






Government requires that Local Planning Authorities publish and keep up to date a document setting out the timetable for the Local Plan and other planning documents they intend to prepare. This document is known as the Local Development Scheme or LDS. Halton last updated it's LDS in 2017.








The 2017 LDS envisaged the following timetable for the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan;

	2017		2018				2019				2020			
	J-S	O-D	J-M	A-J	J-S	O-D	J-M	A-J	J-S	O-D	J-M	A-J	J-S	O-D
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Unfortunately, it was not possible to keep to that timetable as a number of issues caused delays, including;

- Natural England identified a requirement to undertake a non-breeding (over winter) birds survey.
 - This has been undertaken over the period from September 2018 to May 2019 by specialist consultants to a methodology agreed with Natural England
- Government amended National Planning Policy Framework
- Government introduced the new Housing Needs Assessment '*standard methodology*'
 - The '*standard methodology*' has removed economic (workforce) considerations from the calculation of housing need, significantly altering the housing requirement for our Plan going forward. Government also introduced a degree of uncertainty with the '*standard methodology*', as it announced a review of the methodology immediately following the publication of 2016 based household projections in Dec'18.

A revised LDS will be taken to Committee for formal approval later in the year. We envisage the following timetable for the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan;

	J-S	O-D	J-M	A-J	J-S	O-D	J-M	A-J	J-S	O-D	J-M	A-J	J-S	O-D
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The 2017 LDS set out a timetable for the introduction of a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The Council has commissioned a Whole Plan Viability Assessment, which concluded that CIL would not be viable at this time.