Local Development Scheme October 2012



























PRE-TEXT

In accordance Section 15(7) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011), this Local Development Scheme shall have effect from 10 October 2012.

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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This document is Bury's Local Development Scheme. It sets out the proposed programme and timescales for the production of Bury's Local Plan. The Local Plan will set out the planning framework for the delivery of sustainable growth and development over the plan period. The Local Plan will be prepared under the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and can either be a single document or a combination of separate documents, also known as Development Plan Documents.
- 1.2 This revised Local Development Scheme (LDS) has been prepared to reflect the amendments to the plan-making process in the Localism Act, the National Planning Policy Framework and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.
- 1.3 The LDS sets out the programme for the preparation of the Development Plan Documents which will form Bury's Local Plan, including timetables which tell people when the various stages in the preparation of each document will be carried out.

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- 1.4 Figure 1 shows the intended components of Bury's Local Plan. The Core Strategy will sit at the heart of Bury's Local Plan and will set out the overall vision for the area and strategic objectives focussing on key issues to be addressed. It will include a strategy for achieving these objectives, setting out how much development is intended to happen where, when, and by what means it will be delivered. It will also incorporate a range of Development Management policies and arrangements for monitoring the delivery of the strategy.
- 1.5 In addition to the Core Strategy, the Council are intending to prepare a Site Allocations Plan and an Adopted Policies Map which will set out the strategy on a site-specific basis. We also intend to produce a Gypsies and Travellers Plan which will set out the strategy for accommodating the needs of gypsies and travellers in the Borough. The Local Plan also includes Greater Manchester Waste and Minerals Plans that have been/are being prepared jointly with the other Greater Manchester districts.

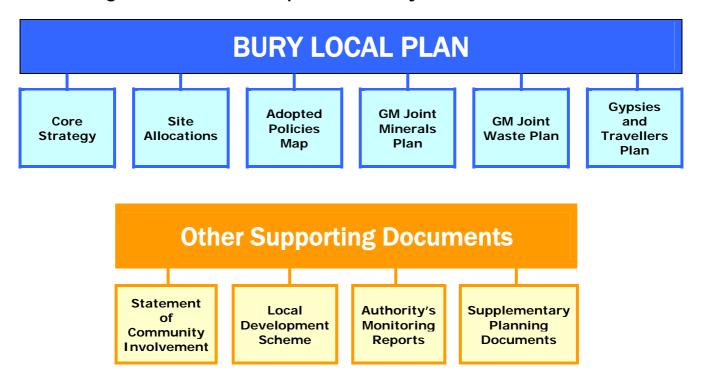


Figure 1: Intended Components of Bury Local Plan

The 'Saved' Plan

- 1.6 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act allowed the current Bury Unitary Development Plan (UDP) (1997) to be saved until 28 September 2007. In order to save policies beyond this date the Council applied to Government Office North West (GONW) to save all the UDP policies apart from OL7/1 East Lancashire Paper Mill Water Catchment Area. The Secretary of State directed that the current UDP policies could be saved, and consequently all the policies in the Unitary Development Plan remain in place apart from OL7/1.
- 1.7 When the Core Strategy is adopted the UDP policies will either be dropped or replaced, or where they are consistent with Core Strategy policies, will continue to be saved until the Site Allocations DPD is adopted.

Supplementary Planning Guidance and Supplementary Planning Documents

- 1.8 In addition to the Local Plan, local authorities can prepare Supplementary Planning Documents to 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.
- 1.9 Prior to the introduction of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act in 2004, these documents were prepared as Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPGs) to support the Unitary Development Plan. Existing SPGs will be carried forward and will remain in force where linked to a relevant 'saved'

- policy of the Bury UDP. These documents will be updated in future as and when UDP policies are replaced and will take the form of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs).
- 1.10 New Supplementary Planning Documents will also continue to be developed against 'saved' policies of the Bury UDP and again such documents will be updated as and when UDP policies are replaced by new Local Plan policies.

2 LOCAL PLAN MAKING PROCESS

2.1 The process for preparing and adopting Local Plans is set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

Public Participation

- 2.2 The scale and nature of public participation will vary according to the stage of document production and will be guided by the Council's **Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)**. This sets out the approach to involving stakeholders and the community in the production of all local development documents. The original SCI was submitted to GONW on 27 July 2005, and subsequently adopted on 22 March 2006. A revised SCI was adopted in December 2009 and is available to view on the Council's website.
- 2.3 As part of the preparation of a local plan, the Council must notify specific consultation bodies; along with general consultation bodies, local residents and persons carrying out business in the area as appropriate; of the subject of the local plan we are proposing to prepare and invite them to comment on what the document should contain.

