

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET – THURSDAY, 11 JUNE 2026



<p>Title of Report</p>	<p>PROPOSED NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE LOCAL PLAN (REGULATION 19)</p>	
<p>Presented by</p>	<p>Cllr Nicholas Rushton Infrastructure Portfolio Holder</p> <p style="text-align: right;">PH Briefed <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Background Papers</p>	<p>Various Local Plan Committee reports (see paragraph 3.1 in the 4 June 2026 Local Plan Committee in Appendix A for details)</p> <p>Regulation 18 stage consultation documents and consultation responses</p> <p>Local Plan evidence base documents</p> <p>Draft Sustainability Appraisal reports (produced during the plan's preparation)</p> <p>Statement of Community Involvement (September 2025)</p> <p>Local Development Scheme May 2026 (agreed at 20 May 2026 Local Plan Committee)</p> <p>The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012</p>	<p>Public Report: Yes</p> <hr/> <p>Key Decision: Yes</p>
<p>Financial Implications</p>	<p>The costs of the Local Plan's production, including the anticipated costs of the Examination, are met through existing budgets.</p>	

	Signed off by the Acting Section 151 Officer: Yes
Legal Implications	<p>Legal implications have been considered in the preparation of this report and the precursor report to 4 June 2026 Local Plan Committee. Specific legal advice has been sought on individual Local Plan topic areas as necessary as the plan has progressed. Counsel is being appointed to provide expert legal advice to the Council leading up to, and during, the Local Plan Examination.</p>
	Signed off by the Interim Monitoring Officer: Yes
Staffing and Corporate Implications	<p>The plan is being prepared using existing staff resources working with a firm of expert planning consultants (Hyas Ltd).</p> <p>Having an up-to-date Local Plan is the best way for the Council to help deliver sustainable growth and to control inappropriate development.</p> <p>The Plan's impact on corporate objectives is addressed at the end of the report.</p>
	Signed off by the Head of Paid Service: Yes
Purpose of Report	<p>To seek Cabinet's agreement to recommend to Council that Council approves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) consultation on the Proposed Submission Draft Local Plan (Regulation 19); and 2) delegated authority to submit the Local Plan to the secretary of state for examination, following the consultation.
Reason for Decision	To enable the view of Cabinet to be forwarded to Council when Council considers the Proposed Submission Draft Local Plan (Regulation 19) at its meeting on 11 June 2026.
Recommendations	<p>THAT CABINET AGREES TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL:</p> <p>(I) THAT THE PROPOSED SUBMISSION DRAFT LOCAL PLAN (APPENDIX B) AND POLICIES MAP (APPENDIX C) AND SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL (APPENDIX D) ARE APPROVED FOR A MINIMUM SIX WEEK CONSULTATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, THE PLANNING AND COMPLUSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004 (AS AMENDED) AND REGULATIONS 19 AND 20 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL PLANNING) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012, SUBJECT TO THE FINALISATION OF EVIDENCE BASE STUDIES AND THERE BEING NO SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES FOR THE COUNCIL TO RECONSIDER.</p>

