

Planning Policy and Local Plan Committee	<p>To exercise the Council’s functions relating to overseeing the preparation of the Local Plan* and ensuring it meets the “tests of soundness” from national and planning policy.</p> <p>The exercise of the Council’s functions, powers and duties in relation to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To oversee the preparation of the new Tendring District Local Plan* to ensure that it meets the “tests of soundness” set out in the National Planning Policy Framework. 2. To ensure that the Local Plan* is “positively prepared”, based on a strategy which seeks to meet objectively assessed development and infrastructure requirements, including unmet requirements from neighbouring authorities where it is reasonable to do so and consistent with achieving sustainable development. 3. To ensure the Local Plan* is “justified”, promoting the most appropriate strategy for growth, when considered against reasonable alternatives, based on proportionate evidence. 4. To ensure that the Local Plan* is “effective”, being deliverable over the plan period and based on effective joint working on cross- boundary strategic priorities. 5. To ensure that the Local Plan* is “consistent with national policy” enabling the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in the National Planning Policy Framework. 6. To ensure that the Council effectively complies with the statutory duty to co-operate. 7. To consider and recommend the content of the Local Plan*, in consultation with the Cabinet, for consideration and formal approval by Full Council for either public consultation (preferred options or pre-submission versions), submissions to the Secretary of State (to be examined by a Planning Inspector), or final adoption (following receipt of the Planning Inspector’s report). 8. To recommend Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) and other planning documents to Cabinet for public consultation and final adoption (**). 9. To approve the preparation, commissioning and subsequent publication of studies, surveys and other technical documents that form part of the “evidence base” needed to justify the content of the Local Plan*, Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) and other planning documents (**).
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10. To scrutinise, note and understand the recommendations and conclusions of the “evidence base” to ensure that it provides a robust platform upon which to base policies and proposals in the Local Plan*, SPDs and other planning documents (**).
11. To approve the publication of the Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) each year and to consider whether or not it highlights development trends that may or may not require changes to policies or proposals in the Local Plan*, SPDs or other planning documents.
12. To consider representations submitted in response to public consultation exercises on the Local Plan*, SPDs or other planning documents and consider the need for any changes to these documents in response to any issues that they raise (**).
13. Approve the work programme required for the Committee to undertake its functions effectively and in a timely manner.
14. Refer to Cabinet any recommendations in respect of the Council’s overall strategy, policies and guidance, where functions are the responsibility of the Cabinet, such as Supplementary Planning Documents (**).
15. Approve for recommendation of non-statutory planning policy and guidance to be considered by the Council, the Planning Committee, Cabinet (for executive functions), officers in the discharge of its statutory planning functions, including (but not limited to) avoiding detriment to local neighbourhoods (as long as they are not contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework).

**The Local Plan can consist of one or more “Development Plan Documents” which could include one document for the majority of the Tendring District and a separate document, if necessary, prepared jointly with Colchester Borough Council, for any major development crossing the Tendring/Colchester border. A Joint Committee has been established with Colchester Borough and Essex County Councils for the Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community DPD and other Local Planning Authority matters.*

*(** With the exception of matters related to the Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community which are delegated to the Joint Committee).*

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