Publication and Submission

- 2.4 On completion of the public participation stages the Council will prepare the document for Publication, also known as the proposed submission stage. This will be published by the Council to allow people to view the document. Once published there is a statutory six week period for representations to be made on issues of soundness and legal compliance.
- 2.5 The Council can make minor amendments to the published document at this stage before submitting it to the Secretary of State and the Planning Inspectorate along with the representations and a schedule of the changes.

Sustainability Appraisals and Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 2.6 To assess the potential significant social, economic and environmental effects of a plan it must be subject to a Sustainability Appraisal. The Sustainability Appraisal process also incorporates the requirements of the European Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive and the UK SEA Regulations. As part of the plan preparation process reasonable alternatives are appraised to ensure that the plan is the most appropriate option.
- 2.7 Appraisals are carried out at each stage of the plan preparation process, and the outcomes influence the content of the plan. Where appropriate, the sustainability appraisal may suggest measures to mitigate any potential adverse effects that are identified through the appraisal.

Habitats Regulations Assessment

- 2.8 Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora (the Habitats Directive) requires Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) to be undertaken to assess the impacts of a land-use plan against the conservation objectives of European Sites and to ascertain whether it would adversely affect the integrity of those sites.
- 2.9 The process of HRA involves an initial screening stage, followed by an Appropriate Assessment (AA) if proposals are likely to have a significant adverse impact on a European site. Where significant negative effects are identified, alternative options should be examined to avoid any potential damaging effects.
- 2.10 Habitats Regulations Assessments, including Appropriate Assessment as necessary, will be undertaken prior to submission of the Local Plan, to consider emerging policies against the Habitats Directive. Although there are no European sites within the Borough, Appropriate Assessment may still be required to assess whether policies will affect sites outside the Borough.

Examination

- 2.11 Once the Local Plan, its Sustainability Appraisal, any representations submitted at the Publication stage, and other supporting documents have been submitted to the Secretary of State, it must be examined by an independent inspector before the Council can adopt it.
- 2.12 The role of the Inspector is to consider whether the plan has been prepared in accordance with the Duty to Cooperate, legal and procedural requirements, and whether it is sound.
- 2.13 To examine whether the submitted document is legally compliant the Inspector will check that it:
 - has been prepared in accordance with the Local Development Scheme and in compliance with the Statement of Community Involvement and the Regulations;
 - has been subject to sustainability appraisal and strategic environmental assessment:
 - has regard to national policy; and
 - has regard to any sustainable community strategy for the area.
- 2.14 The Inspector will also assess whether the plan has been prepared in accordance with the duty to co-operate and whether it is sound. A local planning authority should only submit a plan for examination which it considers to be 'sound' namely that it is:
 - Positively prepared the plan should be 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;

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- Justified the plan should be the most appropriate strategy, when considered against the reasonable alternatives, based on proportionate evidence;
- **Effective** the plan should be deliverable over its period and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic priorities; and
- Consistent with national policy the plan should enable the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in the National Planning Policy Framework.

3 SUMMARY AND PROFILE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENTS

- 3.1 It is the Council's intention to replace the existing Bury UDP with a new Local Plan, including two Development Plan Documents to be prepared jointly across the ten Greater Manchester authorities.
- 3.2 The following Development Plan Documents will form Bury's new Local Plan:
 - Core Strategy
 - Site Allocations
 - Site Allocations for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople
 - Adopted Policies Map
 - Greater Manchester Joint Waste Plan
 - Greater Manchester Joint Minerals Plan
- 3.3 This chapter sets out the subject matter and geographical area to which each document is to relate and the timetables for their preparation.

