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Plan-Making Timetable

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1. Overview

What is a Plan-Making Timetable?

1.1. A Plan-Making Timetable is a 'project plan' identifying the planning policy documents Shropshire Council is intending to prepare over the next 3-year period.

1.2. A Plan-Making Timetable is a requirement of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026, Part 2, Regulation 4.

What is the purpose of this Plan-Making Timetable?

1.3. The main purposes of this Plan-Making Timetable are to:

a. **Establish the Council's priorities** for the preparation of new planning policy documents and associated work programmes.

b. **Inform the community and other interested stakeholders** of the timescales they can expect for the preparation and adoption of new planning policy documents for the area.

1.4. For each planning policy document that the Council is intending to prepare, the Plan-Making Timetable explains:

a. Its purpose and scope.

b. Conformity requirements.

c. Relevant framework guiding their preparation.

d. The geographical area that it will cover.

e. Any other organisation(s) involved in leading its production.

f. The resources the Council will require to prepare it.

g. The overarching timetable for its production.

h. Timescales to key milestones in its production - including when public consultation and 'gateway' assessments (checkpoints during the plan-making process to ensure plans are positively progressing in a way that is legally compliant and capable of being found 'sound' – the first 'gateway' is a self-assessment, the second and third 'gateways' are undertaken by an independent examiner) will take place.

1.5. This Plan-Making Timetable will also identify planning policy documents that may be prepared for the area by other organisations.

What timescale is addressed in this Plan-Making Timetable?

1.6. This Plan-Making Timetable covers the 3-year period from **April 2026 to March 2029**.

How often will this Plan-Making Timetable be updated?

1.7. To ensure our communities and other stakeholders remain informed on our intended timescales for preparing planning policy documents, the Council is committed to keeping this Plan-Making Timetable up to date.

1.8. As such, it will be reviewed monthly and appropriately updated if there are any changes to the dates associated with key milestones for preparing any planning policy document.

How will we record changes to our Plan-Making Timetable?

1.9. If we make any updates to this Plan-Making Timetable, the version number in the top right of the document will be updated.

1.10. Furthermore, we will prepare a concise schedule detailing any amendments, which we will make available on our website alongside this Plan-Making Timetable.

How can you view the Plan-Making Timetable?

1.11. To provide our communities and other stakeholders access to this Plan-Making Timetable, it will be made available to view:

a. On Shropshire Council's Planning Policy webpage via: https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/planning-policy/adopted-local-plan/timetable-and-processes/

b. At Shropshire Council's Head Office - the Guildhall, Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury SY3 8HQ during specified opening times.

1.12. Digital access to this Plan-Making Timetable can be facilitated through use of computer/tablet facilities (subject to availability) at:

a. 'Shropshire Local' facilities during their specified opening times. Information on Shropshire Local facilities is available via: https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/customer-services/

b. Shropshire Libraries during their specified opening times. Information on Shropshire libraries is available via: https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/libraries/find-a-library/

If I need further information about the Plan-Making Timetable, who should I contact?

1.13. Further information on this Plan-Making Timetable and the planning policy documents referenced within it can be found on the Shropshire Council Planning Policy Website via: https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/planning-policy

1.14. Further information can also be obtained by contacting Shropshire Council's Planning Policy team. To do so please:

a. Email: planningpolicy@shropshire.gov.uk or

b. Phone: 0345 678 9004

2. Proposed Planning Policy Documents

Shropshire Council Schedule

2.1. Figure 2.1 outlines the planning policy documents that Shropshire Council is intending to prepare over the 3-year period from **April 2026 to March 2029**.

Figure 2.1: Schedule of Proposed Planning Policy Documents

Document	Intention to Commence	Commencement	Submission	Adoption
Shropshire Local Plan (incorporating the Mineral and Waste Plan)	May 2026	September 2026	September 2028	March 2029
Policy Map	May 2026	September 2026	September 2028	March 2029
Updated Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule	May 2026	October 2026	February 2028	March 2029

2.2. The following sections provide further details on each of these documents.

3. Shropshire Local Plan

Reasoning

3.1. Shropshire Council is required to regularly review its Local Plan - at least every five years. These reviews are to ensure the Local Plan remains 'up-to-date' and significant weight can be applied to its policies in decision making.

3.2. Recent years have seen significant change to the national planning picture, with the introduction of a new plan-making process and ongoing change to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which sets out Government's planning policies. This has led to important contextual change locally.

