

Project Title	Project Details	Lead Officer(s)	Updated Position September 2024
Member Thematic Working Groups (TWG)	Establishment and implementation of thematic member working groups to support the operation of the Joint Planning Policy Committee.	Ian Rowland	Four TWG have been established and an inception meeting held for each group.
Assessment and Scoping of Evidence	Scoping of the scale, nature and timing of the evidence required to support the preparation of the Local Plan.	Ian Rowland	On-going - dependent on the outcomes of current Government planning consultations and wider plan-making reforms.
Initial Local Plan timetable	Prepare initial Local Plan Timetable to submit to DLUHC in March 2024 as per Government request, based upon the emerging requirements for the preparation of new style local plans and having regard to the content of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 and relevant Written Ministerial Statements.	Elizabeth Dee	<p>The following timetable was submitted to DHLUC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notifying stakeholders and invite them to participate in the plan-making process: June 2024 • Gateway 1 : November 2024 • Issues and Options consultation To be confirmed • Gateway 2: To be confirmed • Draft Local Plan consultation (6 weeks) To be confirmed • Gateway 3: October 2026 • Submission to the Planning Inspectorate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 2026 • Examination Hearings: October 2026 –March 2027 • Adoption: April 2027 <p>This timetable is now out of date due to the change in Government and delays to the implementation of the new plan-making system. The programme will be reviewed when the Government provide clarity on the process.</p>
Comprehensive Local Plan timetable	Finalise the Local Plan Timetable when detailed relevant regulations and updates to national planning policy are published; to be included in Gateway 1 Assessment.	Project Team	The programme for the preparation of the local plan is predicated on understanding the context of the plan-making reforms. This has been delayed by virtue of the change in Government. Awaiting the outcomes of government consultations and publication of further regulations and guidance.

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	The timetable to comply with finalised legislative, policy and guidance requirements.		
Preparation of a full Project Initiation Document for the Local Plan for submission at Gateway 1	Prepare a fully compliant Project Initiation Document as expected to be required for submission at Gateway 1 assessment; including the full scoping of evidence requirements, project management details and approaches to engagement.	Ian Rowland/ Elizabeth Dee	See above.
Engagement and Consultation Strategy	Development of a comprehensive plan for consultation and engagement that provides an efficient and effective basis for all stakeholders and communities to have the opportunity to get involved and have their say.	Project Team	To be prepared by December 2024
Visioning and Scoping	<p>Undertake initial visioning for the future of the area, both as a whole and considering individual places.</p> <p>Carry out visioning exercises with Councillors and other Stakeholders to help develop a vision and Objectives for northern Devon.</p> <p>Work with Town and Parish councils to develop draft Neighbourhood Priorities Statements and inform place-based strategies.</p> <p>Scope strategies and plans from both North Devon and Torridge Councils and also relevant stakeholders.</p>	Project Team	To take place between September 2024 and April 2025.
Duty to Cooperate/Flexible alignment policy	<p>The duty to cooperate is a continuous process and is already underway.</p> <p>Proactively engage with key partners to build relationships and understand priorities.</p> <p>All engagement activity with stakeholders to be recorded in the 'engagement log' to provide</p>	Ian Rowland/ Elizabeth Dee	Duty to cooperate activities are ongoing. Meetings have recently taken place with Exmoor National Park Authority, Somerset Council and Cornwall Council. Current Government consultation on changes to national planning policy and the planning system is seeking views on changes to strategic planning and ensuring effective co-operation.

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	<p>consistent basis for demonstrating compliance.</p> <p>Details of the flexible alignment policy yet to be confirmed, with further consultation expected this year.</p>		
Sustainability Appraisal/ Environmental Outcome Reports	Re-commission LUC to update the baseline information included Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (SASR) which was finalised in 2022 as part of the initial People and Place workstreams.	Mark Saunders	
Monitoring Framework	Identification of monitoring requirements based upon emerging Government proposals, although awaiting finalisation of national requirements. To be included in the Gateway 1 submission.	Ian Rowland / Elizabeth Dee	
Design Codes (Plan wide)	<p>Planning officers to receive training on the best practice on the preparation and implementation of design codes.</p> <p>Decide whether to include within the Local Plan or a Supplementary Plan.</p> <p>Prepare a detailed timetable for the preparation of the design code(s).</p>	TBC	<p>The government have indicated that design codes will continue to play a role in the local plan process.</p> <p>However it is not clear how this will be achieved, with the government withdrawing the requirement for area wide design codes to be prepared. Therefore await further guidance from government.</p>
Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HEELA)	Publish a HEELA which meets the requirements of government policy and guidance.	Ben Lucas / Mark Alcock	Ongoing. The first Stakeholder Panel meeting was held in August, with the next scheduled for the end of October. Recognise the need for officers to proactively search for additional sites to meet a potential increase in local housing need.
Coastal Change Management Areas	Commence policy development based on the technical evidence already prepared.	Ian Rowland	Ongoing. Work to publish the evidence for the wider coast underway – including the publication of the data on an online interactive map.
Fluvial Change Risk Management Areas	Commission consultants to prepare evidence to inform an innovative policy for FCMAAs. Work to be undertaken in	Ian Rowland / Elizabeth Dee /	Ongoing. Consultant appointed to prepare evidence.

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	partnership with the Environment Agency and Devon County Council.	Tara Jenkins	
Place Base analysis	Topic paper on current statistics and future projections to inform discussions on issues and place-based strategies.	TBC	To be prepared by April 2025
Settlement Hierarchy	Revisit the methodology of the draft settlement hierarchy prepared as part of the People and Place project in 2022 to consider any new best practice in establishing the key relationships between places. Update the hierarchy	TBC	To be prepared by April 2025
Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment	To be prepared by consultants, with an anticipated appointment date by end of August 2024.	Elizabeth Dee	Paused until clear direction from the government on what is expected to be assessed. They have indicated future changes to policy will be included as part of the National Development Management policies.