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1 Introduction

1.1 The Council is required to prepare a Local Development Scheme (LDS) to inform the public about the current planning policies for Stockport as well as to set out the programme for the preparation of the Local Plan. The Local Plan contains new planning policy documents which will progressively replace or update existing policies. When preparing new planning policies or policy documents the Council must do so in accordance with the timetable set out in its LDS so that stakeholders and the community are informed about when they can become involved in the production of planning documents, in particular, when there will be periods of consultation.

1.2 This is an interim revision of the LDS specifically to set out the timetable and other arrangements for the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF). Until the first statutory stages of the GMSF's preparation have been undertaken it is unclear what approach will be required for the review and/or updating of the rest of the Local Plan for Stockport.

1.3 The LDS also contains a supporting statement which sets out in some detail the Council's procedures and protocols which will be followed in the production of the Local Plan.

1.4 Whilst every effort has been made to make this LDS as clear as possible, it is appreciated that the planning system can on occasions be complicated and difficult to understand. For this reason a glossary of terms and acronyms used in this LDS has been provided at the end of the document.

Local Development Documents

1.5 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)\(^1\) sets out that:

150. Local Plans are the key to delivering sustainable development that reflects the vision and aspirations of local communities. Planning decisions must be taken in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

151. Local Plans must be prepared with the objective of contributing to the achievement of sustainable development. To this end, they should be consistent with the principles and policies set out in this Framework, including the presumption in favour of sustainable development.

1.6 The underlying principles behind the preparation of Local Plans and other Local Development Documents are:

- To produce a system that allows plans and policy to be more responsive to change and capable of being updated in shorter time frames;
- To facilitate continuous stakeholder and community involvement to build consensus in plan making;
- To have a clear approach to community involvement;
- To have a requirement for a comprehensive evidence base; and
- To have a programme managed approach to plan making that adds greater certainty to plan production time-scales that can be measured.

1.7 There are essentially three different types of Local Development Document (LDD) which collectively are called the Local Development Framework (LDF):

1.8 Development Plan Documents (DPDs): these make up the statutory Development Plan, also known as the Local Plan. DPDs must be in conformity with national policy set out in the NPPF. Each DPD will be subject to an independent examination by the Planning Inspectorate whose recommendations will be binding on the Council.

1.9 The adopted Proposals Map is also a Development Plan Document that must be included within the Local Plan. It has to be revised each time a new DPD which incorporates land allocations is adopted. Up-to-date plans/policies under the old planning system can be brought forward and "saved" in parallel to the Local Plan. A number of the policies in Stockport's UDP Review have been saved (see 'Saved Plans and Policies' for more information).

1.10 Statement of Community Involvement (SCI): this sets out how the stakeholders and the community will be able to be involved in the preparation of Local Development Documents and in the determination of planning applications.

1.11 Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD): these provide detailed guidance on specific sites and topic areas to supplement DPDs, but do not form part of the statutory Local Plan.
2 Structure of Stockport’s Local Development Framework

Development Plan Documents (DPD)

2.1 The Council intends to prepare (or begin preparing) the following DPDs within the 3 year timescale of this LDS:

- **Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF):** Being prepared jointly by the ten Greater Manchester (GM) authorities the GMSF will focus primarily on housing and employment land requirements for GM, the infrastructure requirements to deliver this and the environmental capacity of GM to accommodate this in the most sustainable manner.

2.2 The Council may need to replace or review existing adopted DPDs to bring the overall Local Plan into conformity with the GMSF. The format this will take and timetable for undertaking it will become clearer as the GMSF progresses and will be outlined in a further revision of the LDS in due course.

2.3 The Local Plan currently comprises the following adopted DPDs in addition to the 'saved' policies detailed in 'Saved Plans and Policies':

- **Stockport Core Strategy** (March 2011), setting the overall spatial strategy and vision for the borough, establishing the broad aims and objectives for the use of land;
- **Greater Manchester Joint Waste Development Plan** (April 2012), identifying sites required to meet Greater Manchester's future waste management needs and development management policies to enable effective and appropriate development of those sites;
- **Greater Manchester Joint Minerals Development Plan** (April 2013), showing how Stockport Council together with the other Greater Manchester Local Planning Authorities will meet their contribution to delivering the identified needs of the region for all minerals, within acceptable social, economic and environmental parameters; and

2.4 Further details of these DPDs, including downloadable copies, are available via [www.stockport.gov.uk/dpd](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/dpd).