Core Strategy			
Coverage/Status	Boroughwide – Development Plan Document		
Role and Content	Strategic document setting out the overall vision for the area, strategic objectives focussing on key issues to be addressed and a strategy for achieving these objectives setting out how much development is intended to happen where, when, and by what means it will be delivered. It will also include a supporting Key Diagram, along with a range of Development Management policies and arrangements for monitoring the delivery of the strategy.		
Conformity	With the NPPF and hav	ving regard to Bury's	Community Strategy.
Timetable/Mileston	nes		
Consultation on SA Scoping Report	June / July 2005	Publication of Proposed Submission Documents	April – May 2013
Consultation – Issues and Options	Stage 1: June – July 2006 Stage 2: 2 July – 13 August 2007	Submission	August 2013
Preferred Options	28 May - 13 June 2008	Pre-Hearing Meeting	October 2013
Consultation on Growth Scenarios,	18 November 2011 – 13 January 2012	Examination	November 2013
Evidence and Publication Draft		Receipt of Inspector's report	February 2014
Consultation on 2 nd Publication Draft	October – November 2012	Adoption	April 2014
Arrangements for p	oroduction and monit	oring	
Production and Resources	Bury Council Planning Policy Team – lead responsibility for production process, preparation of documents, consultations and presentation of evidence at Examination. Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State – responsible for undertaking independent Examination and production of Binding Report. Resources – In-house.		
Community and stakeholder involvement	At the stages identified above, and in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement.		
Monitoring and Review	The Core Strategy is intended to be a long-term document covering the period up to 2029. The Authority's Monitoring Reports will examine contextual issues, development trends and, if necessary, recommend matters for review.		

Site Allocations				
Coverage/Status	Boroughwide – Development Plan Document			
Role and Content	Development Plan Document setting out detailed policies and proposals to deliver and guide land allocated for specific uses.			
Conformity	With the NPPF and C	Core Strategy		
Timetable/Milestone	es			
SA Scoping and Issues Report consultation	January – February 2014	Submission	November 2015	
Consultation on Options	June – July 2014	Pre-Hearing Meeting	January 2016	
Preferred Options Consultation	January - February 2015	Examination	February 2016	
Publication of	July – August 2015	Receipt of Inspector's report	May 2016	
Proposed Submission Documents		Adoption	July 2016	
Arrangements for production and monitoring				
Production and Resources Bury MBC Planning Policy Team – lead responsibility for production process, preparation of documents, consultations and presentation of evidence at Examination. Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State – responsible for undertaking independent Examination and production of Binding Report. Resources – In-house.				
Community and stakeholder involvement	At the stages identified above, and in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement.			
Monitoring and Review	The Site Allocations DPD is intended to be a long-term document covering the period up to 2029. The Authority's Monitoring Reports will examine contextual issues, development trends and, if necessary, recommend matters for review.			

Site Allocations for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople			
Coverage/Status	Boroughwide – Development Plan Document		
Role and Content	Development Plan Document setting out detailed proposals to deliver sites allocated for gypsies and travellers		
Conformity	With the NPPF and C	Core Strategy	
Timetable/Milestone	es		
SA Scoping and Issues Report consultation	June – July 2015	Submission	June 2017
Consultation on Options	January – February 2016	Pre-Hearing Meeting	August 2017
Preferred Options Consultation	July – August 2016	Examination	September 2017
Publication of	January – February 2017	Receipt of Inspector's report	December 2017
Proposed Submission Documents		Adoption	April 2018
Arrangements for production and monitoring			
Production and Resources	Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State =		
Community and stakeholder involvement	At the stages identified above, and in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement.		
Monitoring and Review	The Site Allocations for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople DPD is intended to be a long-term document covering the period up to 2029. The Annual Monitoring Report will examine contextual issues, development trends and, if necessary, recommend matters for review.		

Adopted Policies Map				
Coverage/Status	Boroughwide – Development Plan Document			
Role and Content	An Ordnance Survey based plan mapping development plan policy designations and site specific proposals arising from other Development Plan Documents.			
Conformity	With Core Strategy a Proposals Map will b		Initially the Bury UDP	
Timetable/Milestone	s			
Initiation and early awareness	To run with Core Strategy and other DPDs	Submission	To run with Core Strategy and other DPDs	
Consultation on Options	To run with Core Strategy and other DPDs	Pre-Hearing Meeting	To run with Core Strategy and other DPDs	
Preferred Options consultation	To run with Core Strategy and other DPDs	Examination	To run with Core Strategy and other DPDs	
Publication of	To run with Core	Receipt of Inspector's report	To run with Core Strategy and other DPDs	
Proposed Submission Documents	Strategy and other DPDs	Adoption	To run with Core Strategy and other DPDs	
Arrangements for production and monitoring				
Production and Resources	In line with each DPD.			
Community and stakeholder involvement	In line with each DPD.			
Monitoring and Review	The Adopted Policies Map will reflect policy designations and site specific allocations from all Development Plan Documents and will be updated as and when DPDs are adopted.			

