	(4,083,784)	(4,083,784)
Council Tax Requirement	(18,643,981)	(20,289,765)	(20,089,617)	(19,880,744)	(19,116,072)

		Current Budget 2025/26	Original Budget 2026/27	Planning Budget 2027/28	Planning Budget 2028/29	Planning Budget 2029/30
		£	£	£	£	£
<u>Organisation and Place Directorate</u>						
Managing Director & Head of Paid Service						
4500	Managing Director	185,814	192,350	198,012	203,844	209,852
4500 - VS	Organisation & Place Vacancy Savings Target	0	(380,940)	(394,820)	(408,230)	(422,200)
5720	Supporting PA's	135,692	127,769	131,670	135,687	139,826
		321,506	(60,821)	(65,138)	(68,699)	(72,522)
Assistant Director Environmental Health						
3400	Environmental Protection	159,521	143,449	148,818	156,019	165,292
3401	Food, Health & Safety	155,968	162,363	171,034	178,801	185,611
3402	Environmental Enforcement	127,191	150,311	156,157	162,258	168,181
3404	Licensing	11,249	23,693	29,232	34,973	40,565
3405	Pollution	128,302	148,716	155,075	161,723	168,355
3407	Pest Control	29,191	34,331	36,318	38,397	40,574
3408	Home Improvement	26,473	27,299	28,009	28,741	29,382
3409	EH Technical Support & Management	302,087	305,639	314,946	324,390	333,936
3410	Private Sector Housing	85,021	98,258	102,498	106,931	111,351
3419	Destitute Funerals	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
3420	Fly Tipping	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
3426	Covid Enforcement Team	2,221	0	0	0	0
3427	Private Water Supply Contract	(170)	0	0	0	0
3429	Joint Assistant Director Environmental Health	53,235	55,116	56,766	58,465	60,215
		1,084,789	1,153,675	1,203,353	1,255,198	1,307,962
Assistant Director Streetscene						
3174	Street Scene	353,036	386,731	403,641	419,940	436,929
3227	Materials Recycling	917,212	884,982	917,031	947,302	977,716
3230	Food Waste Collection	(515,836)	(280,667)	(240,368)	(201,403)	(167,602)
3244	Parks Derbyshire County Council Agency	(272,000)	(272,000)	(272,000)	(272,000)	(272,000)
3282	Eckington Depot	151,189	151,558	153,714	156,440	159,781
3285	Dronfield Bulk Depot	3,840	3,980	4,055	4,140	4,220
3511	Hasland Cemetery	(50,590)	(52,295)	(53,075)	(53,875)	(54,685)
3513	Temple Normanton Cemetery	(9,625)	(6,885)	(6,970)	(7,055)	(7,105)
3514	Clay Cross Cemetery	(68,380)	(62,745)	(63,125)	(63,510)	(63,510)
3516	Killamarsh Cemetery	(20,225)	(21,215)	(21,645)	(22,080)	(22,070)
3918	Dog Fouling Bins	(61,795)	(60,795)	(60,795)	(60,795)	(60,795)
3921	Street Cleaning Service	689,591	731,779	755,421	779,176	802,953
3922	Gully Emptying Service	(21,768)	(17,852)	(14,333)	(10,672)	(7,650)
3943	Transport	777,418	863,098	869,379	871,729	871,170
3944	Grounds Maintenance	699,311	813,772	839,245	859,788	896,029
3945	Domestic Waste Collection	1,997,030	2,205,583	2,372,320	2,444,559	2,436,869
3946	Commercial Waste Collection	(307,611)	(306,750)	(303,564)	(301,014)	(298,392)
3947	Assistant Director Streetscene	106,793	110,582	113,882	117,281	120,781
		4,367,590	5,070,861	5,392,813	5,607,951	5,752,639
Assistant Director Planning						
4111	Applications And Advice	(747,115)	(642,000)	(642,000)	(642,000)	(642,000)
4113	Planning Appeals	50,155	0	0	0	0
4116	Planning Policy	552,751	658,520	654,530	555,870	576,935
4119	Neighbourhood Planning Grant	(20,000)	0	0	0	0
4311	Environmental Conservation	20,250	20,980	21,395	21,830	22,260
4511	Assistant Director - Planning	106,164	109,902	113,202	116,601	120,101
4513	Planning	867,855	954,703	984,725	1,015,734	1,046,853
4515	Building Control	39,000	39,000	39,000	39,000	39,000
5354	Land Charges	34,803	17,294	19,376	21,520	23,729
		903,863	1,158,399	1,190,228	1,128,555	1,186,878
Assistant Director Governance						
1121	Member's Services	549,175	564,570	575,575	586,810	598,260
1123	Chair's Expenses	7,100	9,080	11,045	11,065	11,090

1131	District Elections	0	0	190,000	0	0
1231	Corporate Training	57,000	56,000	56,000	56,000	56,000
1259	Corporate Groups	11,475	11,825	12,010	12,200	12,395
1311	Human Resources	390,690	381,336	394,539	408,026	419,655
3121	Health & Safety Advisor	113,626	111,165	121,210	120,595	117,285
5313	Register Of Electors	201,527	225,897	232,515	239,398	245,686
5321	Assistant Director Governance	116,154	119,520	123,029	126,635	130,351
5353	Legal Section	243,899	259,534	273,380	286,421	296,294
5392	Scrutiny	0	43,560	45,649	47,839	50,136
5711	Democratic Services	251,218	392,741	408,473	424,170	437,041
		1,941,864	2,175,228	2,443,425	2,319,159	2,374,193

Total for Organisation and Place Directorate	8,619,612	9,497,341	10,164,681	10,242,164	10,549,150
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Finance and Resources Directorate

Director of Finance & Resources

1312	Payroll	113,104	148,675	153,162	157,135	161,233
1315	Design & Print	144,854	120,393	123,363	126,421	129,572
1321	Communications & Marketing	175,556	196,507	204,431	212,650	220,853
1323	NEDDC News	22,300	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,000
3512	CBC Crematorium	(200,000)	(200,000)	(200,000)	(200,000)	(200,000)
4428	Manor Farm redevelopment design work	47,457	0	0	0	0
5113	Unison Duties	105	23,464	24,187	24,932	25,699
5611	External Audit	157,913	180,869	180,869	180,869	180,869
5615	Bank Charges	144,000	144,000	144,000	144,000	144,000
5621	Contribution to/from HRA	(185,450)	(185,450)	(185,450)	(185,450)	(185,450)
5707	Local Government Reorganisation/Other Hired Services	3,190	0	0	0	0
5713	Audit	123,035	127,462	130,014	132,615	135,264
5714	Financial Support Services	2,500	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
5715	Procurement	85,246	88,038	91,127	94,310	97,588
5716	Director of Finance & Resources	74,100	76,669	78,943	81,285	83,697
5716 - VS	Finance & Resources Vacancy Savings Target	0	(170,390)	(171,625)	(175,240)	(180,860)
5721	Financial Services	432,409	422,757	437,080	451,349	465,754
5724	Insurance	525,510	525,510	525,510	525,510	525,510
5725	Apprenticeship Levy	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
5727	Cost Of Ex-Employees	108,600	108,600	108,600	108,600	108,600
		1,844,429	1,703,104	1,740,211	1,774,986	1,808,329

Assistant Director ICT

5215	Telephones	15,450	15,450	15,450	15,450	15,450
5216	Mobile Phones and Ipads	26,490	26,490	26,490	26,490	26,490
5701	Joint ICT Service	81,304	119,060	88,549	15,801	15,801
5734	NEDDC ICT Service	707,303	886,334	903,465	921,738	937,340
5736	Business Development	150,989	156,709	165,178	178,062	185,083
5737	Corporate Printing Costs	20,700	20,700	20,700	20,700	20,700
		1,002,236	1,224,743	1,219,832	1,178,241	1,200,864

Assistant Director Communities

1218	Community Safety	86,174	129,790	89,269	93,187	97,263
1220	Assistant Director Communities	52,847	54,917	56,566	58,265	60,015
3165	Housing Options Team	348,115	356,693	317,483	327,573	336,824
3176	Pool Car	150	150	150	150	150
3740	Strategic Housing	174,753	131,209	135,039	138,984	143,046
3745	Household Support Fund	0	0	0	0	0
3747	Homeless Temp Accomodation	20,891	51,842	53,374	54,953	56,579
3748	Homelessness Grant	36,000	36,000	36,000	36,000	36,000
3749	Empty Properties	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
3750	Housing Growth	0	0	0	0	0
3754	Rough Sleepers	4,835	0	0	0	0
3756	Supported Housing Improvement Programme	(28,157)	125	0	0	0
3759	Emergency Welfare Assistance Grant	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
3760	Asylum Dispersal	(90,100)	0	0	0	0
5221	Customer Services	414,009	429,737	442,986	457,025	473,509
5223	Franking Machine	29,900	29,900	29,900	29,900	29,900
5224	Hybrid Mail	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
5741	Housing Benefit Service	647,198	772,335	803,174	833,940	864,097

5742	Test and Trace	(79,419)	0	0	0	0
5745	Covid New Burdens	0	0	0	0	0
5747	Debtors	73,228	76,108	78,449	80,856	83,332
5748	Ukrainian Guests	2,100	0	0	0	0
5751	NNDR Collection	14,030	24,794	28,530	32,263	35,943
5759	Council Tax Administration	533,065	567,872	590,348	612,804	634,864
5825	Concessionary Bus Passes	(13,790)	(14,250)	(14,515)	(14,785)	(15,060)
		2,282,329	2,703,722	2,703,253	2,797,615	2,892,962

Total for Finance and Resources Directorate	5,128,994	5,631,569	5,663,296	5,750,842	5,902,155
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Growth and Assets Directorate

Director of Growth & Assets

1283	Emergency Planning	20,440	21,175	21,595	22,030	22,470
4600	Director of Growth & Assets	146,475	151,714	156,261	160,946	165,771
4600 - VS	Growth & Assets Vacancy Savings Target	0	(193,275)	(200,515)	(207,235)	(212,890)
		166,915	(20,386)	(22,659)	(24,259)	(24,649)

Assistant Director Property, Estates & Assets

3135	Drainage	13,271	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
3172	Engineers	99,981	184,501	200,341	210,223	219,927
3241	Car Parks	51,490	54,650	55,315	55,995	56,690
3247	Street Names/Lights	12,500	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
3249	Footpath Orders	(1,000)	(400)	(400)	(400)	(400)
3265	Dams And Fishing Ponds	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
4412	Midway Business Centre	(47,540)	(52,025)	(54,670)	(54,315)	(50,700)
4425	Coney Green Business Centre	(11,795)	(965)	16,929	11,839	17,867
4523	Estates Administration	226,825	260,243	270,896	282,272	294,465
4525	Miscellaneous Properties	20,970	23,540	23,870	24,205	24,550
5204	Assistant Director Property, Estates & Assets	106,461	110,247	113,547	116,946	120,446
5205	Mill Lane	150,127	160,394	162,819	168,966	175,264
5206	Mill Lane Land	1,688	0	0	0	0
5209	Facilities Management	231,772	289,365	286,590	294,966	303,672
5210	Pioneer House	114,540	119,510	116,880	120,982	124,791
		971,790	1,170,560	1,213,617	1,253,179	1,308,072