2.5 In preparing and adopting any new DPD the Council will have regard to whether amendments or additions to the Proposals Map are required. The Proposals Map itself has the same status as a DPD. The current Proposals Map is that adopted with the UDP Review (2006) but having regard to amendments made by the two joint Greater Manchester DPDs detailed above. The Proposals Map can be viewed at [www.stockport.gov.uk/proposalsmap](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/proposalsmap).

Neighbourhood Planning

2.6 Under the Localism Act 2011 communities can now apply to the Council for the necessary powers to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan setting out a vision for their local area and general planning policies to guide development in their neighbourhood. Applications can be made for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area for which the vision and policies would be prepared and of a Neighbourhood Forum who have the powers to prepare them for that area. A Neighbourhood Plan sits alongside the borough-wide Local Plan and must be in general conformity with its strategic policies. Once adopted Neighbourhood Plans are used in the determination of planning applications within the designated area.
2.7 The following Neighbourhood Area / Forum designations have been made in Stockport:

- **Woodford Neighbourhood Area / Forum.** Further information is available at [www.woodfordneighbourhoodforum.co.uk/](http://www.woodfordneighbourhoodforum.co.uk/).

**Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD)**

2.8 The following Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) and Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) are currently available to provide guidance on the implementation of the policies of the Local Plan.

2.9 The Council recognise that many of the documents within this suite require reviewing and updating as a result of changes to both local and/or national planning policy but they at least remain useful guidance on a contextual level. It is also recognised that there may be significant overlap between different documents and a process of condensing the guidance would be helpful. The Council is currently establishing the best process through which this can be achieved and will set out details in a future review of the LDS as appropriate.

- Affordable Housing (2003)
- Day Care Nurseries (2002)
- Design of Residential Development (2007)
- Extensions and Alterations to Dwellings (2011)
- Future Stockport: Town Centre Masterplan (2006)
- Local Employment & Training Benefits (2012)
- Recreational Open Space Provision and Commuted Payments (2006)
- Shopfronts and Related Advertisements (2002)
- Sustainable Design and Construction (2012)
- Sustainable Transport (2007)
- Town Centre Housing (2008)
- Transport and Highways in Residential Areas (2006)
- Woodford Aerodrome Opportunity Site (2013)

2.10 These documents and further information can be found at [www.stockport.gov.uk/spd](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/spd).

**Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)**

2.11 This sets the standard and approach to involving stakeholders and the community in the production of all LDF documents and planning applications.


**Saved Plans and Policies**

2.13 The following policies, plans and guidance material were produced under a previous planning regime. The Secretary of State approved the saving of the UDP Review policies shown beyond the initial three year post adoption period. The Council has retained the other policy guidance documents for planning purposes. These policies and documents will be progressively
replaced, where it is appropriate to do so, with DPDs and/or SPDs in accordance with national policy.

2.14 **Unitary Development Plan Review**

2.15 **UDP Review Part 1** policies are replaced by the Core Strategy DPD with the exception of PSD2, PSD3, PG1, TCG1, TCG2, TCG3 and TCG4, which relate to defined areas on the Proposals Map and are thus retained as saved UDP Review policies until they are superseded by policies in other DPDs.

2.16 **UDP Review policies** MW2, MW1.1 and MW1.2 relating to waste have been superseded by the Core Strategy and relate to policies in the Greater Manchester Joint Waste DPD. MW1.3 (Mineral and Waste Sites: Schemes of Working, Restoration and Aftercare) has been superseded by the Greater Manchester Joint Waste DPD and the Greater Manchester Joint Minerals DPD. MW1.5 (Control of Waste from Development) has been superseded by the Core Strategy and the Greater Manchester Joint Waste DPD. Other policies relating to minerals have been replaced by the Greater Manchester Joint Minerals DPD. All other saved UDP Review Part 2 policies not superseded by the Core Strategy will be superseded by other DPDs in due course but do not, at this stage, require replacement as they are considered to be in general conformity with the NPPF. Where there is tension between older policies and more recently adopted national or local planning policy, these will be read flexibly to ensure conformity, with greater weight always being afforded to the more up to date position.