Greater Mancheste	r Joint Waste DPD		
Coverage/Status	Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council, Bury Council, Manchester City Council, Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council, Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council, Salford City Council, Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council, Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council, Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council and Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council – Joint Development Plan Document		
Role and Content	Greater Manchester Develops the main implementation and Details how the Plan contribution to delivall waste streams, venvironmental para Sets out how waste other spatial concer waste management sustainable communication plans for the provision objectives, robust a and an appraisal of Sets out detailed criplan area.	policies and broad frand monitoring; nning Authorities will not rering the identified new within acceptable social meters; a management will be constructed, recognising the post can make to the devenities; ion of new capacity on analysis of available da	neet their eeds of the region for il, economic and considered alongside esitive contribution elopment of clear policy ta and information, pecific policies for the
Conformity	The JWDPD is in conformity with European legislation, National Planning Guidance and each of the planning authority's Core Strategy Development Plan Documents. The JWDPD was prepared with regard to the Sustainable Community Strategies of the ten Greater Manchester authorities.		
Timetable/Milestones			
SA Scoping Report Consultation	September 2006	Pre-Examination Meeting	April 2011
Consultation	September 2006 – January 2010 ¹	Examination	June - September 2011
Publication	1 November 2010 ²	Receipt of Inspector's report	November 2011
Submission to Secretary of State	February 2011	Adoption	1 April 2012

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¹ During the consultation period a Stage 1 Issues and Options consultation was undertaken in from 14 May – 22 June 2007. There was further Issues and Options consultation on Built Facilities (6 Oct – 14 Nov 2008) and Residual Waste Disposal (23 Mar – 1 May 2009) in order to evaluate alternative strategies and establish the most appropriate strategy to take forward. A targeted consultation on the JWDPD Preferred Options was then undertaken from 13 November 2009 – 8 January 2010.

² This was followed by a statutory 6 week period to submit representations.

Greater Manchester Joint Waste DPD continued				
Arrangements for pr	Arrangements for production and monitoring			
	Work on the JWDPD was co-ordinated and managed by the Greater Manchester Minerals and Waste Planning Unit on behalf of each planning authority.			
Production and Resources	A Joint Committee was established to act as an Executive, with responsibility for all documents except those prepared for submission and adoption which were agreed by each planning authority's Full Council. The Joint Committee was supported by a Steering Group consisting of officers from each of the authorities as well as the two Waste Disposal Authorities.			
Resources	GM Minerals and Waste Planning Unit were responsible for co- ordinating and managing the JWDPD preparation, also drawing on contributions from each of the ten Greater Manchester authorities, the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA) Policy Unit as well as Wigan and Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authorities. Additional consultancy support was required to assist the work carried out by GM Minerals and Waste Planning Unit.			
Community and stakeholder involvement	Consultation on the JWDPD was carried out in accordance with each of the planning authority's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). To ensure conformity with the SCIs, a Consultation Strategy was prepared which set out detailed methods for engaging with key stakeholders.			
Monitoring and Review	Annual Monitoring will be carried out by GM Minerals and Waste Planning Unit as they are the most appropriate body to undertake this work. A report will be produced by GM Minerals and Waste Planning Unit and this will be incorporated into each district's Authority's Monitoring Reports. The report will contain details on the progress of the JWDPD, and make any necessary amendments to the LDS timetable. Monitoring of the JWDPD will be carried out in accordance with each of the 10 Greater Manchester Authorities and the Regulations.			

Greater Manchester	Joint Minerals DPD
Coverage/Status	Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council, Bury Council, Manchester City Council, Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council, Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council, Salford City Council, Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council, Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council, Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council and Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council – Joint Development Plan Document
Role and Content	The JMDPD will: Set out the vision and objectives relating to minerals for the Greater Manchester area; Develop the main policies and broad framework for implementation and monitoring; Detail 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; Set out how minerals will be considered alongside other spatial concerns, recognising the importance of the prudent use of minerals in preserving natural resources; Safeguard existing rail head, wharfage, and other storage and handling facilities and identify future sites to accommodate such facilities; Safeguard rail and water-served sites for concrete batching, coated materials, and the reprocessing of recycled and secondary materials into aggregate, and, where appropriate, identify future sites for these uses; Identify areas where future working might be sustainable; Identify Minerals Safeguarding Areas (MSAs) Include 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 Set out detailed criteria based and site specific policies for the plan area.
Conformity	The JMDPD will be written to conform to National Planning Guidance and each of the District's Core Strategy Development Plan Documents.