Assistant Director Regeneration & Programmes

1255	Strategy and Performance	251,115	260,707	269,057	277,077	285,336
1331	Strategic Partnerships	190,950	303,367	314,959	326,516	338,523
1333	Healthy North East Derbyshire	(940)	0	0	0	0
1336	UKSPF	(627,761)	0	0	0	0
1337	Pride in the Public Realm Eckington Northgate	50,000	0	0	0	0
1338	Feeling Safer	49,505	0	0	0	0
1339	Explore the District	88,700	881	0	0	0
1340	Inclusive Communities	222,195	0	0	0	0
1341	Derbyshire Accelerator	86,250	0	0	0	0
1342	Sector Development	3,750	0	0	0	0
1343	Digital Skills	50,000	0	0	0	0
1344	Vocational Skills	20,000	0	0	0	0
1345	Management and Admin	57,361	0	0	0	0
3284	Wingerworth OPE	0	0	0	0	0
4211	Tourism Promotions	39,230	40,412	41,480	42,592	43,743
4238	Working Communities Strategy	44,866	65,287	67,787	70,363	72,442
4351	Alliance	3,910	4,050	4,130	4,215	4,300
4443	Elderly Peoples Clubs	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200
4512	Growth Agenda	21,815	22,185	22,310	22,435	22,565
4517	Economic Development	194,268	283,063	293,903	305,096	313,818
5750	Assistant Director Regeneration & Programmes	106,396	110,182	113,482	116,881	120,381
5785	Contributions	135,885	149,085	149,085	149,085	149,085
		991,695	1,243,419	1,280,393	1,318,460	1,354,393

Assistant Director Leisure

4561	Leisure Centre Management	226,014	234,311	239,301	244,463	249,589
4731	Promotion Of Recreation And Leisure	39,304	40,825	42,068	43,349	44,667
4736	Derbyshire Sports Forum	14,450	14,450	14,450	14,450	14,450
4740	Parkinsons UK Physical Activity Programme	480	0	0	0	0

4742	Arts Development	5,090	5,090	5,090	5,090	5,090
8441	Eckington Active	26,468	36,134	50,331	63,266	73,569
8445	Eckington Active Café	6,833	8,724	10,222	11,737	13,389
8451	Dronfield Active	(166,952)	(153,667)	(138,510)	(124,529)	(112,786)
8455	Dronfield Active Café	(2,777)	160	2,686	5,286	7,965
8461	Clay Cross Active	766,373	598,620	638,388	708,003	701,578
8465	Clay Cross Active (Outdoor)	(28,375)	(116,535)	(120,710)	(125,045)	(129,500)
8466	Clay Cross Active Café	(974)	(100,694)	(97,928)	(95,086)	(92,164)
8471	Killamarsh Active	189,769	315,091	258,072	281,985	308,070
8475	Killamarsh Active (Outdoors)	(23,500)	(24,000)	(25,040)	(26,115)	(27,230)
8476	Killamarsh Active Café	32,423	35,360	37,886	40,486	43,165
		1,084,626	893,869	916,306	1,047,340	1,099,852

Total for Growth and Assets Directorate	3,215,026	3,287,462	3,387,657	3,594,720	3,737,668
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Corporate Charges

0001	Recharges to Capital and HRA	(618,350)	(618,350)	(618,350)	(618,350)	(618,350)
	Total for Corporate Charges	(618,350)	(618,350)	(618,350)	(618,350)	(618,350)
	Net Cost of Services	16,345,282	17,798,022	18,597,284	18,969,376	19,570,623

Investment Properties

4411	Stonebroom Industrial Estate	(57,640)	(54,085)	(54,025)	(53,965)	(53,905)
4413	Clay Cross Industrial Estate	(87,620)	(85,595)	(85,580)	(85,570)	(85,555)
4415	Norwood Industrial Estate	(205,490)	(203,040)	(202,780)	(202,515)	(202,250)
4417	Eckington Business Park	(3,600)	(700)	(640)	(585)	(525)
4418	Rotherhside Court Eckington Business Unit	(15,350)	(14,750)	(14,330)	(13,905)	(13,470)
4423	Pavillion Workshops Holmewood	(98,780)	(96,280)	(96,225)	(96,175)	(96,115)
4432	Miscellaneous Properties	6,935	12,055	12,560	13,075	13,600
	Total for Investment Properties	(461,545)	(442,395)	(441,020)	(439,640)	(438,220)

	Current Budget 2025/26	Original Budget 2026/27	Planning Budget 2027/28	Planning Budget 2028/29	Planning Budget 2029/30
INCOME					
Dwelling Rents	(37,200,232)	(39,211,683)	(39,223,653)	(39,235,625)	(39,247,597)
Non-Dwelling Rents	(526,957)	(537,541)	(538,541)	(539,541)	(540,541)
Charges for Services and Facilities	(59,250)	(59,250)	(64,250)	(64,250)	(64,250)
Contributions Towards Expenditure	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)
INCOME TOTAL	(37,836,439)	(39,858,474)	(39,876,444)	(39,889,416)	(39,902,388)
EXPENDITURE					
Repairs & Maintenance	6,046,242	6,969,582	6,972,113	6,974,692	6,977,325
Supervision & Management	9,334,021	9,521,488	9,804,409	9,581,697	9,612,553
Rents, Rates & Taxes	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000
Depreciation	8,799,932	8,799,932	8,799,932	8,799,932	8,799,932
Provision for Doubtful Debts	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Debt Management Expenses	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,000
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	24,573,195	25,684,002	25,969,454	25,749,321	25,782,810
NET COST OF SERVICES	(13,263,244)	(14,174,472)	(13,906,990)	(14,140,095)	(14,119,578)
Corporate & Democratic Core	185,450	185,450	185,450	185,450	185,450
NET COST OF HRA SERVICES	(13,077,794)	(13,989,022)	(13,721,540)	(13,954,645)	(13,934,128)
HRA Debt, and Reserve charges					
Interest Payable	6,303,487	6,814,702	7,159,495	7,584,923	7,688,791
Interest Receivable	(237,881)	(153,923)	(144,621)	(133,748)	(137,505)
Contribution to Major Repairs Reserve	6,700,068	6,200,068	6,700,068	5,900,068	5,900,068
Contribution to Development Reserve	971,709	1,196,350	847,160	1,023,000	23,000
Contribution to Insurance/Litigation Reserve	50,000	0	50,000	50,000	50,000
Contribution to/(from) Resilience Reserve	(559,214)	82,200	(785,187)	(469,598)	409,774
Water Litigation	(150,375)	(150,375)	(105,375)	0	0
(Surplus)/Deficit on HRA Services	0	0	0	0	0
Opening HRA Balance	(3,000,000)	(3,000,000)	(3,000,000)	(3,000,000)	(3,000,000)
Transfers (to)/from Balances	0	0	0	0	0
Closing HRA Balance	(3,000,000)	(3,000,000)	(3,000,000)	(3,000,000)	(3,000,000)

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2025/26 - 2029/30

Capital Expenditure	Revised Budget 2025/26	Original Budget 2026/27	Planning Budget 2027/28	Planning Budget 2028/29	Planning Budget 2029/30
	£	£	£	£	£
Housing Revenue Account					
HRA Capital Works	14,045,000	14,587,000	14,200,000	14,200,000	14,200,000
HRA Capital Works - Non Traditional Properties	0	0	0	500,000	500,000
Stock Purchase Programme (1-4-1)	3,022,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
North Wingfield New Build Project	1,559,000	0	0	0	0
Stonebroom Regeneration	1,753,000	9,800,000	7,753,360	0	0
Garage Demolitions	30,000	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,000
Warm Homes Social Housing Fund (RHL)	3,339,920	2,975,960	2,502,730	0	0
Small scale regeneration schemes	0	500,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
HRA - Capital Expenditure	23,748,920	28,885,960	26,479,090	16,723,000	15,723,000
General Fund					
Private Sector Housing Grants (DFG's)	1,017,106	1,017,106	1,017,106	1,017,106	1,017,106
ICT Schemes	359,000	410,000	348,000	40,000	40,000
Clay Cross Football Pitch	9,000	0	0	0	0
Asset Refurbishment - General	639,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Asset Refurbishment - Mill Lane	316,000	0	0	0	0
Dronfield Sports Centre Carbon Efficiencies Programme	60,000	0	0	0	0
Fuel Island Project	420,000	0	0	0	0
Southern Vehicle Hub	310,000	0	0	0	0
Coney Green Telephony System	162,000	0	15,000	0	0
Replacement of Vehicles	3,108,120	1,011,000	247,000	730,000	1,632,000
Contaminated Land	42,000	0	0	0	0
Sharley Park 3G pitch	968,000	0	0	0	0
Sharley Park 3G pitch Replacement Fund	27,000	27,000	27,000	27,000	27,000
CX Town Market Street Regeneration	10,533,000	0	0	0	0
CX Town Sharley Park Active Community Hub	2,828,000	0	0	0	0
CX Town Low Carbon Housing Challenge Fund	655,000	0	0	0	0
CX Town Rail Station Feasibility	44,000	0	0	0	0
CX Town Programme Management	373,000	0	0	0	0
Pride in the Public Realm Eckington Southgate - UK SPF Grants	30,000	0	0	0	0
Pride in the Public Realm Killamarsh - UK SPF Grants	10,000	0	0	0	0
Pride in the Public Realm Other - UK SPF Grants	37,803	0	0	0	0
Quality Parks and Play Areas - UK SPF Grants	160,060	0	0	0	0
Shop Fronts - UK SPF Grants	210,000	0	0	0	0
Management & Admin - UK SPF Grants	12,197	0	0	0	0
Warm Homes Local Grant Project	1,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	0	0
General Fund Capital Expenditure	23,330,286	4,965,106	4,154,106	2,314,106	3,216,106
Total Capital Expenditure	47,079,206	33,851,066	30,633,196	19,037,106	18,939,106
Capital Financing					
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
Housing Revenue Account					
Major Repairs Reserve	(15,545,000)	(15,500,000)	(15,500,000)	(14,700,000)	(14,700,000)
Prudential Borrowing - HRA	(4,334,000)	(3,680,140)	(6,776,360)	0	0
Development Reserve	(1,084,404)	(1,196,350)	(847,160)	(1,023,000)	(23,000)
External Grant - Homes England	0	(6,119,860)	0	0	0
External Grant - Warm Homes Social Housing Fund Grant (RHL)	(1,115,760)	(1,389,610)	(1,355,570)	0	0
Capital Receipts	0	0	(1,000,000)	0	0
1-4-1 Receipts	(1,669,756)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)
HRA Capital Financing	(23,748,920)	(28,885,960)	(26,479,090)	(16,723,000)	(15,723,000)
General Fund					
Disabled Facilities Grant	(1,017,106)	(1,017,106)	(1,017,106)	(1,017,106)	(1,017,106)
External Grant - Lottery Funded Schemes	(9,000)	0	0	0	0
External Grant - Contaminated Land	(42,000)	0	0	0	0
External Grant - Clay Cross Towns Fund	(12,372,000)	0	0	0	0
External Grant - Sharley Park 3G pitch	(750,000)	0	0	0	0
External Grant - UKSPF	(460,060)	0	0	0	0
External Grant - Food Waste Vehicles	(697,530)	0	0	0	0
External Grant - Sport England for CCA	0	0	0	0	0
External Grant - Warm Homes Local Grant	(1,000,000)	(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)	0	0
Prudential Borrowing - Vehicle Replacement	(1,927,340)	(505,500)	0	0	(816,000)
Prudential Borrowing - Sharley Park Leisure Centre	(1,673,000)	0	0	0	0
Prudential Borrowing - Sharley Park Leisure Centre 3G pitch	(218,000)	0	0	0	0
RCCO - Mill Lane Refurbishment	(316,000)	0	0	0	0
RCCO - Coney Green Telephony System	(162,000)	0	(15,000)	0	0
RCCO - CCA (use of Reserves)	(388,000)	0	0	0	0
Useable Capital Receipts	(2,298,250)	(1,442,500)	(1,122,000)	(1,297,000)	(1,383,000)
General Fund Capital Financing	(23,330,286)	(4,965,106)	(4,154,106)	(2,314,106)	(3,216,106)
HRA Development Reserve					
Opening Balance	(112,695)	0	0	0	0
Amount due in year	(971,709)	(1,196,350)	(847,160)	(1,023,000)	(23,000)
Amount used in year	1,084,404	1,196,350	847,160	1,023,000	23,000
Closing Balance	0	0	0	0	0
Major Repairs Reserve					
Opening Balance	(589,461)	(544,461)	(44,461)	(44,461)	(44,461)
Amount due in year	(15,500,000)	(15,000,000)	(15,500,000)	(14,700,000)	(14,700,000)
Amount used in year	15,545,000	15,500,000	15,500,000	14,700,000	14,700,000
Closing Balance	(544,461)	(44,461)	(44,461)	(44,461)	(44,461)
Capital Receipts Reserve					
Opening Balance	(2,504,188)	(1,705,938)	(1,763,438)	(2,141,438)	(2,344,438)
Income expected in year	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)
Allowable Debt/Pooling Expenses	0	0	0	0	0
Amount used in year	2,298,250	1,442,500	1,122,000	1,297,000	1,383,000
Closing Balance	(1,705,938)	(1,763,438)	(2,141,438)	(2,344,438)	(2,461,438)
Capital Receipts Reserve 1-4-1 receipts					
Opening Balance	(314,370)	(314,370)	(314,370)	(314,370)	(314,370)
Income expected in year	(1,669,756)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)
Amount used in year	1,669,756	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Closing Balance	(314,370)	(314,370)	(314,370)	(314,370)	(314,370)
Total Capital Financing	(47,079,206)	(33,851,066)	(30,633,196)	(19,037,106)	(18,939,106)