2.17 The potential for adjustments to the LDS for replacement of these with DPDs will be regularly monitored, including through the preparation of the annual Authority’s Monitoring Report (see [www.stockport.gov.uk/ldf](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/ldf)).

2.18 Core Strategy Appendix B gives a list of UDP Review policies which it supersedes. For ease of reference the remaining 'saved' UDP Review policies (which are not superseded by the Core Strategy) are set out in an informal document available at [www.stockport.gov.uk/2013/2994/developmentcontrol/planningpolicy/LDF/udppoliciesthatstillapply](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/2013/2994/developmentcontrol/planningpolicy/LDF/udppoliciesthatstillapply) (please note that this document includes the UDP Review's minerals and waste policies which were subsequently superseded by the two joint Greater Manchester DPDs set out above).

**Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment**

2.19 In order to fully comply with European regulations, ensure efficient working and to provide a robust and transparent evidence base, the Council adopts an integrated approach towards Sustainability Appraisal and the requirements for all Local Development Documents (LDDs) to be subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment.

2.20 The Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) will be embedded into the production of all LDDs as part of the initiation / evidence gathering stage and will then be updated at other appropriate milestone stages.

2.21 A Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) is also required, driven by the European Union’s Habitats Directive and its associated UK legislation.

2.22 As part of the processes for the above the Council will:
- Prepare an SA (including an SEA) to appraise the social, environmental and economic effects of plan strategies and policies, from the outset of the preparation process;
- Prepare an Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) in line with relevant legislation.
- Prepare an HRA in line with relevant legislation.
- Include the draft SA/SEA, HRA and EqIA documents within the public consultation on each DPD and SPD where required.
- When submitting a DPD to the Secretary of State, the Council will also submit the final sustainability report and any other necessary assessments, having taken into account any changes as a result of the public participation.

2.23 The Sustainability Appraisal will play an important part in demonstrating that each LDD reflects sustainable development objectives.

2.24 Sustainability appraisal of LDDs to date has been undertaken using a framework of objectives and indicators against which the social, environmental and economic effects of plans are tested. The Council, in liaison with key stakeholders and partners, is reviewing this framework to take account of experience to date in undertaking sustainability appraisal, as well as to better integrate aspects of the non-statutory Health Impact Assessment and other appropriate forms of assessment, e.g. rural proofing and age proofing, which the Council seeks to carry-out on all policy and strategy documents.
3 Schedule of Proposed and Ongoing Local Development Documents

3.1 Table 1 ‘Schedule of Proposed Local Development Documents’ sets out a schedule of proposed Local Development Documents to be prepared by Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council between 2015 and 2018 together with a description of the role played by each document and key milestones to adoption.
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<td>Consistent with national planning policy and having regard to the Greater Manchester Strategy, Greater Manchester Growth and Reform Plan</td>
<td>To 2035</td>
<td>Initial consultation on the objectively assessed development need (November 2014) Consultation on vision, strategy and growth options (October - December 2015)</td>
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<td>Proposals Map</td>
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The Proposals Map DPD is to be developed in line with the timescales for all other DPDs. It will be amended and re-published as necessary upon adoption of each DPD.
4 Local Development Document Profiles

Core Strategy DPD

Document Details

4.1 **Role and Subject:** Sets out the key elements of the planning framework for the borough comprising spatial vision and strategic objectives, spatial strategy, core policies and monitoring and implementation framework.

4.2 **Coverage:** The Borough of Stockport.

4.3 **Status:** Adopted Development Plan Document.

4.4 **Conformity:** The Core Strategy conforms with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

4.5 **Timetable:** The Core Strategy was adopted by the Council on 17th March 2011 with its Development Management Policies being applied to planning applications from the 1st April 2011 onwards. It supersedes many (but not all) of the policies set out in the Stockport UDP Review; a schedule of those UDP policies that are replaced (and therefore no longer apply) is set out in Appendix B of the Core Strategy.

