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1 Introduction

1.1 This is the fifth Local Development Scheme, which sets out a programme and timetable for the preparation of documents for the Cheshire East Local Plan during the period 2016 to 2018.

2 The Proposed Cheshire East Local Plan

2.1 The Local Plan will (together with any Neighbourhood Development Plans that are 'made') be the Development Plan for Cheshire East, and its policies will form the basis for planning decisions in the Borough.

2.2 The Local Plan for Cheshire East will consist of three key documents. These are:

- The Local Plan Strategy which identifies the overarching objectives, policies and will identify strategic sites and locations for development;
- The Site Allocations and Development Policies Document which will allocate the remaining sites for future development and provide detailed policies to be used when considering planning applications for new development across the Borough; and
- The Minerals and Waste Development Plan Document which will set out policies for dealing with Minerals and Waste and identify specific sites.

2.3 The Local Plan will be supported by a Policies Map which will show how policies will apply across the area.

2.4 Supplementary Planning Documents may also be prepared to provide guidance on the implementation of key policies. The Council also intends to introduce the Community Infrastructure Levy set out through a Charging Schedule, developed and implemented through 2016/2017.

2.5 Transitional arrangements allow for the policies in the adopted Local Plans of the former constituent Local Authorities to be 'saved' until they are reviewed as part of the Local Plan. Directions were issued by the Secretary of State to 'save' certain policies of the Congleton, Crewe and Nantwich and Macclesfield Local Plans.

3 Schedule of Development Plan Documents

Title	Description	Geographic Coverage	Key Policy context	Local Plan Preparation (Reg 18)	Publication	Submission	Pre-Examination meeting	Independent Examination	Inspector's Report	Adoption
Local Plan Strategy DPD	Vision, Objectives and strategy for the spatial development of the area, and includes strategic sites and strategic development policies.	Cheshire East outside the National Park	NPPF, NPPG and National Planning Policy for Waste	April 2009 to March 2014	March / April 2014	May 2014	July 2014	September 2014	1st Quarter 2017	2nd Quarter 2017
Site Allocations and Development Policies DPD	Detailed policies and site allocations.	Cheshire East outside the National Park	NPPF, NPPG and the Local Plan Strategy	4th Quarter 2016 to 1st Quarter 2018	1st Quarter 2018	2nd Quarter 2018	2nd Quarter 2018	2nd Quarter 2018	4th Quarter 2018	4th Quarter 2018
Minerals and Waste Development Plan Document (1)	Policies for dealing with minerals and waste and the identification of specific sites for minerals / waste management.	Cheshire East outside the National Park	NPPF, NPPG, Local Plan Strategy, National Planning Policy for Waste, National Waste Management Plan for England	4th Quarter 2016 to 1st Quarter 2018	1st Quarter 2018	2nd Quarter 2018	2nd Quarter 2018	2nd Quarter 2018	4th Quarter 2018	4th Quarter 2018

Table 3.1 Schedule of Development Plan Documents

1 Since the 2014-2016 Local Development Scheme, the Council has decided to include Minerals with the Waste Development Plan Document





Appendix 1 Glossary of Terms

Adoption	The final approval of a Local Plan document by the Council after the document has been through all of the stages in its preparation including independent examination. Once a Local Plan document has been adopted it becomes part of the statutory development plan which is the starting point for making planning application decisions.
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)	A levy allowing local authorities to raise funds from owners or developers of land undertaking new building projects in their area.
Development Plan	This comprises all of the Local Plan documents that have been adopted. The development plan is, by law, the starting point for making planning application decisions.
Independent Examination	This is the process by which a Local Plan document is independently assessed by a Planning Inspector. It involves a round table discussion into whether the Local Plan document has met all of the relevant legal requirements and meets the tests of 'soundness' as set out in the NPPF (positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy)
Inspector's Report	This follows the examination of the Local Plan document. It sets out the Inspector's conclusions about whether the Local Plan document has met all the relevant legal requirements and is 'sound' (positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy). It is accompanied by a schedule of recommended Main Modifications - amendments that the Inspector considers need to be made to the Local Plan document to address any legal and/or 'soundness' issues.
Local Plan	This is the plan that guides the scale, type and location of development across the borough. It also includes policies to achieve good design, safeguard the environment, promote well-being and achieve economic and housing growth. It is drawn up by the Council, informed by public consultation and scrutinised through independent examination.
Local Plan Preparation (Reg 18)	This stage involves evidence gathering and initial public consultation to obtain feedback on emerging policy options and proposals.
Local Development Scheme (LDS)	A programme setting out the Local Plan documents that the council intends to prepare and when.
National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)	This is the Government's national planning policy, published in 2012. Local Plan documents should be consistent with national planning policy.



Publication	This is the stage at which the Council publishes its full, final draft of the Local Plan document for six weeks public consultation. It should be the version of the document that it intends to submit for examination.
Submission	This follows the publication stage and is the point at which the Local Plan document is formally submitted for independent examination by a Planning Inspector.
Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)	Documents which add further detail to the policies in the Local Plan. They can be used to provide further guidance for development on specific sites, or on particular issues, such as design. Supplementary planning documents are capable of being a material consideration in planning decisions but are not part of the development plan.