Agenda Item 5

North East Derbyshire District Council

Cabinet

15 January, 2025

PROGRESS REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW LOCAL PLAN.

Report of Councillor Pickering Portfolio Holder for Environment and Place

Classification: This report is public

Report By: Assistant Director of Planning

Contact Officer: David Thompson

PURPOSE / SUMMARY

To update Cabinet on the work that has been undertaken to develop a new Local Plan, since the decision in November 2024 to undertake a Review of the current Plan. This report seeks to satisfy the Terms of Reference for the Local Plan Working Group, which requires update reports to Cabinet, Environment Scrutiny Committee and to Council on this matter. The report is expected to be presented at the Council meeting on 26 January 2026 and will be presented at the next meeting of the Environment Scrutiny Committee following Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Cabinet notes the contents of this report and endorses its inclusion on the agenda for the Council meeting on 26 January 2026 and the next available Environment Scrutiny Committee meeting after that date.

Approved by the Portfolio Holder – Cllr Pickering, Cabinet Member for Environment & Place

IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Details: The main risk associated with not having an up to date Local Plan is the financial burden of appeals against refusals of applications for 'unplanned' development. The cost associated with defending appeals on sites subsequently allocated in the current Local Plan ran into the hundreds of thousands. Diverting finding to resource that process has direct implications for other services that the Council provides. It is therefore in the financial interests of the Council to work at pace and limit the period during which the Council does not have an up to date plan to as short a timeframe as possible.

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details: The Local Plan Working Group terms of reference require update reports to be presented to Cabinet and Council through discussion with Members of the Working Group. Comments have been invited on this report from members of the Working Group and any issues raised will be included in the report presented to Council.

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes No

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Stage 2 full assessment undertaken <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed EIA stage 2 needs to be appended to the report 	No, not applicable

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REPORT DETAILS

1 Background (reasons for bringing the report)

- 1.1 Cabinet will recall commencing the formal process for reviewing the current Local Plan at its meeting in November 2024. The Local Plan Working Group (LPWG) did meet twice prior to the decision to progress with the Local Plan review, in November 2023 and February 2024 and the notes of these meetings have been made public via officer reports to Scrutiny committees. The composition of the LPWG was amended at Council in the same month, to be politically proportionate. This update focusses on how the Local Plan review has progressed since November 2024.
- 1.2 To recap, the reason for commencing a formal review in November 2024 was in response to the national consultation on amendments to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), which suggested a revision to the formula for calculating annual housing need, which would have significant implications for the District. The consultation suggested that the uncertainty around the process for examining plans (the reason for not commencing a formal review earlier in 2024) was now outweighed, given the relatively small number of allocated sites left to deliver in the current Local Plan.
- 1.3 The Local Plan review work to date sits under the following broad headings, all of which are explored in more detail in the main section of this report:
 - The importance of having an up to date Plan quickly;
 - Determining a sustainable strategy for development;
 - Consultation so far and an overview of the feedback on the strategic options;
 - Evidence base update;
 - Future consultation requirements; and
 - Priorities for the next six months.

2. The importance of an up to date Local Plan.

2.1 Having an up to date Plan is crucial for the Council to make decisions on planning applications that are backed by local evidence. Even if the method for calculating local housing need had not changed in December 2024, it would remain the case that the current Local Plan does not allocate sufficient sites that have not already been developed to meet the 330 dwelling per annum target for a period longer than the very short term.

2.2 This is largely due to the fact that the sites were delivered as 'speculative' planning applications, because that route was quicker (including the time taken to appeal many of the larger applications) than the progress on the Local Plan. Developers are aware of national policy and many of them won't wait if it looks like the Council is not taking the necessary decisions to get a Plan in place that has a pipeline of sites that will deliver the housing requirement for more than just the first few years of the Plan.

2.3 We know that from November 2026 we will not be able to demonstrate a five year supply of housing sites, because it is at that point that the new target of circa 600 per annum will apply. In all likelihood, we will fall below a five year supply sooner than that, because of the limited number of allocated sites in the current Plan left to develop. If we can submit a draft Plan to the Planning Inspectorate one month later, then the Council can show a clear direction of travel for that future blueprint. That will be a critical signal to all interested parties that the Council understands its responsibilities in respect of a plan-led system.

2.4 We cannot start giving significant weight to the emerging Local Plan until the examination in public (adjudicated by the Planning Inspectorate) is at a more advanced stage. However, promoters of sites will be engaged in that process and like the public, will get a sense of progress. On the balance of probability, if the timetable for submission slips beyond December 2026 and uncertainty increases, promoters will be more inclined to submit 'speculative' planning applications and we risk a return to unplanned development. This is a significant risk that the Council needs to bear in mind when approaching the difficult decisions involved in allocating sites that do not yet have a planning history.

3. Determining a sustainable strategy for development.

3.1 Officers fully accept that there are trade-offs and unpopular decisions to be made when developing a Local Plan that will have some longevity to it, but we also need to be clear that avoiding those decisions will not prevent the change happening on the ground. To avoid the more harmful results of the latter, we need to make progress over the next few months on the strategic objectives for the new Plan. This was a key theme of the Issues and Options consultation that took place in summer 2025, the focus groups that followed and the discussions in the Local Plan Working Group (LPWG) towards the end of 2025.

3.2 It remains theoretically possible that we could propose a strategy that delivers less than the 600 dwellings a year at the point that we submit the draft Local Plan. External expert advice via the Planning Advisory Service (linked to the Local Government Association) has cast doubt on our ability to do this, due to

the shortage of unique circumstances that apply (at a high level) in North East Derbyshire. The undoubtedly infrastructure challenges that our communities face are not dissimilar to those of other semi-rural areas and the main environmental constraint is the Green Belt, which national policy requires to be reviewed to understand how need might be met without undermining the purposes of the wider Green Belt.

- 3.3 In any event, the starting point has to be a strategy that attempts to meet the target, in order to be able to robustly defend the position we conclude before submitting the draft Plan for examination. The LPWG has considered detailed summaries of the responses to the strategic questions posed in the issues and options consultation which broadly highlight the need to accommodate trade-offs in reaching sound conclusions, because no one option is comprehensively supported and no single option can deliver the required level of development.
- 3.4 For example, responses generally indicated a desire to retain the Green Belt and focus on previously developed land in areas with infrastructure capacity and access to jobs and services. There was widespread support for increasing densities in locations around larger settlements, but a preference for sites on the edges of Chesterfield and Sheffield where capacity (i.e. development options submitted to the Council as available for development) is limited and largely within the Green Belt.
- 3.5 Conversely there was limited support through the consultation responses for development around the District's towns and larger villages where capacity (as defined in 3.4 above) is greatest (albeit a sizeable proportion is within Green Belt or a Local Settlement Gap.) Whilst there was also strong support for new strategic sites and/or a new settlement, the combined capacity of these options is less than 6000 dwellings, almost 50% of which is in the Green Belt. National policy requires an assessment of all reasonable options outside the Green Belt before land within the Green Belt is considered for allocation.
- 3.6 A detailed report on the outcome of the Issues & Options consultation will be prepared and published as part of the next consultation on key strategic policy matters and a refined schedule of sites early in 2026.

Current Land Availability position:

- 3.7 The latest information on sites includes all sites that were included in the Issues and Options consultation, plus additional sites submitted during the Issues & Options consultation process and sites identified from other sources, such as lapsed planning permissions.
- 3.8 Over 500 sites (Net - discounting duplicates and overlapping) have been identified with capacity for approximately 36,000 dwellings, which would suggest that there would, in principle, be sufficient capacity to accommodate

the Standard Method Housing Target (i.e. approx. 12,000 dwellings over 20 years. However, as revealed in Figure 1, over 50% of site capacity is either heavily constrained and unsuitable or within the Green Belt of a Local Settlement Gap.