4.6 **Monitoring and Review:** The Core Strategy is intended to cover the period to 2026. It is monitored on an annual basis and will be reviewed if the monitoring highlights such a need, or if changes to higher level policy require such.
Greater Manchester Joint Waste DPD

4.7 **Role and Subject:** The JWDPD:

- Sets out the vision and spatial objectives relating to waste for the Greater Manchester area;
- Develops the main policies and broad framework for implementation and monitoring in Authorities Monitoring Reports (AMRs);
- Details how the Planning Authorities will meet their contribution to delivering the identified needs of the region for all waste streams, within acceptable social, economic and environmental parameters;
- Sets out how waste management will be considered alongside other spatial concerns, recognising the positive contribution waste management can make to the development of sustainable communities;
- Plans for the provision of new capacity based on clear policy objectives, robust analysis of available data and information, and an appraisal of options; and
- Sets out broad and detailed criteria based policies for the plan area.

4.8 **Coverage:** Greater Manchester.

4.9 **Status:** Adopted Joint Development Plan Document.

4.10 **Conformity:** The JWDPD conforms with European legislation, national planning policy and each of the planning authority’s Core Strategy Development Plan Documents.

4.11 **Timetable:** The JWDPD was adopted on 1st April 2012.

4.12 **Monitoring and Review:** In respect of the JWDPD, annual monitoring is carried out by the Greater Manchester Minerals and Waste Planning Unit, as they are the most appropriate body to undertake this work. A report is produced annually and incorporated into each authority’s AMR.
Greater Manchester Joint Minerals DPD

Document Details

4.13 **Role and Subject:** The JMDPD will:

- Sets out the strategic aims and objectives relating to minerals for the Greater Manchester area;
- Develops the main policies and broad framework for implementation and monitoring;
- Details how the Planning Authorities will meet their contribution to delivering the identified needs of the region for all minerals, within acceptable social, economic and environmental parameters.
- Sets out how minerals will be considered alongside other spatial concerns, recognising the importance of the prudent use of minerals in preserving natural resources;
- Safeguards existing rail head, wharfage, and other storage and handling facilities and identifies future sites to accommodate such facilities;
- Safeguards rail and water-served sites for concrete batching, coated materials, and the reprocessing of recycled and secondary materials into aggregate, and, where appropriate, identifies future sites for these uses;
- Indicates areas where future working might be sustainable;
- Identifies Mineral Safeguarding Areas (MSAs)
- Includes a key diagram detailing sites identified within the plan area, and a set of 10 inset maps, one for each district, to be included within their individual proposals maps; and
- Sets out detailed criteria based and site specific policies for the plan area.

4.14 **Coverage:** Greater Manchester.

4.15 **Status:** Adopted Joint Development Plan Document

4.16 **Conformity:** The JMDPD conforms with national planning policy and each of the District’s Core Strategy Development Plan Documents.

4.17 **Timetable:** The JMDPD was adopted in April 2013.

4.18 **Monitoring and Review:** In respect of the JMDPD, annual monitoring will be carried out by the Greater Manchester Minerals and Waste Planning Unit as they are the most appropriate body to undertake this work. A report is produced annually and incorporated into each district’s AMR.
Proposals Map DPD

Document Details

4.19 **Role and Subject:** An Ordnance Survey base map on which all the policies and proposals in Development Plan Documents and saved polices which have geographical expression are notated.

4.20 **Coverage:** The Borough of Stockport

4.21 **Status:** To show land use allocations, sites and areas to which policies and proposals in Development Plan Documents refer.

4.22 **Conformity:** Conforms with Core Strategy and all Development Plan Documents and Supplementary Planning Documents.

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Arrangements for Production

4.23 **Organisational Lead:** Technical Policy & Planning Manager

4.24 **Management Arrangements:**

- SMBC Place directorate Development and Investment Group
- LDF Members' Working Party
- Executive Recommendations to Council meeting for approvals

4.25 **Internal Resources:** Technical Policy & Planning Team and Business Support Officer

4.26 **External Resources:** out source hard copy printing and possibly also e-version production and publication.

4.27 **Stakeholder Resources:** not applicable

4.28 **Community and Stakeholder Involvement:** feedback is sought on the presentation and accessibility of the published versions of the map.

4.29 **Monitoring and Review:** stakeholder feedback will be used to improve subsequent editions of the map.
Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF)

Document Details

4.30 **Role and subject:** The GMSF will focus primarily on housing and employment land requirements for GM, the infrastructure requirements to deliver this and the environmental capacity of GM to accommodate this in the most sustainable manner.