Greater Manchester Joint Minerals DPD continued			
Timetable/Milestones			
SA Scoping Report Consultation	27 November 2009 – 8 January 2010	Pre-Examination Meeting	6 December 2011
Consultation	November 2009 – November 2010 ³	Examination	February - October 2012
Publication	29 July 2011 ⁴	Receipt of Inspector's report	November 2012
Submission to Secretary of State	November 2011	Adoption	April 2013
Arrangements for p	roduction and moni	toring	
Production and Resources	Work on the JMDPD will be co-ordinated and managed by the Greater Manchester Minerals and Waste Planning Unit on behalf of each planning authority. A Joint Committee has been established to act as an Executive, with responsibility for approval of the document except at publication and adoption, at which point the JMDPD must be agreed by each District's Full Council, with delegated approval to the Joint Committee at submission. The Joint Committee will be supported by a Steering Group consisting of officers from each of the Districts. GM Minerals and Waste Planning Unit will have responsibility for co-ordinating and managing the JMDPD preparation, also drawing on contributions from each of the ten Greater Manchester Councils and the Association of Greater Manchester		
Community and stakeholder involvement	Authorities (AGMA) Policy Unit. Consultation on the JMDPD will be carried out in accordance with each of the District's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). To ensure conformity with the SCIs, the existing Consultation Strategy for the JWDPD will be updated in light of revisions to the District SCIs.		
Monitoring and Review	In respect of the JMDPD, annual monitoring will be carried out by GM Minerals and Waste Planning Unit as they are the most appropriate body to undertake this work. A report will be produced and this will be incorporated in to each districts' Authority's Monitoring Reports. The document will contain details on the progress of the JMDPD, and make any necessary amendments to the LDS timetable. Monitoring of the JMDPD will be carried in accordance with each of the 10 Greater Manchester Authorities and the Regulations.		

³ Consultation on Issues and Options took place from 17 February to 31 March 2010. Consultation on defining mineral safeguarding areas in Greater Manchester took place from 6 August – 27 August. Following this, consultation on the preferred approach towards planning for minerals took place from 15 October to 26 November 2010.

⁴ This was followed by a statutory 6 week period to submit representations.

4 SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS

- 4.1 Complementing Bury's Development Plan Documents will be further documents which will largely comprise an extensive set of **Supplementary Planning Documents**. It is envisaged that these will take three basic forms:
 - Policy Guidance Notes to provide additional guidance on the implementation of particular policies;
 - Masterplans and Development Area Guidance to take the form of providing additional guidance for broad areas of the Borough such as town centres; and
 - **Development Briefs** to provide advice and guidance on the development of specific sites.
- 4.2 The following Supplementary Planning Documents have been prepared to date:

Ref.	Document	Status	Adoption date
SPD1	Recreation Provision in New Housing Developments	SPD	1 February 2012
DCPGN2	Wildlife Links and Corridors	SPG	July 2001
DCPGN3	Planning Out Crime in New Development	SPG	July 2001
DCPGN4	Per Cent for Public Art	SPG	July 2001, updated July 2003
DCPGN5	Affordable Housing Provision in New Residential Development	SPG	January 2004
SPD6	Alterations and Extensions to Residential Properties	SPD	March 2004, updated March 2006 and 13 January 2010
SPD7	Managing the Supply of Housing Land in Bury	SPD	7 April 2006, amended 12 September 2007 and 14 January 2009
SPD8	New Buildings and Associated Development in the Green Belt	SPD	10 January 2007
SPD9	Conversions and Re-Use of Buildings in the Green Belt	SPD	10 January 2007
SPD10	Planning for Equestrian Development	SPD	10 January 2007
SPD11	Parking Standards in Bury	SPD	30 May 2007
SPD12	Travel Plans in Bury	SPD	30 May 2007
SPD13	Conversion of Buildings to Houses of Multiple Occupation	SPD	30 May 2007
SPD14	Employment Land and Premises	SPD	12 September 2007, last updated October 2011
SPD15	Residential Conversions	SPD	9 January 2008
SPD16	Design and Layout of New Development	SPD	29 October 2008