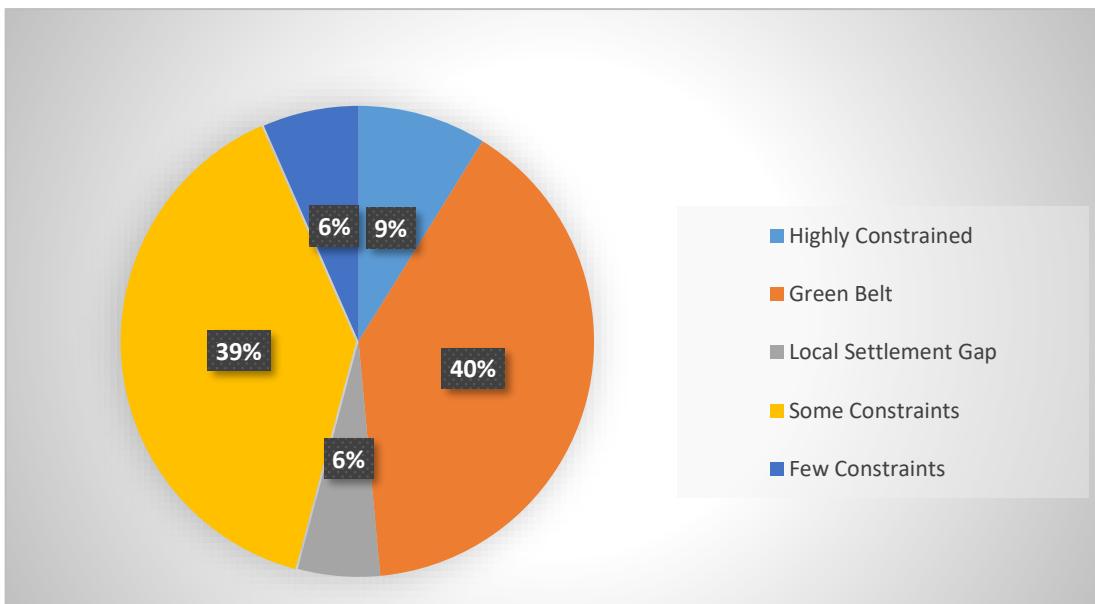


Figure 1: Proportion of Potential Housing Site Capacity by Level/ Type of Constraint

3.10 Furthermore, information on capacity by spatial option (the ‘strategic’ locations for development which provide a context for individual site assessment) gives a clear indication that no single spatial option will be capable of accommodating the full housing need of c. 12,000 dwellings (Figure 2). It is also clear just how much capacity is located within the Green Belt and LSG’s for each of the options, which has specific implications when we start to consider the consultation responses on the preferred approach to the spatial distribution of development and other issues around protecting the Green Belt and LSG’s from further development.

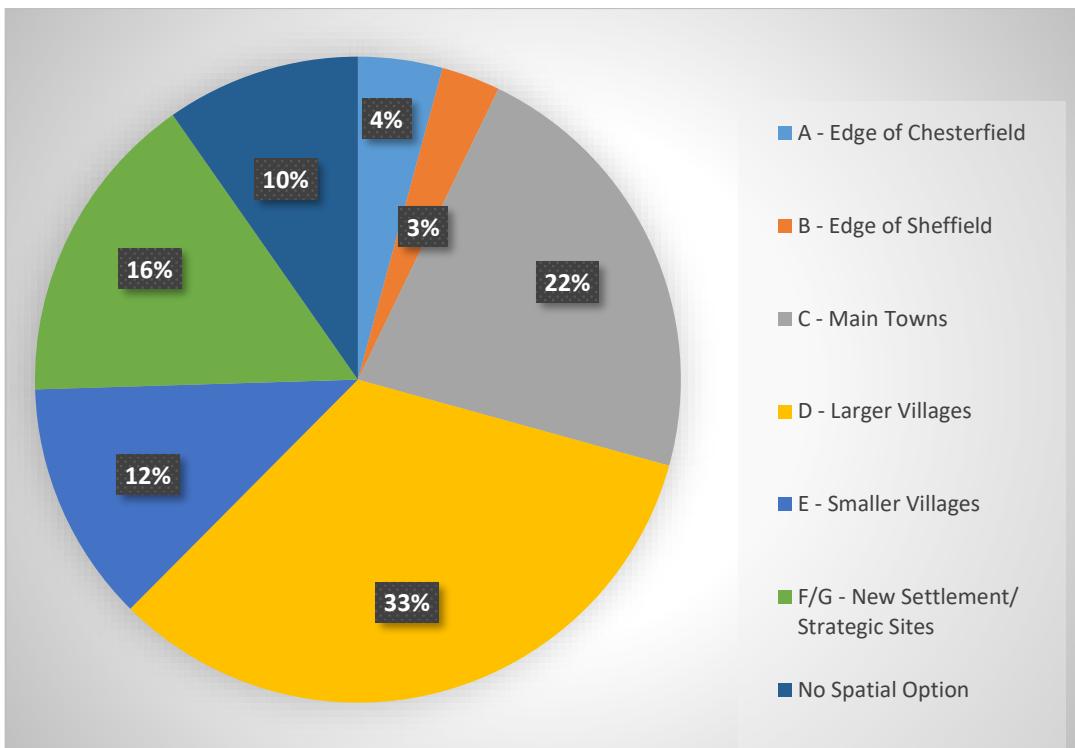


Figure 2: Proportion of Housing Capacity (c. 36,000 dwellings) by Spatial Option

4. Consultation so far and an overview of the feedback on the strategic options

Issues and Options public consultation (summer 2025):

- 4.1 Approximately 775 people attended the public drop-in sessions, and over 850 individuals or organisations submitted representations to the consultation. Of the responses, almost 600 were submitted through the online portal, over 200 by email and a small number by post (some postal comments were found to be duplicates of emails or online submissions, made by the same individuals)
- 4.2 This represents a high level of engagement relative to the previous local plan at comparable stages. For example, there were 228 respondents to the core strategy issues and options consultation in 2009 (although this did not include potential sites) and 368 respondents to the Initial Draft Plan & potential sites consultation in 2015.
- 4.3 From the responses, over 17,000 separate comments were made across the various questions. Officers are utilising AI systems to facilitate timely analysis of this high number of responses. This is proving to be effective in drawing out the wide range of separate comments and issues raised by representations in a more detailed and consistent way than could be achieved manually. Although it is important to stress that there has been a lot of officer involvement in the process to check initial outputs. Officers will continue to undertake further

detailed checks to ensure the accuracy of the outputs, before anything is made available to the wider public.

4.4 At this stage in the Local Plan's development the key requirement is to summarise the main issues raised in representations. But we have the added benefit of being able to delve deeper and understand the differences in the issues raised by the various cohorts, such as residents, developers and statutory bodies.

Consultation responses relating to the spatial options:

4.5 Question 12.1 of the Issues and Options consultation asked where we should focus new development, offering 7 alternatives (a – g) with the opportunity to select up to 3 (Figure 3). Over 500 selections were made for this question, with the highest proportion (24%) favouring locations around the edges of Chesterfield; with strategic sites and the creation of new settlements being the joint second. There was less support for development around the district's main towns and larger villages and around the edges of Sheffield; with least support for development around smaller villages.

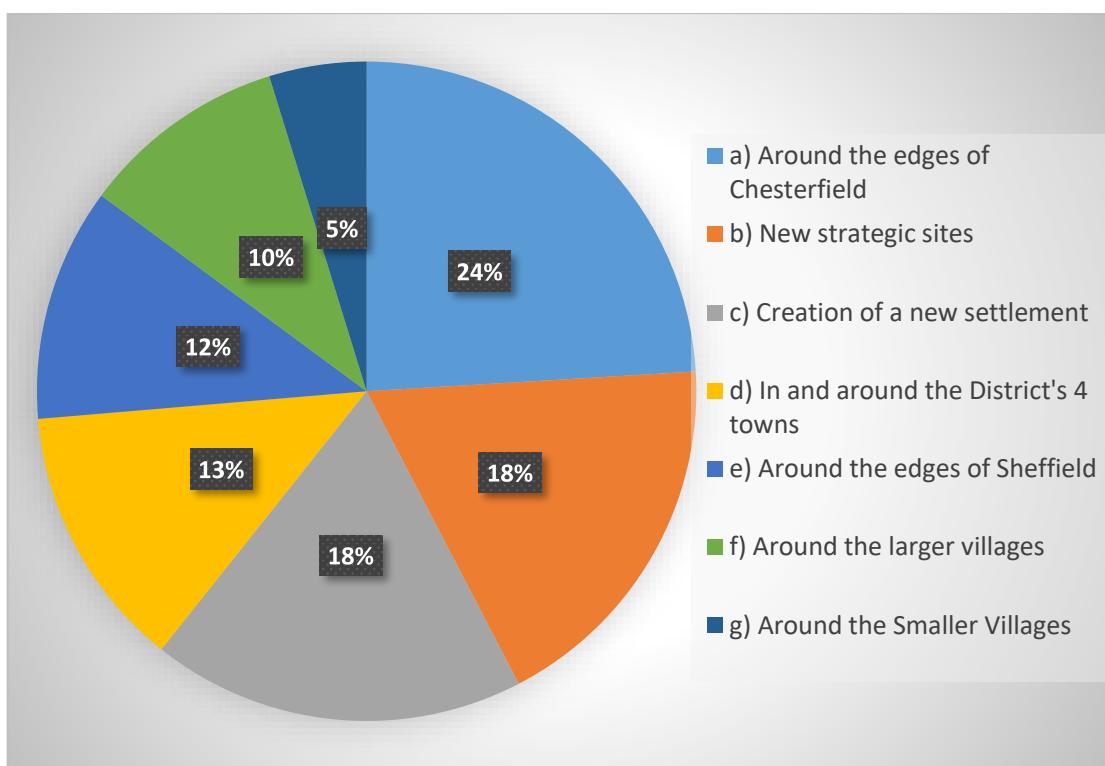


Figure 3: Question 12.1 Spatial Options – Preferences - Quantitative Responses

4.7 Question 13 asked what issues people thought should determine the location of new homes and other development, giving 9 alternatives (a – i) with the ability to tick all that apply. Over 800 selections were made for this question (Figure 4, with the highest proportion (23%) favouring the sustainability of the settlement , closely followed by access to jobs and services (21%) and areas

with infrastructure capacity (17%). The remaining options received limited support, with a proportional increase in households by settlement being least favoured at 4%.

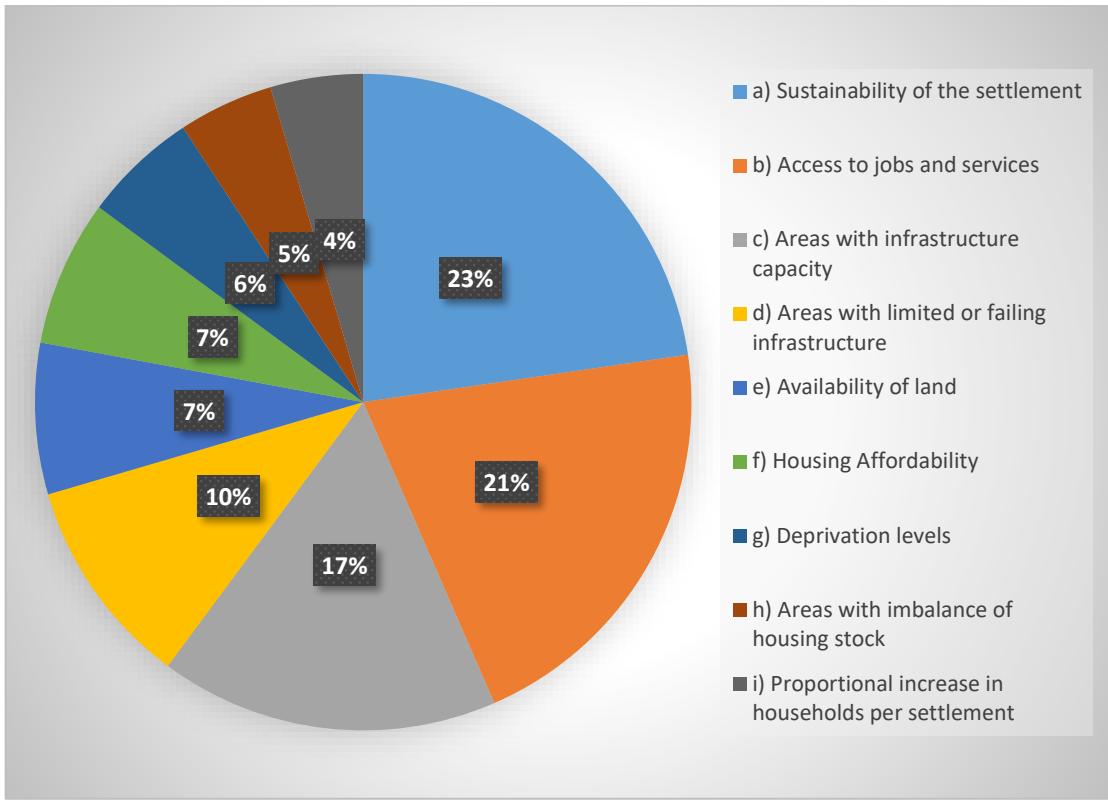


Figure 4: Question 13 -Determinants of the location of development - Quantitative Responses

Site Type Options

4.12 Question 21 asked respondents to choose their 3 most preferred site type options for new development from a list of 7 alternatives, along with an explanation of the impacts or benefits of their selection. Over 300 separate option selections were made (not all respondents chose 3 options), of these, 57% identified a preference for increasing housing densities around larger settlements, with a further 19% opting for higher densities everywhere (Figure 5). There was limited support for the other 5 alternative options.