4.31 **Coverage:** Greater Manchester.

4.32 **Status:** The Spatial Framework is being progressed as a Joint Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA) Plan which will become in 2017 a plan of the Mayor requiring unanimous approval of the cabinet of 10 Leaders. An Integrated Assessment and a separate Habitats Regulations Assessment are being undertaken alongside the preparation of the GMSF. Once adopted, the GMSF will be a spatial development strategy and Local Plans would need to be in general conformity with it. The GMSF is just one of a suite of documents through which GMCA is progressing its growth and reform ambitions namely:

- A GM 'Vision' which extends beyond the GMSF;
- Residential Growth Strategy setting out how land will be brought forward to meet identified demand;
- A Transport Strategy;
- An Infrastructure Plan; and
- Investment strategy, sitting alongside financial tools such as the Manchester Investment fund, the Housing Investment Fund etc.

4.33 **Conformity:** Consistent with national planning policy and having regard to the Greater Manchester Strategy, Greater Manchester Growth and Reform Plan.

4.34 **Timetable:**

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4.35 The timetable will need to be reviewed once the status of the plan has been confirmed by legislation and supporting regulations.
5 Programme for Document Production

5.1 Figure 1 'Three year programme for plan production' provides an overview of the timetable and project management of the Local Development Documents.
Greater Manchester Spatial Strategy DPD (GMSF)

DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENTS

1 = Consultation with statutory bodies on scope of Sustainability Appraisal / Habitats Regulation Assessment ("Appropriate Assessment") / Health Impact Assessment / Equality Impact Assessment (as required).

2 = Regulation 25 consultation (ongoing Issues and Options / targeted honing of strategy consultation) († = Scheduled "Issues and Options" consultation (this may be undertaken in more than one stage), ‡ = informal "Preferred Option(s)" consultation)

3 = Publication of and consultation on the DPD

4 = Submission of the DPD

5 = Examination

6 = Receipt of the Inspector’s binding report followed by Adoption at

SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS

a = Consultation with statutory bodies on scope of Sustainability Appraisal / Habitats Regulation Assessment ("Appropriate Assessment") / Health Impact Assessment / Equality Impact Assessment (as required).

b = Stakeholder consultation on draft SPD / assessments

c = Consideration of representations and finalisation of SPD followed by Adoption at

⇒ = ongoing document and supporting materials preparation
6 Supporting Statement

About the Area

6.1 Stockport stretches from the borders of the Peak District National Park to City Centre Manchester, covering an area of 126 km². The Borough lies in the south-eastern part of the Greater Manchester conurbation nestled between the Pennines foothills and the Cheshire Plain. Served by the M60 and the M56, the A6 and A34 major roads and with rail links to points north, south, east and west Stockport is accessible, yet hectic in parts of the Borough, whilst more remote tranquil areas are also in evidence. Stockport is a relatively densely populated Borough accessing its own and other employment areas, both within and outside the North West region.

Social

6.2 Average life expectancy for both male and female populations in Stockport is higher than the regional average, with women tending to live longer. Mortality rates are lower than the Greater Manchester and regional averages, meaning Stockport has an ageing population and a third of households in the Borough house a pensioner. However, polarisation of social sectors is cause for concern, with evidence of poor health, lower life expectancy and unemployment linked to more deprived areas. Access to services is an issue with residents in certain parts of the Borough having further to travel to access basic health and lifestyle needs, whilst more heavily populated centres can place a strain on service provision.

Housing

6.3 Generally the housing stock in the Borough is of good quality with some improvements needed, including improving energy efficiency in light of climate change drivers. Affordability is a key problem in the Borough with emerging households unable to afford housing in their local area. The average annual completion rate of new housing in the Borough over the last five years is 493. Since a peak level of completions in 2006/7 there was a reduction in completions, mainly due to the economic recession, however completions are currently rising year on year.

Economic

6.4 In Stockport, earnings on average are higher than Greater Manchester and regional levels, with lower levels of unemployment than local, regional and national averages. However, with more workers in senior positions and a smaller percentage in elementary roles there maybe issues around un-skilled workers in Stockport getting access to local work. The services and finance & IT sectors provide the majority of work opportunities with low employment percentages in manufacturing and construction.