	<p>(II) THAT FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION, FULL COUNCIL WILL BE INVITED TO CONSIDER THE REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED ON THE DRAFT PLAN AND PRIOR TO CONSIDERING WHETHER THE PLAN SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER REGULATION 22 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL PLANNING) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012.</p> <p>(III) THAT AUTHORITY IS DELEGATED TO THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF PLACE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE TO MAKE MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE LOCAL PLAN AND ACCOMPANYING SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL BEFORE PUBLICATION AND BEFORE SUBMISSION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.</p> <p>(IV) THAT AUTHORITY IS DELEGATED TO THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF PLACE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE TO MAKE AMENDMENTS TO THE WORDING OF POLICIES EC6, AP3, AP4, AP7, AP9, H4, H5 H10 AND H11 AND TO AGREE ANY SUBSEQUENT REVISED SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL PRIOR TO PUBLICATION.</p> <p>(V) THAT AUTHORITY IS DELEGATED TO THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF PLACE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE TO AGREE THE FINAL CONTENT OF THE LOCAL PLAN APPENDICES INCLUDING THE GLOSSARY, MONITORING FRAMEWORK AND HOUSING TRAJECTORY</p> <p>(VI) THAT AUTHORITY IS DELEGATED TO THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF PLACE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE TO PREPARE AND CONSULT ON MAIN MODIFICATIONS TO THE LOCAL PLAN DURING THE EXAMINATION PROCESS, IF REQUIRED, TO ADDRESS ISSUES OF SOUNDNESS.</p>
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1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The new Local Plan for North West Leicestershire has reached an important stage in the plan-making process. The plan is now sufficiently advanced that it can proceed towards consultation under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and subsequently be submitted for examination.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to request that the Cabinet agrees to recommend to Council that the draft Regulation 19 Local Plan be published for consultation, and that following consultation, the plan be submitted for examination.
- 1.3 The Proposed Submission Draft Local Plan (Regulation 19 version) is being considered at the following meetings:
- 4 June 2026 Local Plan Committee
 - 11 June 2026 Cabinet
 - 11 June 2026 Council
- 1.4 The covering report for Local Plan Committee, which provides the key background and detail to assist Cabinet's consideration of this matter, is appended to this report (Appendix A).
- 1.5 The complete list of appendices is as follows:
- **Appendix A – 4 June 2026 Local Plan Committee report** entitled 'New Local Plan – Regulation 19 Consultation'
 - **Appendix B - Proposed 'Regulation 19' version of the Local Plan**
(Note: this document is referred to as Appendix A in the Local Plan Committee report)
 - **Appendix C(i) – District-wide Policies Map.**
This document can be accessed [here](#).
 - **Appendix C(ii) – Inset Maps.**
This document can be accessed [here](#).
 - **Appendix D(i) – advanced draft of the Sustainability Appraisal Report.**
This document can be accessed [here](#).
 - **Appendix D(ii) – Sustainability Appraisal: Non-technical Summary.**
This document can be accessed [here](#).
 - **Appendix D(iii) – Appendix A of the SA – Plans, Policies and Programmes.**
This document can be accessed [here](#).
 - **Appendix D(iv) – Appendix C of the SA - Spatial Distribution Options.**
This document can be accessed [here](#).
 - **Appendix D(v) - Appendix D of the SA – Employment Growth Options.**
This document can be accessed [here](#).

- **Appendix D(vi) - Appendix E of the SA – Policies Assessment.**
This document can be accessed [here](#).
- **Appendix D(vii) – Appendix F of the SA – Alternative Sites Assessment.**
This document can be accessed [here](#).
- **Appendix D(viii) – Appendix G of the SA – Alternative Site Options.**
This document can be accessed [here](#).

1.6 At the time of writing, the intention is that the minutes of 4 June Local Plan Committee will be provided to Cabinet (and Council) by means of an update report.

2.0 DECISION

2.1 Cabinet is requested to agree the recommendations set out.

Policies and other considerations, as appropriate	
Council Priorities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning and regeneration - Communities and housing
Policy Considerations:	The Local Plan is required to be consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework and other government guidance and requirements.
Safeguarding:	No issues identified
Equalities/Diversity:	An Equalities Impact Assessment of the Local Plan is part of the Sustainability Appraisal.
Customer Impact:	Having an up-to-date Local Plan is the best way for the Council to help deliver sustainable growth and to control development.
Economic and Social Impact:	The Sustainability Appraisal aims to ensure that sustainability considerations are integral to decisions about the Plan's content. It does this by using 17 sustainability objectives to assess key components of the plan, namely the spatial strategy, the site allocations and plan's policies. The SA objectives collectively cover the three sustainability themes of social, environmental and economic.
Environment, Climate Change and zero carbon:	The new Local Plan as a whole aims to deliver positive environmental and climate change impacts and includes specific policies on these matters. The potential performance of these policies is recorded as part of the Sustainability Appraisal of the Local Plan.

Consultation/Community/Tenant Engagement:	Further consultation on the draft Local Plan will be undertaken at Regulation 19 stage. The details are explained at Section 6 of the 6 June 2026 Local Plan Committee report (Appendix A)
Risks:	A risk assessment for the Local Plan Review has been prepared and is kept up to date. As far as possible control measures have been put in place to minimise risks, including regular Project Board meetings where risk is reviewed. Section 7 of the 6 June 2026 Local Plan Committee report (Appendix A) also explains the risks of not progressing the Local Plan as recommended.
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