4.13 Reasons given for respondents' selections emphasise preserving Green Belt gaps and biodiversity, favouring brownfield regeneration and higher-density schemes within existing settlements to balance housing delivery with countryside protection. They highlight efficient land use through compact urban infill and strategic town centre sites to reduce car dependency and carbon emissions. Many urge transport upgrades and 15-minute neighbourhood models to ease congestion and support walking, cycling and public transport. There is a clear call for strong settlement boundaries to maintain community identity and for development to use existing utilities, schools and services. Respondents also highlight the need for a varied housing mix, including smaller

and affordable homes, and note potential economic and employment benefits from construction and new resident expenditure.

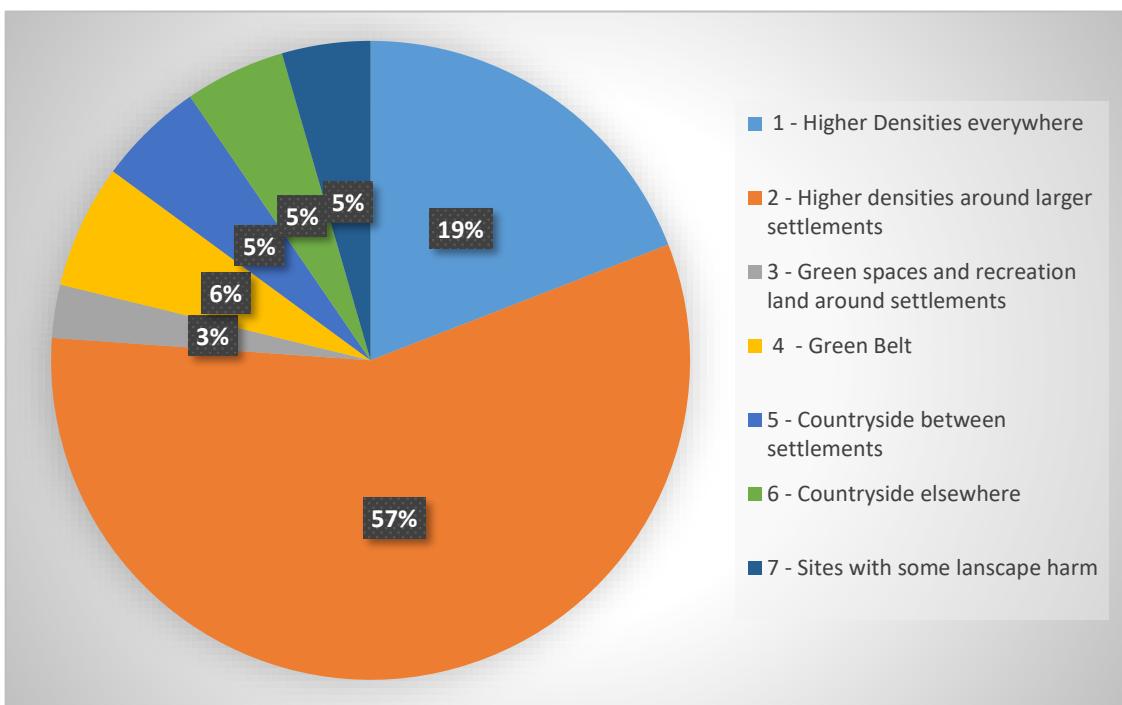


Figure 6: Question 21 – Preferred Site Types - Quantitative Responses

Focus Groups (November 2025)

- 4.14 The Council commissioned Arc 4 (an extension of the contract relating to the Housing Strategy) to undertake a series of focus groups during November 2025. These included in-person events in different locations across the district, 2 evening sessions by Microsoft Teams and events specifically for District and Parish Councillors.
- 4.15 The focus groups were asked a series of questions to explore the underlying reasons behind the answers given by respondents to the issues and options consultation (including the issues identified above). The same questions were asked at each of the sessions and a summary of the findings has been produced by Arc 4. Officers are reviewing this at the time of writing. The contents will be discussed with the LPWG and the report will form part of the Consultation Statement submitted alongside the next Local Plan consultation early in 2026.
- 4.16 A focus group to engage sixth form age children in the development of the Local Plan will also take place in early 2026. All 3 secondary schools in the district were contacted and approximately 12 students will be involved in this process.
- 4.17 Further focus groups are planned for 2026 to align with programmed consultation stages and dates will be advertised in advance.

Engagement with Parish Councils

4.18 Sessions have been held in each quarter of 2025. All Parish Councils were invited and a good number have been represented through the process. Officers have also met with Parish Councils who were unable to attend these sessions. The purpose of the forum is to provide updates to and hear feedback from Parish Councils as the development of the Local Plan progresses. Further sessions will be held during 2026.

Future public consultation

4.19 A separate report on this agenda is proposing minor updates to the Local Development Scheme (LDS – the timetable for the development of the Local Plan) to reflect confirmation from government that Councils have until the end of December 2026 to submit a plan for examination under the current process. The changes include an additional consultation stage in March 2026 to consider key strategic policy matters and a refined schedule of sites that remain options for potential allocation, following initial feedback from technical consultees, and receipt of more information about their deliverability; and reschedule the Regulation 19 consultation to September 2026 to allow time to respond to findings of the additional (March) public consultation stage.

4.20 The Regulation 19 (Reg 19) is the final formal stage of consultation on the draft version of the Local Plan prior to submission to the Secretary of State. If the revised LDS is approved, the formal consultation on the draft Plan would occur for 6 weeks during September and October 2026. This allows for the process to occur fully outside the summer holidays and based on the experience of the current Pan, gives officers sufficient time to meet the deadline for submission to the Planning Inspectorate.

5. Evidence base update.

5.1 Please see appendix 1 for a detailed breakdown of the items covered by the evidence base and current progress on each. The key pieces of work that have been completed to date are:

- Settlement Hierarchy Study;
- Housing Needs Study;
- Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Assessment;
- Economic Development Needs Assessment (incorporating Strategic Warehousing & Logistics Study);
- Employment sites Study; and
- Open Space and Recreation – site assessment.

and the following Derbyshire County Council studies:

- Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Strategy: 2022-2025;
- DCC Renewable Energy Study;
- Natural Capital Strategy; and

- Local Nature Recovery Strategy.

5.2 The following evidence topics that are actively progressing at the time of writing this report are:

- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment;
- Land Availability Assessments for Housing, Employment & other uses;
- Town Centre Studies;
- Playing Pitch Strategy; and
- Plan for Nature (Biodiversity Study).

5.3 The following evidence topics are to be procured in quarter 1 of 2026:

- Green Belt Review (jointly with Chesterfield Borough Council);
- Local Settlement Gaps Update;
- Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy;
- Transport Study; and
- Whole Plan Viability Study.

6. Concluding comments.

6.1 This report is for noting as an update from Officers as to progress against the LDS, with the objective being submission of the draft Local Plan to the Planning Inspectorate by the end of 2026. Officers have made professional observations about the challenges and risks involved in the process, as considered appropriate, given the very tight nature of the programme.

6.2 Officers consider that the level of engagement from the public has been healthy and constructive and we have used innovative technology and focus groups to reach as broad a spectrum of views as possible. We are learning about the areas that we need to refine in relation to these new ways of working and open to feedback as we progress to the next phases of consultation.

6.3 Engagement with the LPWG will continue during 2026 and it is important that the Council makes significant decisions about the strategy to be pursued in order to meet the housing need identified by the standard method in the early part of the year.

7. Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

7.1 The alternative to progression of the Local Plan under the current examination system alternative is to await the implementation of new planning guidance and/or the new plan-making system. This was rejected on the basis that significant changes are imminent and to do nothing would put the Council at greater risk of 'speculative' development for an additional extended period of time, by virtue of not having an up to date Local Plan. Awaiting the new system will also not change the housing target or the difficult decisions that need to be faced to develop a strategy for delivering the required level of growth in the district.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
1	Evidence based progress tracker
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet you must provide copies of the background papers)	

APPENDIX 1 - Local Plan Review Evidence Requirements

Theme	Evidence	Owner	Inhouse/ External?	Note	Action	Timescale
Strategy	Settlement Hierarchy Study	NEDDC	In house		-	Complete Dec 2025
	Settlement Development Limits	NEDDC	In house		Underway	By April 2026
	Green Belt Review	NEDDC	External		Out to Procurement	By mid- 2026
	Local Settlement Gaps	NEDDC	External	Update to take account of any changes on the ground & consideration of Green Belt Villages	Procurement scheduled for Jan 2026	By mid- 2026
	Brownfield Land Register	NEDDC	External	Updated annually – provides evidence of available brownfield land.	Ongoing	Dec each year
Housing	Housing Need Study	NEDDC Planning & Housing Strategy	External		-	Complete Oct 2024
	Housing Land Availability Assessment (LAA)	NEDDC	In house	Batch 1 site assessment complete. Batch 2 almost complete Ongoing assessment as new sites submitted.	Ongoing	end June 2026
	Housing Capacity Study Northern Parishes	NEDDC	In house	Need to determine whether update is required – linked to Green Belt	tbc	tbc
	Five Year Housing Land Supply	NEDDC	In house	• 5yr supply • Housing trajectory for plan period	Annual updates - ongoing	By end May each year

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				• rolling 5yr supply		
	Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Assessment Update	Joint NEDDC, DCC & d'shire LPAs	External		-	Complete July 2023
	Gypsy and Traveller LAA	NEDDC	In house	As housing LAA above	Ongoing	By end June 2026
	Gypsy and Traveller Transit sites	NEDDC/ BDC/ CBC	?		Under consideration	By mid- 2026
Economy	Economic Development Needs Assessment (EDNA) incorporating Strategic Warehousing & Logistics Study	NEDDC/ BDC/ CBC	External		-	Complete March 2025
	Employment Sites Study	NEDDC	External		-	Complete March 2025
	Employment LAA	NEDDC	In house	As Housing LAA	Ongoing	By June 2026
	Retail Capacity Study/Town Centre Needs Study.	NEDDC	tbc	Take account of national policy changes and changed economic environment. Consideration of new E class & Covid impact.	tbc	tbc
	Town Centre Studies	NEDDC	Inhouse		Underway	April 2026
Recreation & Open Space	Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS)	NEDDC / BDC	External		Underway	July 2026