- 4.3 The Council's existing Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) will be replaced by Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) following adoption of the Core Strategy DPD.
- 4.4 It should also be noted that the Council has a number of masterplans, development area strategies and development briefs which have been produced outside the current requirements and these will remain with the status of 'material planning considerations'. At the present time these include:
 - Bury but Better 2009 Bury Town Centre Vision and Development Strategy
 - Love Prestwich Village Town Centre Development Strategy
 - Re-Inventing Radcliffe Inner Radcliffe Vision and Development Strategy
 - Radcliffe Three Sites Masterplan Masterplan and development briefs for key regeneration sites in Radcliffe.
 - Radcliffe Town Centre Masterplan Masterplan and development brief for Radcliffe Town Centre

5 COUNCIL PROCEDURES AND REPORTING PROTOCOLS

- 5.1 For each Development Plan Document the levels of political responsibility are as follows:
 - Cabinet Decision for all pre-publication stages.
 - Full Council resolution required for publication of proposed submission documents and adoption stages, with delegated approval to the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration for minor post-publication changes and submission.
- 5.2 Work on the JWDPD and JMDPD will be co-ordinated and managed by the Greater Manchester Minerals and Waste Planning Unit on behalf of each planning authority. A Joint Waste Planning Committee and a Joint Minerals Planning Committee have been established to act as an Executive, with responsibility for all documents except those prepared for publication and adoption which must be agreed by each planning authority's Full Council. The Joint Committees will be supported by a Steering Group consisting of officers from each of the authorities as well as the two Waste Disposal Authorities.
- 5.3 For the Greater Manchester Joint Waste and Minerals DPDs the levels of political responsibility are as follows:
 - Joint Committee decision for all pre-publication stages.
 - Full Council resolution required by each of the 10 Greater Manchester authorities for publication and adoption stages, with delegated approval to the Joint Committee at submission.
- For the Statement of Community Involvement and each Supplementary Planning Document the levels of political responsibility are as follows:
 - Cabinet Decision for all stages, including adoption.

6 MONITORING AND REVIEW

- 6.1 The Council is required to monitor on at least an annual basis how effective its policies and proposals are in meeting its vision and core strategy for the future development of the Borough.
- 6.2 The Council is also required to monitor its Local Development Scheme and assess how it is performing against the timescales it sets out.
- 6.3 The authority's monitoring reports will:
 - Report progress on the timetable and milestones for the preparation of documents set out in this Local Development Scheme, including reasons where they are not being met;
 - Report progress on the delivery of policies in the Local Plan. This will include progress against any relevant targets and highlight any unintended significant effects of the implementation of the policies on social, environmental and economic objectives. Where policies and targets are not being met or on track or are having unintended effects, reasons will be provided along with any appropriate actions to redress the matter. Policies may also need to change to reflect changes in national policy.
 - Include progress against housing targets, and an update of the housing trajectory to demonstrate how policies will deliver housing provision in the Borough.
- 6.4 As a result of monitoring, the Council will consider what changes, if any, need to be made and will bring forward such changes through the review of its Local Development Scheme and Local Plan.
- 6.5 In respect of the Joint Waste and Minerals Plans, annual monitoring will be carried out by GM Minerals and Waste Planning Unit as they are the most appropriate body to undertake this work. They will produce a report and which will be incorporated into the authority's monitoring reports. The reports will contain details on the progress of the JWDPD and JMDPD, and make any necessary amendments to the LDS timetable. Monitoring of the JWDPD and JMDPD will be carried out in accordance with each of the 10 Greater Manchester Authorities and the Regulations.
- 6.6 The Authority's Monitoring Reports, incorporating any proposed revisions to the Local Development Scheme, will be brought forward at least annually in the interests of transparency. Seven Annual Monitoring Reports have now been produced to date, in December 2005 to December 2011. These reports now make an important contribution to the evidence base for the Local Plan.
- 6.7 The authority's monitoring reports will be available for inspection at the Council's Planning offices at 3 Knowsley Place, Bury and placed on the Council's web site.