3.3. As a result, Shropshire Council intends to progress the next **Shropshire Local Plan.**

Purpose and Scope

3.4. The next Shropshire Local Plan will establish a vision, measurable outcomes and a spatial strategy for the sustainable development of Shropshire over the period to 2046. To support achievement of this spatial strategy the next Shropshire Local Plan will include site allocations and local planning policy.

3.5. As Shropshire Council is also a Mineral and Waste Planning Authority, the next Shropshire Local Plan will also form the **next Mineral and Waste Plan** for Shropshire. This enables a joined-up approach to planning in Shropshire.

Conformity

3.6. The next Shropshire Local Plan is required to be in general conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and any sufficiently advanced Spatial Development Strategies (SDS) within the relevant geographical area.

3.7. The NPPF sets out Government's planning policies for England and how these should be applied. It provides the framework for the preparation of planning policy documents and constitutes a significant material consideration when making decisions on planning applications. The current NPPF was published in December 2024 (with

targeted updates in February 2025). However, Government recently consulted on proposed reforms to the NPPF which it is anticipated will be introduced later in 2026.

3.8. SDS are new sub-regional planning policy documents that will look ahead at least 20 years and set the framework for Local Plans, ensuring that they meet local housing needs, co-ordinate the provision of strategic infrastructure, grow the economy and improve the environment and climate resilience. SDS will be prepared by 'Strategic Planning Boards', which will consist of strategic planning authorities like Shropshire Council. The specific sub-regional geography that will include Shropshire has yet to be confirmed. Currently it is anticipated that the next Shropshire Local Plan will be prepared in advance of the SDS that addresses Shropshire.

Framework

3.9. The next Shropshire Local Plan will be prepared under Government's new plan-making arrangements, characterised by a more efficient 30-month preparation and adoption process (with an additional mandatory minimum four-month scoping stage prior to commencement).

3.10. The 'groundwork' for these arrangements was laid in the Levelling-up & Regeneration Act (2023) and they were enacted through the Town & Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations (2026).

3.11. Figure 3.1 provides an overview of the new plan-making arrangements:

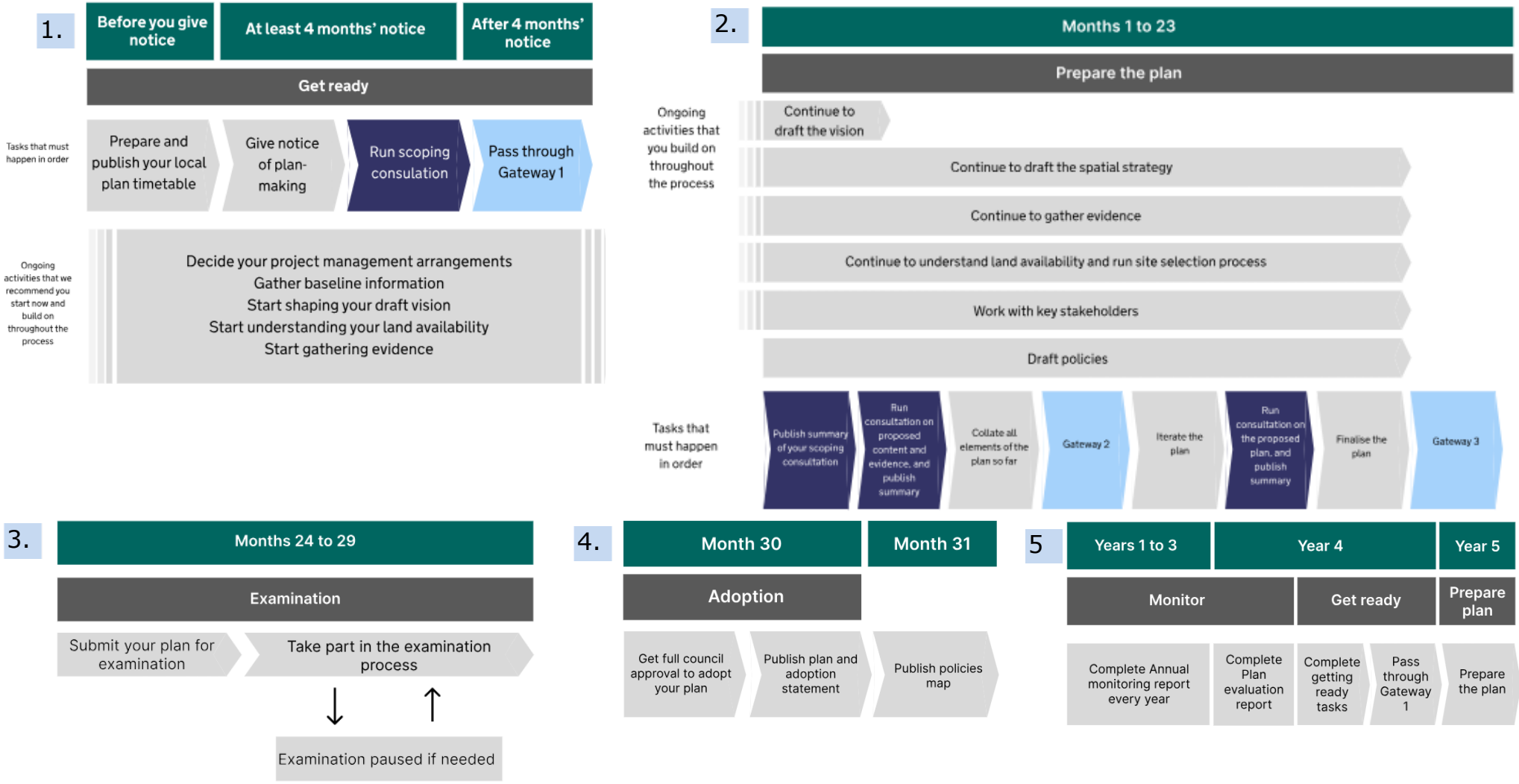
Figure 3.1: Overview of the New Plan-Making Arrangements[1]