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		Planning & Leisure				
	Indoor Built Facilities Strategy (BFS)	NEDDC / BDC Planning & Leisure	-	Not required	-	-
	Open Space and Recreation – Site Assessment	NEDDC	In house		-	Complete Oct 2025
Green Environment / Natural Assets	Local Green Space	NEDDC / Parishes	In house		tbc	tbc
	Green Infrastructure Study	NEDDC	In house		Procurement planned for early 2026	By end June 2026
	Biodiversity	NEDDC	External	DWT preparing a Plan for Nature for the District including Mapping, opportunities, receptor sites, off setting process and mechanism for BNG. Will also consider the case for exceeding 10% BNG	Underway	tbc
	Natural Capital Strategy	DCC	-	Mapping & project is complete and will inform other studies.	-	complete - 2023
	Local Nature Recovery Strategy	DCC	-	Work is underway – project completion expected 2025	-	complete - 2025
	Landscape Sensitivity	DCC/ NEDDC	tbc	AMES and Derbyshire Landscape Character are up to date.	tbc	tbc

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				Landscape sensitivity study may be required in discussion with DCC arising from LAA.		
	Habitat Regulations Assessment	NEDDC	External	To be undertaken with Sustainability Appraisal	Underway	tbc
Built Environment	Design Guide/Codes	NEDDC	In house supports by external	Successful Places Guidance – update in progress supported by DLUCH Skills Fund program.	Underway	2026
	Historic Environment Study	NEDDC	In house	Consider need to update previous study in consultation with Conservation Officer	tbc	2026
	Conservation Area Character Statements	NEDDC	tbc		tbc	2026
	Local List of heritage assets	NEDDC	In house	Need to identify scope of work and how will be implemented/funded	tbc	2026
Climate Change, Flood Risk & Renewable Energy	NEDDC Climate Change Action Plan	NEDDC	tbc	Identify actions that can be embedded in the Local Plan.	tbc	2026
	Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Strategy: 2022-2025	DCC / Districts	-	Provides baseline and context for district level work as required	-	Complete 2022
	Strategic Flood Risk Assessment	NEDDC/ BDC / CBC	External		Final Draft – awaiting sign off	February 2025
	Water Cycle Scoping	NEDDC/ BDC / CBC	tbc	Follow on from SFRA if required.	tbc	tbc

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	DCC Renewable Energy Study	DCC	-	Will inform local studies	-	Complete 2023
	Carbon Reduction/renewable energy study/heat zones/electric vehicle charging	NEDDC	tbc	Need to identify if we need anything more localised to further DCC Renewable Energy Study.	tbc	2026
Sustainable Transport	Transport Study (all modes)	NEDDC	External		Procurement planned for early 2026	July 2026
	Parking Standards	NEDDC	tbc		tbc	tbc
Other, Monitoring & Implementation	Whole Plan Viability	NEDDC	External		Procurement planned for early 2026	tbc
	Sustainability Appraisal / & Habitat Regulation Assessment	NEDDC	External		Underway	Ongoing
	Infrastructure Delivery Plan	NEDDC	In house		Underway	Mid -2026
	Monitoring Framework	NEDDC	In house		On hold	Oct 2026

Agenda Item 6

North East Derbyshire District Council

Cabinet

15 January, 2025

LOCAL PLAN TIMETABLE – PROPOSED UPDATE TO THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME.

Report of Councillor Pickering Portfolio Holder for Environment and Place

Classification: This report is public

Report By: Planning Policy & Environment Manager

Contact Officer: Helen Fairfax

PURPOSE / SUMMARY

To seek Cabinet approval to update the timetable for the preparation of a new Local Plan to take account of an additional period of public consultation; and to reschedule the later stage consultation whilst still meeting the overall deadline to submit the plan to the Secretary of State by the end of 2026.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Cabinet approves the updated timetable for the preparation of the Local Plan and associated changes to the published Local Development Scheme, authorises its publication and that it shall have immediate effect.

Approved by the Portfolio Holder – Cllr Pickering, Cabinet Member for Environment & Place

IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Details: Implications for finance and risk were fully considered as part of the previous report for the adoption of the Local Development Scheme on 21 November 2024 (Cabinet Item 6) . The changes to the timetable proposed by this report are not expected to have a material effect on the factors of finance and risk. Whilst we are introducing an additional stage of consultation, we are also able to adjust the timing of the following consultation and still meet the Government's cut off date for plan submission under the current plan making processes. The additional costs of consultation will not be significant and can be covered by existing budgets, furthermore this may reduce some level of risk by increasing the opportunity for public participation.

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details: Section 15 of the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 Act, as amended, requires the council to prepare a Local Development Scheme (LDS) and keep it up to date. The LDS provides a public statement of the council's programme for producing the Local Plan. It explains which Local Development Documents will be produced and when and how they will be produced. The LDS can only take effect once Cabinet has resolved that the scheme shall take effect and specified the date from which the scheme shall have effect.

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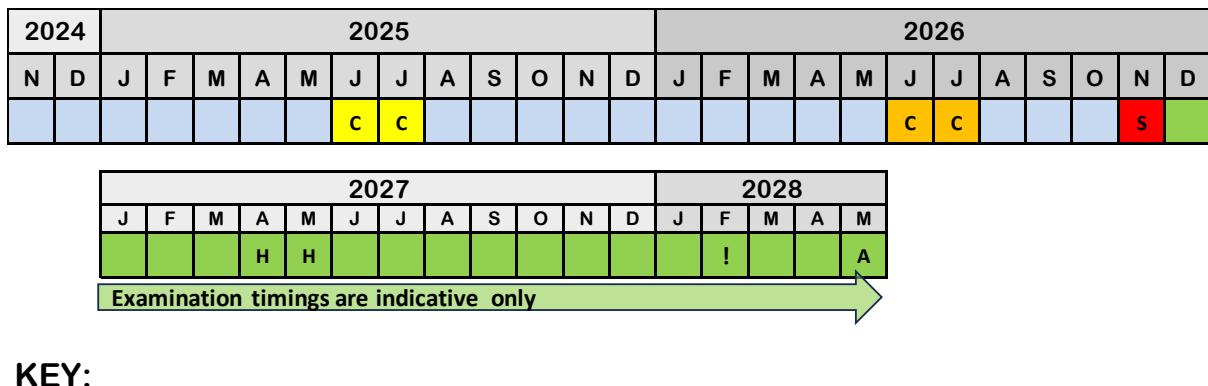
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REPORT DETAILS

1 Background (reasons for bringing the report)

- 1.1 Cabinet will recall approving the Local Development Scheme (LDS) & timetable for the production of the Local Plan at its meeting on 21 November 2024. The adopted timetable (Figure 1) shows two periods of public consultation a year apart and submission of the Plan to the Secretary of State by the end of November 2026.
- 1.2 The Issues & Options consultation that took place in the summer of this year focused on key strategic matters and policy alternatives alongside information on all sites that had been submitted for consideration through the earlier call for sites and which had gone through an initial desk top assessment. Additional sites were also put forward during the consultation and it has become clear that it would be preferable to undertake a further period of consultation on a refined schedule of potential sites following feedback from key consultees to inform the Council's decisions in relation to identifying preferred sites.
- 1.3 Furthermore, at the time preparing the timetable (in Figure 1) we were aware of the need to submit the Plan by an unspecified date in December 2026. The Government has recently published guidance that clarifies that the cut-off date for plan submission is 31 December 2026. This provides greater scope for adjusting the timing of consultation on the Publication Draft Plan.

Figure 1: Current Adopted Timetable – For Local Plan Production



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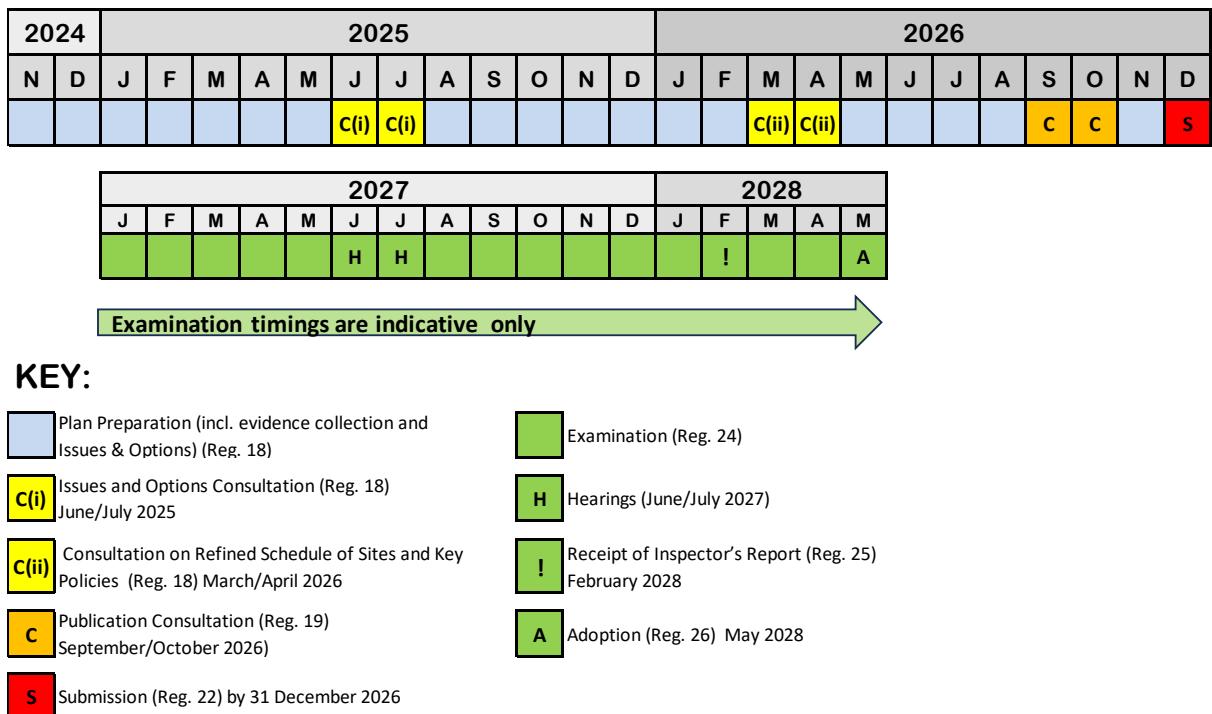
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			Adoption (Reg. 26) May 2028

2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1 This proposed revised timetable at Figure 2, provides for an additional period of public consultation whilst still achieving submission of the Local Plan by December 2026, in line with the Government's transitional arrangements towards the new Plan making process as set out in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act (LURA).
- 2.2 The additional period of consultation is scheduled for March/April 2026 with the intention of consulting on a refined schedule of sites alongside other key strategic policy matters that will guide the location of development.
- 2.3 The Government's deadline for the submission of plans under the transitional arrangements, whilst not a significant change to timescales, gives the Council an additional month with which to prepare the plan and scope to undertake consultation on the Publication Draft Plan in September after the peak summer holiday period. This creates extra time between the two consultations which will be particularly beneficial. It will involve a very quick turn-around to get the Plan submitted by the end of December, but we know this is possible because we had a similar turnaround time between Publication consultation and Submission with the current Local Plan.
- 2.4 The changes to the timetable are shown in Figure 2, with associated changes made to the published Local Development Scheme document (**Appendix 1**). The timetable also includes an adjustment to the expected dates for Examination Hearing sessions to take account of local elections and purdah. However, as noted, the timeframes for the Examination period are largely outside the Council's control.