Transport

6.5 Congestion is a major issue for Stockport with one of the Region’s busiest roads cutting through the heart of the Borough. Sustainable modes of transport are promoted by the Council and partner organisations, seeking to encourage use of public transport, cycling and walking. There are key issues of ensuring appropriate car parking for commercial developments and sustainable transport accessibility to employment and services for residential developments. Redevelopment of urban centres and more remote areas can offer opportunities to improve existing transport and infrastructure.
Environment

6.6 With over 46% of the borough designated as Green Belt there are many benefits to living in Stockport. However, pressure is on to house and employ Stopfordians which places strain on the protection of the environmental assets in the Borough. Biodiversity and green infrastructure need to be sustainably managed to ensure the heart and lungs of Stockport continue to function. Sustainable design and construction methods offer a way of ensuring that Stockport remains the green and leafy vibrant Borough that attracts people to live and work here.

Joint Working

6.7 Stockport Council joined forces with the nine other local planning authorities in Greater Manchester to prepare and adopt joint development plan documents for waste and minerals matters. Details of these plans are contained in this LDS.

6.8 As part of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Stockport is working with the other 9 Greater Manchester districts to prepare the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF), as detailed in this LDS.

Resources

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<td>Chief Planning Officer</td>
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Programme Management and Responsibilities

6.9 The management responsibilities for each LDD are set down in their respective profiles in 4 ‘Local Development Document Profiles’.

6.10 Key contacts involved in various elements of the LDF are as follows:

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<td>Development and Investment Group</td>
<td>Internal consultee on procedures and documents</td>
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#### 6.11 Document Development

Document development will be undertaken making maximum usage of electronic resources. The Council intends to continue use of a web-based exchange system for public consultation purposes in relation to the LDF and the same system will also continue to be used to co-ordinate internal development of documents at each stage.

#### 6.12 Authority’s Monitoring Report

An Authority’s Monitoring Report is produced annually as set out in 7 ‘Monitoring and Review of the Scheme’. This is primarily the responsibility of the Technical Policy and Planning Team. This document informs updates of the LDS as and when required.

#### Council Procedures and Reporting Protocols

##### 6.13 Procedures and Protocols

The Council's procedures and protocols for formal decision making in the development of each LDD are as follows:

**Table 4 Procedures and protocols for formal decision making.**

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#### Risk Assessment

##### 6.14 Risk Assessment

In developing the LDF it is important to assess potential risks to the meeting of the identified timescales and to identify means of mitigating them.
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<th>Risk</th>
<th>Potential Impact</th>
<th>Mitigation Measure</th>
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<td>1) Staff turnover</td>
<td>Delay at all stages of document development due to reduced resources</td>
<td>Ensure that procedures are in place to swiftly fill resource gaps (either through appointment of new resources (i.e. consultants) OR reallocation of existing resources)</td>
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<td>2) Change of political control of Council</td>
<td>Change of Political priorities and/or policies which underlie the Core Strategy</td>
<td>It is intended to gain early cross-party agreement to LDDs through use of a cross-party LDF Working Party.</td>
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<td>3) Lack of financial resources</td>
<td>Inability to meet timescales and/or objectives set in LDS and/or SCI</td>
<td>Ensure that the importance of the LDF is recognised in the level of funding allocated by the Council.</td>
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<td>4) Changes to the national planning system</td>
<td>Delay due to changes in plan-making requirements / procedures</td>
<td>Flexibility allowed within timetable</td>
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| 5) Documents found unsound at examination | i) Delay to preparation of other LDDs  
ii) Saved policies becoming out-of-date before superseding policy is finalised/adopted | Ensure that best practice advice and government guidance is followed as far as possible |

6.15 In project managing LDDs the Council makes use of more detailed project Risk Logs. These should enable early identification of any potential risks to the project and the putting in place of mitigative measures should they be required.

### Evidence Base

6.16 Sound Development Plan Documents must be based upon robust and credible evidence. The Council maintains a suite of evidence documents which are updated as necessary. This can be found at [www.stockport.gov.uk/ldfevidence](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/ldfevidence).