[1] MHCLG, (2026), 30-month Local Plan process: an overview, https://gov.uk/guidance/30-month-local-plan-process-an-overview

3.12. Figure 3.2 provides a more detailed breakdown of the new plan-making arrangements:

Figure 3.2: Breakdown of the New Plan-Making Arrangements[2]



[2] MHCLG, (2026), 30-month Local Plan process: an overview, https://gov.uk/guidance/30-month-local-plan-process-an-overview

3.13. Figure 3.2 illustrates that the new plan-making process continues to include an independent examination in its latter stages, undertaken by the Planning Inspectorate. The examination is also expected to be more efficient – undertaken over a 6 month period. The role of the examination continues to be to ensure the next Shropshire Local Plan is 'sound' - positive, appropriate, realistic, and consistent with national policy.

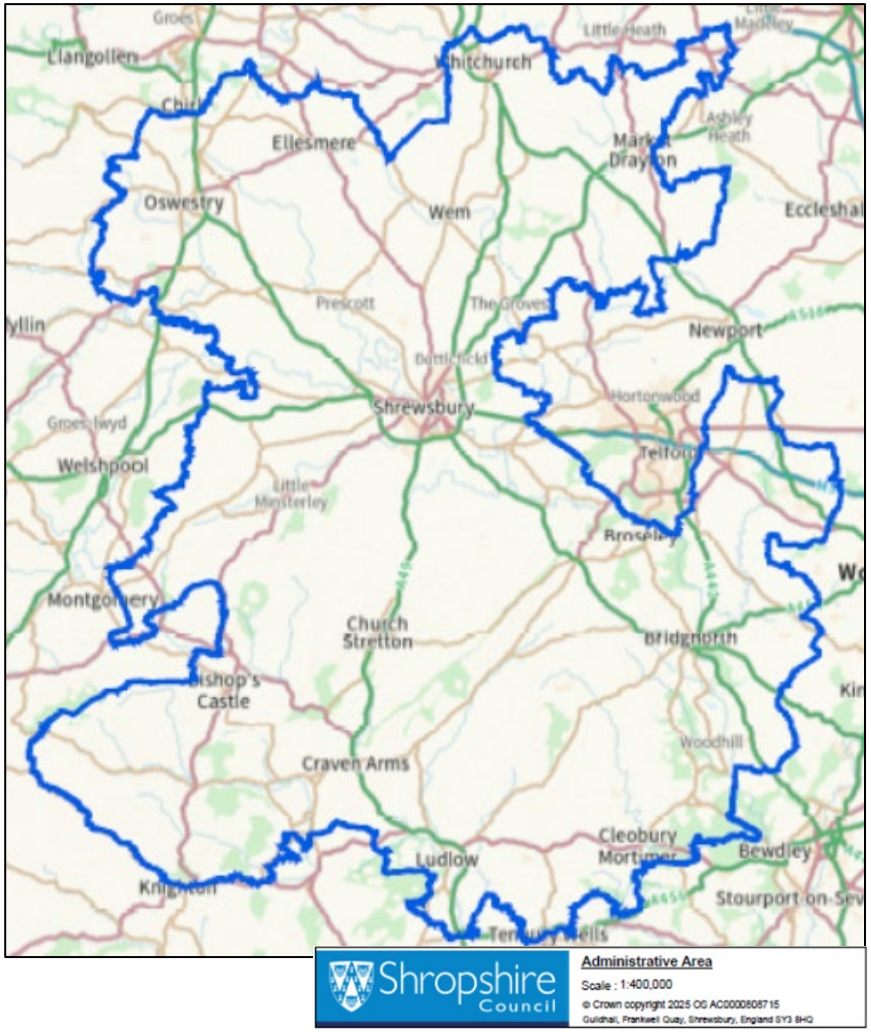
Lead Organisation(s)