Figure 2: Proposed Updated Timetable – For Local Plan Production

North East Derbyshire Local Plan (2024 - 2034)



2.5 It remains the case that success in keeping to the timetable will be dependent upon:

- Maintaining current staffing and financial resources and augmenting these if necessary;
- Securing all the necessary evidence through means of a combination of in-house, consultancy and third party support;
- An agile and responsive Local Plan Working Group to guide the process through a programme of meetings aligned with the timetable; and
- Timely decision making on key strategic issues.

2.5 Progress on preparation of the Plan will be kept under continuous review by the Local Plan Working Group. If it becomes apparent that changes are required to the timetable, the matter will be reported back to Cabinet and the LDS updated accordingly.

3 Reasons for Recommendation

3.1 To enable the Council to progress with Plan Making with the aim of achieving submission of the Local Plan by the end of December 2026 in line with the Government's proposed transitional arrangements. This will enable the Council to get an up to date plan in place at the earliest opportunity and limit the Council's exposure to ad-hoc speculative development.

3.2 In order for the updated scheme to take effect Cabinet must formally resolve that the scheme is to have effect and specify the date from which it is to have effect.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 The Council is obliged by the 2004 Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act (Section 15) as amended, to publish and keep up to date a Local Development Scheme. Therefore, there is no alternative over whether, or not to produce an LDS.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
1	Local Development Scheme 2024 – 2028 - UPDATE
2	EQIA Stage 1
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet you must provide copies of the background papers)	



North East
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NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME - UPDATE

November 2024 – May 2028

The Local Development Scheme took effect on 25 November 2024

Timetable update agreed by Cabinet 15 January 2026

NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

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Section 1: INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Local Development Scheme (**LDS**) sets out the timeframe for the preparation of planning policy documents referred to as Development Plan Documents (**DPDs**) that will direct future planning decisions in the North East Derbyshire. The LDS will be reviewed and rolled forward as a result of the Authority Monitoring Report (**AMR**) identifying whether or not the LDS timetable is being achieved and in need of revision.
- 1.2 This is North East Derbyshire District Council's first Local Development Scheme in association with the preparation of its new Local Plan, which once adopted will replace the current Local Plan (2024 – 2034) which was adopted in November 2021.
- 1.3 The Local Development Scheme contains a number of abbreviations highlighted in bold text; the Glossary at Appendix B sets out a brief definition of each.

The Purpose of the LDS

- 1.4 The LDS defines the documents that will form the Development Plan for North East Derbyshire setting out:
 - the current status of existing planning documents;
 - the documents that will be produced;
 - the content and geographic coverage of these documents; and
 - a timetable for the production of these documents showing the key stages/milestones in their preparation and when the community will be involved.
- 1.5 The intention is to assist the community's understanding and involvement in the Development Plan system. The LDS is a rolling Project Plan to aid the timely production of the NEDLP as well as enabling the Council, other agencies and key stakeholders to coordinate their investment programmes.

Section 2: The Current Development Plan

2.1 The Development Plan for North East Derbyshire currently consists of the following documents:

- North East Derbyshire Local Plan (2014 – 2034) (November 2021)
- Saved policies of the Derby and Derbyshire Minerals Local Plan (April 2000) and First Alteration to the Plan (November 2002);
- Saved policies of the Derby and Derbyshire Waste Local Plan (March 2005); and
- The following Neighbourhood Plans for:
 - Ashover 2016 – 2033 (Modified - April 2023)
 - Brackenfield 2017-2034 (Made – Oct 2019)
 - Brampton 2017 - 2034 (Made – Nov 2023)
 - Dronfield 2016 - 2034 (Made – Nov 2019)
 - Holymoorside and Walton 2016 – 2033 (Made – Nov 2017)
 - Shirland and Higham 2022 – 2034 (Made – Sept 2024)
 - Wessington 2017 – 2034 (Made – Oct 2019)
 - Wingerworth 2016 - 2033 (Made – July 2018)

2.2 Where there is any conflict between the policies in these documents, the wording in the most recently published, adopted or approved document prevails.

Local Plan

2.3 Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) requires local planning authorities to review Local Plans at least once every five years from their adoption date, to ensure that policies remain relevant and effectively address the needs of the local community. If the review identifies a need for updating, they should then be updated as necessary.

2.4 The North East Derbyshire Local Plan was adopted in 2021, requiring completion of a review by November 2026. However, given the Plan was prepared under a previous version of the NPPF, it was considered appropriate to undertake a scoping exercise earlier this year to consider the areas of the current Local Plan that are likely to require updating. A review utilising the Planning Advisory Service 'toolkit' was undertaken and the work was verified by a third-party consultant. The review indicated that a number of strategic policies would need to be updated, including the supply of housing and employment land and the implications of the Environment Act 2021 and new policy areas around biodiversity net gain and climate change.

2.5 At the same time the Government was proposing significant reforms to plan making and so the Council resolved not to commence a plan review until such time as there was greater certainty, instead focussing efforts of refreshing the evidence base. Since then, the new Government has proposed further changes to national planning policy and plan-making, which, if carried forward

will have significant impacts on the Council, increasing the urgency for securing an updated Local Plan at the earliest opportunity. Whilst there remains uncertainty over the final detail of these changes and reforms, the Government's commitment to accelerated growth and housing delivery is unlikely to lead to significant relaxation in expectations. It is therefore, now considered prudent to progress with an immediate update of the Local Plan.

Minerals & Waste Local Plans

2.6 North East Derbyshire District Council is not the planning authority for minerals or waste development. The Minerals and Waste Local Plans are the responsibility of Derbyshire County Council, who are required to set out the programme for their replacement in a separate Local Development Scheme.

Neighbourhood Plans

2.7 'Qualifying bodies' (in North East Derbyshire this is Parish or Town Councils) can prepare Neighbourhood Development Plans. These plans can set planning policies to guide future development within a specified parish. However these plans must be in conformity with national policy and any adopted Local Plan. Neighbourhood Development Plans are subject to a referendum and are examined by an independent inspector. Once adopted, a Neighbourhood Development Plan forms part of the Development Plan for the area, along with the plans described above.

2.8 There is no requirement for 'Qualifying bodies' to produce an LDS timetable for the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan. However, where timescales are known they can be included in the District Council's LDS. The Parish of Killamarsh was designated as a Neighbourhood Area in March 2023 for the purposes of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. However, there is currently no firm timetable available for the production of this Plan.

Section 3: The Proposed Local Plan

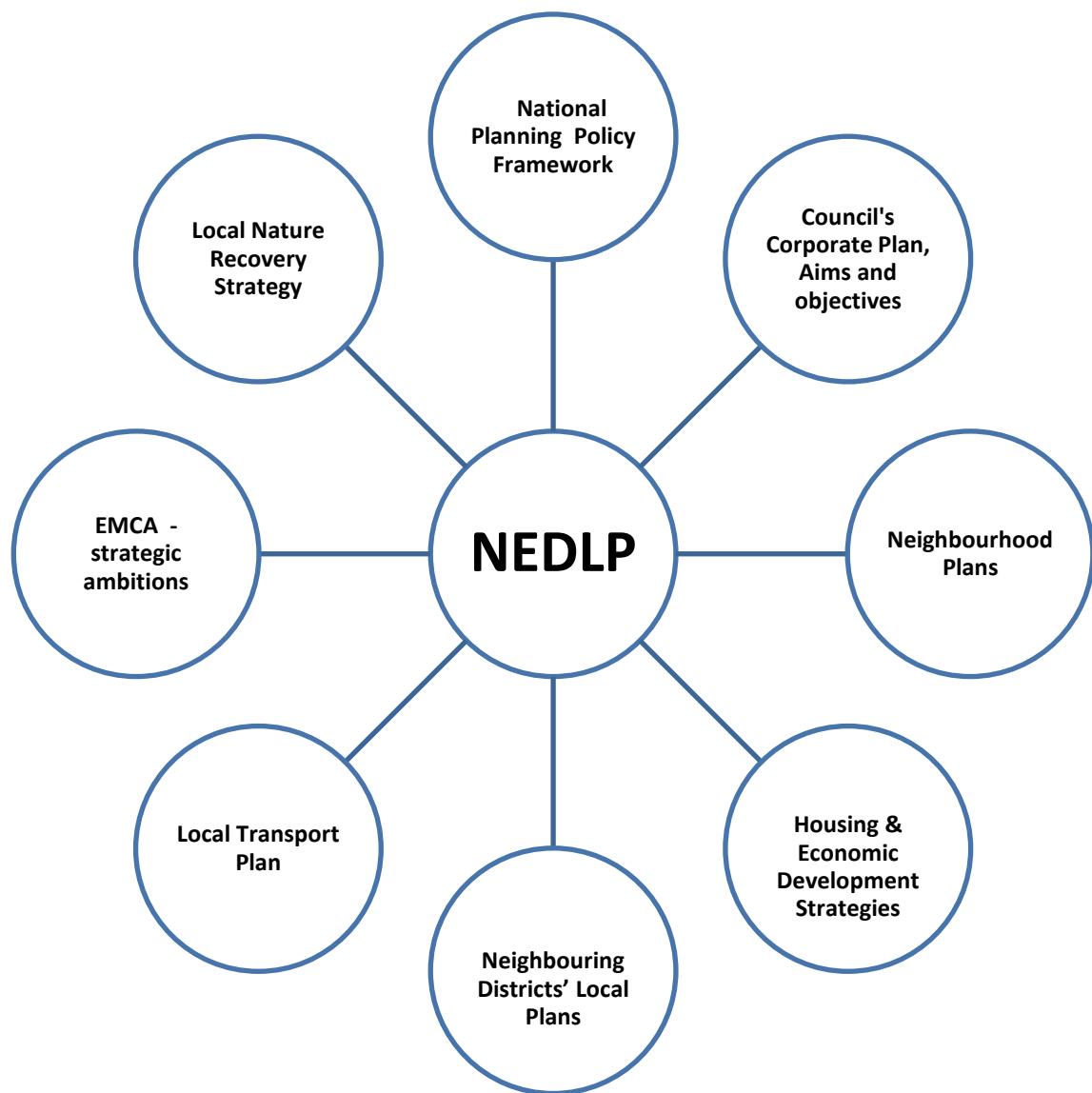
North East Derbyshire Local Plan (NEDLP) 2024-2044

- 3.1 The new Local Plan will provide a framework for the location and design of development and for protecting the natural and built environment. It deals with the location and layout of developments and activities and how these affect people and their environment. The Local Plan is required to contain an integrated set of policies which are based on a clear understanding of the economic, social and environmental needs of the area and any constraints on meeting those needs.
- 3.2 The Local Plan will consist of a single document covering all policies and site allocations. In addition to the LDS, there are other documents that are linked with the Local Plan:
 - **The Statement of Community Involvement (June 2023) (SCI)** – sets out how and when the Council will engage the community and other stakeholders in preparing, altering and reviewing local development documents and in dealing with planning applications.
 - **The Authority Monitoring Report (AMR)** – this reviews plan-making activity against targets and milestones set out in the LDS. The AMR is published annually in Autumn, although real time updates on progress in relation to the published LDS timetable will be made available on the Council's website as necessary.