### Identified Priorities

6.17 This LDS is developed with priorities which flow from the following:

- Policies and proposals which are set down in the Core Strategy and UDP Review (adopted in May 2006)
- The need to take into account new legislation and regulations
- The emerging evidence base and monitoring
- The undertaking of detailed discussions with stakeholders
- Known developer interest
7 Monitoring and Review of the Scheme

Annual Monitoring and Review Document

7.1 The Council is required to monitor and report annually on the effectiveness of its planning policies and proposals. An Authority’s Monitoring Report (AMR) is published every 12 months and has been published since 2004.

7.2 The AMR assesses the following:

- Whether the milestones in the LDS for production of LDDs are being achieved or likely to be achieved;
- Whether the Council is meeting, or on-track to meet, the targets set out in the LDDs and, if not, the reasons why;
- What impact LDD policies are having on other targets set at national and local level;
- Whether any policies need to be updated or replaced, either to meet sustainable development objectives or in order to comply with changes elsewhere in the LDF or national or local policy; and
- What action(s) need to be taken if policies need to be replaced.

7.3 As a result of monitoring the Council will consider what changes, if any, need to be made to the LDDs and will bring about any such through of the review of the LDS as necessary. The Sustainability Appraisal and other forms of assessment of the emerging LDDs is informed by and informs the AMR.

7.4 The most up to date and previous AMRs can be viewed via www.stockport.gov.uk/ldf.
## Glossary of Terms and Acronyms used in the LDS

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<td><strong>AMR</strong></td>
<td><em>Authority’s Monitoring Report</em> (formerly known as the Annual Monitoring Report)</td>
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<td><strong>DPD</strong></td>
<td><em>Development Plan Document</em></td>
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<td><strong>Evidence Base</strong></td>
<td>The information and data that have informed the development of policies.</td>
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<td><strong>Front-loading consultation</strong></td>
<td>Detailed consultation undertaken at the policy development stage so as to reduce the need for time and resource consuming consultation at the detailed planning stage (i.e. to establish the principle of certain types of development in specific areas so as to set down with greater certainty what would or would not be appropriate there).</td>
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<td><strong>Gantt Chart</strong></td>
<td>A type of bar chart showing how projects, schedules and other time-related systems progress and interrelate over time.</td>
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<td><em>Greater Manchester</em></td>
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<td><strong>(GM)JMDPD</strong></td>
<td><em>(Greater Manchester) Joint Minerals Development Plan Document</em></td>
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<td><em>(Greater Manchester) Joint Waste Development Plan Document</em></td>
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<td><strong>GMSF</strong></td>
<td><em>Greater Manchester Spatial Framework</em></td>
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<td><strong>HRA</strong></td>
<td><em>Habitats Regulations Assessment</em></td>
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<td><strong>LDD</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Neighbourhood Area</strong></td>
<td>An area designated under the Localism Act 2011 for which a designated Neighbourhood Forum has the powers to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan.</td>
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<td>A body designated under the Localism Act 2011 which has the powers to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for a designated Neighbourhood Area.</td>
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<td><strong>Neighbourhood Plan</strong></td>
<td>A plan for a designated Neighbourhood Area prepared by a designated Neighbourhood Forum under the Localism Act 2011. Neighbourhood Plans can set out a shared vision for a neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of a local area, helping to deliver (and in general conformity with) the strategic policies of the borough-wide Local Plan.</td>
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<td>NPPF</td>
<td>National Planning Policy Framework</td>
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<td>Plan Period</td>
<td>The time period over which a specific document will remain valid.</td>
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<td>RSS</td>
<td>Regional Spatial Strategy for the North West</td>
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<td>SA</td>
<td>Sustainability Appraisal</td>
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<tr>
<td>Saved policies</td>
<td>Current policies that are up-to-date and relevant and so can be continued into the new system.</td>
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<td>SCI</td>
<td>Statement of Community Involvement</td>
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<td>Strategic Environmental Assessment</td>
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<td>Spatial</td>
<td>Of, relating to, involving, or having the nature of space.</td>
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<td>SPD</td>
<td>Supplementary Planning Document</td>
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<td>Stakeholders</td>
<td>Any group or individual with an interest in any part or parts of the LDF and its various LDDs.</td>
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