3.14. In fulfilling its statutory role as the Local Planning Authority and Mineral & Waste Planning Authority, Shropshire Council is responsible for leading the preparation of the next Shropshire Local Plan.

Geographical Area

3.15. The next Shropshire Local Plan will cover Shropshire Council's administrative area, as detailed in Figure 3.3:

Figure 3.3: Shropshire Council Administrative Area



Resource Requirements

3.16. The Council's Plan-Making Project Initiation Document (PID) details the resources required to prepare the next Shropshire Local Plan.

3.17. In summary, required staff resourcing includes the core Planning Policy staff supported by staff across a wide range of other council services. Financial resources required include that to commission key evidence, secure necessary technical/legal support, fund consultation processes and fund the examination process (including the planning inspectorate costs).

Overarching Timetable and Timescales to Key Milestones

3.18. The intended programme for the preparation of the next Shropshire Local Plan, including timescales to key milestones is detailed in Figure 3.4:

Figure 3.4: Next Shropshire Local Plan Timetable

	2026									2027												
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Shropshire Local Plan (2046)																						
Key Decision Points		❶				❷								©								
Key Milestones																						
Consultation Periods		C1	C1	C1										C2	C2							
Gateway Checks						G1										G2	G2					
Supporting Technical Assessments																						
Strategic Environmental Assessment														C2	C2							
Habitats Regulations Assessment														C2	C2							
Equality, Social Inclusion and Health Impact Assessment																						

	2028												2029		
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Shropshire Local Plan (2046)															
Key Decision Points			© / ◇					❸			❹	❹		®	❺
Key Milestones															
Consultation Periods				C3	C3	C3									
Gateway Checks							G3	G3							
Supporting Technical Assessments															
Strategic Environmental Assessment				C3	C3	C3									
Habitats Regulations Assessment				C3	C3	C3									
Equality, Social Inclusion and Health Impact Assessment															

Key

Plan-Making Stages

- Notification stage
- Production stage
- Exanination stage
- Adoption

Decision Points

- © Cabinet decision
- ◇ Full Council decision
- ® Inspectors Report

Plan-Making Milestones

1. Issue intention to commence plan-making
2. Commencement of plan-making
3. Submission
4. Anticipated hearing dates
5. Anticipated adoption

Consultation Periods

- C1 Consultation: scoping
- C2 Consultation: content & evidence
- C3 Consultation: proposed Local Plan

Gateway Checks

- G1 Consultation: scoping
- G2 Consultation: content & evidence
- G3 Consultation: proposed Local Plan

Strategic Environmental Assessment Stages

- Screening
- Scoping
- Assessment of reasonable options and effects of proposals
- Draft Environmental Report
- Final Environmental Report

Habitat Regulations Assessment Stages

- Scoping
- Where necessary appropriate assessment
- Draft Report
- Final Report

Equality, Social Inclusion and Health Impact Assessment Stages

- Appraisal
- Draft Report
- Final Report

3.19. Figure 3.5 provides a complementary activity log, detailing key activities within the intended programme for preparing the next Shropshire Local Plan. It also includes when these activities are likely to occur, reflecting the intended programme for the preparation of the next Shropshire Local Plan in Figure 3.4.