Relationship to Other Strategies

- 3.3 The Local Plan is not prepared in isolation, but links to other key strategies and plans. It should reflect the aspirations of key strategies of the Council or other organisations that have implications for the development and use of land by providing a spatial dimension and helping their coordination and delivery. Figure 1 identifies some of the key documents and strategies that will impact upon the NEDLP.

Figure 1: Relationship of the North East Derbyshire Local Plan to national policy guidance and other key documents & strategies (not exhaustive).



Geographical Coverage

3.4 The geographical extent of the District's LDS is illustrated in Figure 2 and coincides with the local planning authority area of North East Derbyshire. This covers the whole of the District with the exception of the north western fringe of the District, which falls within the Peak District National Park. The Peak District National Park Authority is the planning authority for the National Park and publishes a separate LDS. In addition, Derbyshire County Council as waste and mineral planning authority prepares its own DPDs to deal with these issues.

Figure 2: Geographical Coverage of the North East Derbyshire Local Development Scheme.



Section 4: The Project Plan & Key Milestones

4.1 This section sets out the detailed project plan for preparing the North East Derbyshire District Local Plan. The key tasks and milestones¹ are outlined below. Appendix A includes a Timeline showing the key tasks and milestones in diagrammatic format.

Preparation of a Local Plan (Regulation 18)

4.2 November 2024 marked the formal start of the Plan-making process and involved assembling the evidence and consulting with the community and other stakeholders on the issues the document should address and the policies or strategies it should contain, along with options for how this can be addressed. Proposals are set out in discussion papers and studies, and will be accompanied by the parallel preparation of the Sustainability Appraisal, which will assess the options and inform the development of the Local Plan. A comprehensive 6-week consultation period took place in June/July 2025, supported by informal events and Focus Groups reflecting a continuous process of engagement and plan development. A further formal period of consultation is now proposed for March/April 2026 to consider a refined schedule of sites and key strategic policy matters related to the location of development.

Pre-submission public participation (Regulation 19 Publication of Local Plan)

4.3 This stage comprises a statutory 6-week consultation on the Local Plan document and supporting material that the Council intends to submit to the Secretary of State. This is scheduled to take place in September 2026.

Submission of documents and information to the Secretary of State (Regulation 22)

4.4 The Council will submit the Local Plan, Sustainability Appraisal and all other relevant documentation to the Secretary of State by the end of December 2026. This will include a summary of representations received during earlier stages and how these have been taken into account.

4.5 The Planning Inspectorate will appoint an independent Inspector to conduct the examination. From this point onwards the timetable will be determined by the Planning Inspectorate.

Independent Examination (Regulation 24)

4.6 During the Examination period the Plan will be tested thoroughly to determine whether the document satisfies the statutory requirements for plan preparation

¹ (References to Regulations relate to the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012 – as amended)

and is sound. All duly made representations will be considered by the Inspector either on the basis of written submissions or during formal public hearing sessions.

- 4.7 During this period the Council may undertake public consultation on proposed modifications to the Plan if deemed necessary by the Inspector.

Receipt & Publication of Inspector's Report (Regulation 25)

- 4.8 After the examination, the Inspector will produce their detailed report indicating whether any changes are required to the plan before it may be adopted. Upon receipt the Council must publish the Inspector's report and give notice of its availability.

Adoption (Regulation 26)

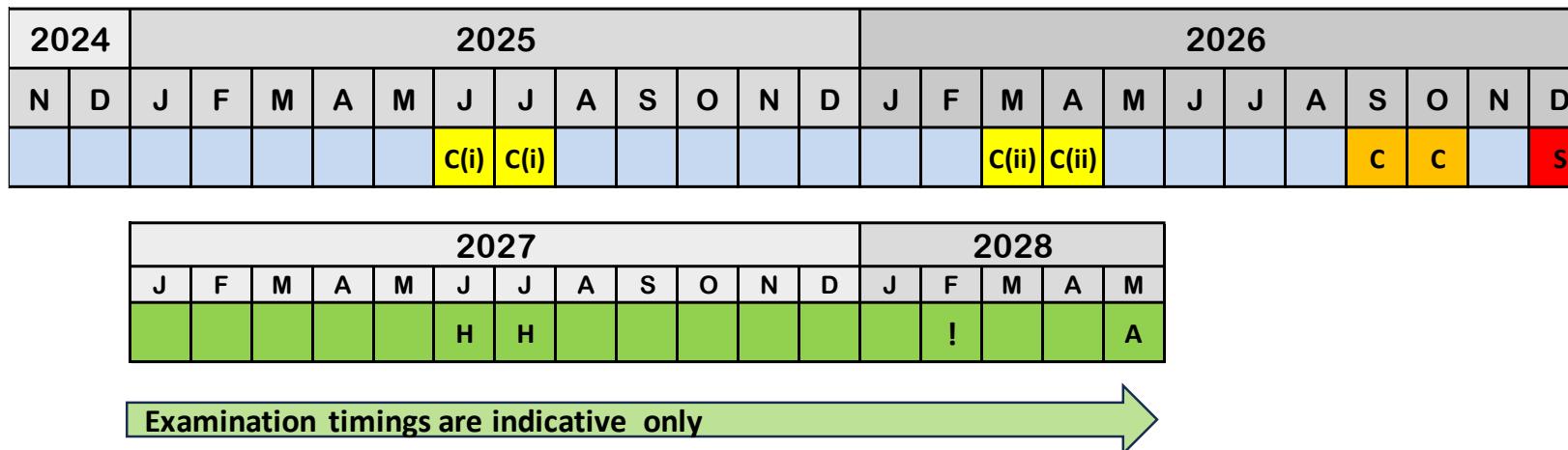
- 4.9 The Council will consider the Inspector's report before formally adopting the Local Plan as part of the Development Plan.

Section 5: Monitoring & Review

- 5.1 The Council will monitor progress on its LDS programme and performance against the milestones and will consider if any changes need to be made to the LDS. This will be an ongoing process overseen by the Local Plan Working Group with reports to the council's Cabinet at key stages. Progress will also be reported through the Authority Monitoring Report and real time updates.
- 5.2 The AMR also monitors the implementation of existing Local Plan policies to identify which policies need reviewing, and whether there is a need for any additional policy areas to be addressed.

APPENDIX A: LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME PROGRAMME

North East Derbyshire Local Plan (2024 - 2034) – Updated January 2026



KEY:

- Plan Preparation (incl. evidence collection and Issues & Options) (Reg. 18)
- Examination (Reg. 24)
- C(i) Issues and Options Consultation (Reg. 18) June/July 2025
- H Hearings (June/July 2027)
- C(ii) Consultation on Refined Schedule of Sites and Key Policies (Reg. 18) March/April 2026
- ! Receipt of Inspector's Report (Reg. 25) February 2028
- C Publication Consultation (Reg. 19) September/October 2026
- A Adoption (Reg. 26) May 2028
- S Submission (Reg. 22) by 31 December 2026

SUPERCEDED:

APPENDIX B: GLOSSARY

2004 Act **Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act, 2004 (The Act)**

AMR	Annual Monitoring Report – Shows how a Local Plan is performing against the targets set in the LDS.
DP	Development Plan - is defined in S38 of the 2004 Act as made up of DPDs
DPD	Development Plan Documents - prescribe planning policies and proposals and will have legal status in the determination of planning applications as they form part of the Development Plan. They have to be subject to independent testing or examination and form part of this LDS.
LDS	Local Development Scheme - a three year programme for the preparation of the Local Plan 'rolled forward' each year.
NP	Neighbourhood Plan - give neighbourhoods direct power to develop shared vision for their neighbourhood and deliver the sustainable development they need.
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework - National planning policy to be taken into account when preparing the Local Plan.
NEDDC	North East Derbyshire District Council
NEDLP	North East Derbyshire Local Plan – sets out policies and site allocations for the District to 2034
PPG	National Planning Policy Guidance, supporting the NPPF
Adopted Policies Map	The Adopted Policies Map illustrates on a base map all the policies contained in DPDs.
SA	Sustainability Appraisal – an appraisal of the social, environmental and economic effects of plan strategies and policies. Carried out at the start and throughout the process to inform decision making. This process incorporates the requirements of Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment – a requirement of EU Directive 2001/42/EC to undertake an environmental assessment of plans and programmes that are likely to have a significant effect on the environment.
SCI	Statement of Community Involvement - a statement of how the Council will consult the community and other stakeholders when preparing LDDs and when considering applications for planning permission
SoS	Secretary of State



Stage 1 – Equality Impact Assessment Screening

Any new policy, strategy, function, service, practice, or proposal will need to be screened to decide whether it's relevant to equality and if this is the case, it is necessary to build an assessment (Stage 2) into the **initial drafting or development** of the piece of work.

The relevant strands of equality are:

Age, Disability, Gender identity/Gender reassignment, Race, Religion or belief, Sex, Sexual orientation, Women who are pregnant or have recently had a baby.

Also, for issues affecting staff, consider employees who are married or in a civil partnership.

The next section sets out the points you may need to consider in determining whether to carry out an EIA (stage 2). For advice/support in making this determination, please contact the Performance & Improvement Team (Equality lead).

Title of policy or proposal	Update to the North East Derbyshire Local Development Scheme (LDS) 2024 - 2028
Name of EIA lead	Helen Fairfax
Briefly describe the aims of the policy, strategy, service, decision or proposal, its aims, the likely outcomes, and the rationale for it	The LDS sets out a timetable for the production of the new Local Plan for the district. It does not in itself set out policies or proposals that will have any effect on people or on the use of land. It sets out periods of public consultation as required by statute, however, the arrangements for undertaking consultation are set out in a different document.

	Initial Assessment Considerations	Yes	No	Comments
1.	Does this policy/proposal affect people: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Customers• Residents• Staff		No	
2.	Does it have the potential to adversely impact on any of the protected characteristics?		No	

	Initial Assessment Considerations	Yes	No	Comments
3.	Can the council influence the impact? E.g., is it a statutory requirement, national guidance etc.		No	
4.	Are existing equality monitoring processes already in place? If so, please note under comments		No	

If the answer to questions 1 to 3 above is 'yes', then an **Equality Impact Assessment** (Stage 2) may be necessary.

A copy of the form should be sent via email to the Performance and Improvement (Equality Lead) amar.bashir@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk and a copy should be retained with your policy/proposal documentation.

Equality Officer Recommendation	Tick as appropriate	Date
EIA Stage 2 required		
EIA Stage 2 NOT required	X	22/1/2025

Copy to be returned to the EIA lead with Equality Officer recommendation.

Performance and Improvement Team to keep a central electronic record of all decisions made under Stage 1.