Figure 3.5: Next Shropshire Local Plan Activity Log

	Activity	Indicative Start:	Indicative End:
1	Developing project management process and structure, governance risk register and ensuring resources are in place to begin the project	January 2026	May 2026
2	Scoping, collating and procuring early evidence and scoping strategic environmental assessment	March 2025	September 2026
3	Scoping and production of an engagement strategy / Councillor and key internal and external stakeholder briefings / early engagement about forthcoming plan production	March 2025	September 2026
4	Call for sites	July 2025	October 2025
5	(Statutory) Notice of intention to commence plan-making	May 2026	May 2026
6	(Statutory) Strategic Environmental Assessment – screening	March 2026	May 2026
7	Equality Social Inclusion and Health Impact Assessment	March 2026	May 2026
8	*Cabinet decision*	*May 2026*	*May 2026*
9	**Public consultation – scoping (minimum 6 weeks)**	**May 2026**	**July 2026**
10	(Statutory) Strategic Environmental Assessment – scoping	August 2026	October 2026
11	(Statutory) Habitats Regulations Assessment – scoping	August 2026	October 2026
12	Gateway 1 – self-assessment and commencement of plan-making	September 2026	September 2026
13	Preparation of vision and measurable outcomes for consultation	October 2026	November 2026
14	Identification of reasonable options and preferred option for spatial strategy	November 2026	March 2027
15	Initial site assessment process	November 2026	March 2027
16	Initial local policy development	November 2026	March 2027
17	(Statutory) Strategic Environmental Assessment	November 2026	March 2027
18	(Statutory) Habitats Regulations Assessment	November 2026	March 2027
19	Equality Social Inclusion and Health Impact Assessment	November 2026	March 2027

	Activity	Indicative Start:	Indicative End:
20	*Cabinet decision*	*May 2027*	*May 2027*
21	**Public consultation – content and evidence (minimum 6 weeks)**	**May 2027**	**June 2027**
22	Gateway 2 – independent review (by the planning inspectorate)	July 2027	August 2027
23	Continued development of draft plan including responding to consultation and any further evidence gathering	September 2027	March 2028
24	Finalisation of site assessment process	September 2027	March 2028
25	Finalisation of local policy development	September 2027	March 2028
26	Councillor and key internal and external stakeholder briefings / early engagement about next stage of plan production	September 2027	March 2028
27	(Statutory) Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment	September 2027	March 2028
28	(Statutory) Habitats Regulations Assessment	September 2027	March 2028
29	Equality Social Inclusion and Health Impact Assessment	November 2027	March 2028
30	*Cabinet decision*	*March 2028*	*March 2028*
31	*Full Council decision*	*March 2028*	*March 2028*
32	**Public consultation – proposed Local Plan (minimum 8 weeks)**	**April 2028**	**June 2028**
33	Gateway 3 – stop or go (by the planning inspectorate)	July 2028	August 2028
34	Plan Submission	August 2028	August 2028
35	Independent Examination (indicative – specific timescales determined by the planning inspectorate)	August 2028	February 2029
36	*Full Council decision*	*March 2029*	*March 2029*
37	Plan adoption (indicative)	March 2029	March 2029

4. Policy Map

Reasoning

4.1. The policy map indicates spatially where the policies in planning policy documents apply. To support the next Shropshire Local Plan, the Council is intending to prepare the **next policy map** for Shropshire.

Purpose and Scope

4.2. The next policy map will not introduce new planning policy, rather it indicates spatially where the policies of the next Shropshire Local Plan and other adopted planning policy documents for Shropshire apply. This includes the location and extent of settlements, site allocations, policy designations (such as Green Belt) and historic and natural environment designations.

Conformity

4.3. The next policy map will support the understanding and application Local Plan and other adopted planning policy documents for Shropshire. As such, it will be in conformity with these documents.

Framework

4.4. Consistent with the next Shropshire Local Plan, the next policy map will be prepared under Government's new plan-making arrangements.

Lead Organisation(s)

4.5. Alongside preparation of the next Shropshire Local Plan, Shropshire Council will lead the preparation of the next policy map for Shropshire.

Geographical Area

4.6. The next policy map will cover Shropshire Council's administrative area, as detailed in Figure 3.3.

Resource Requirements

4.7. Preparation of the next policy map will form part of the process of preparing the next Shropshire Local Plan. The Council's Plan-Making Project Initiation Document (PID) details the resources required to prepare the next Shropshire Local Plan.

Overarching Timetable and Timescales to Key Milestones

4.8. The intended programme for the preparation of the next policy map aligns with the intended programme for the preparation of the next Shropshire Local Plan. This intended programme, including timescales to key milestones, is detailed in Figure 4.1:

Figure 4.1: Next Policy Map Timetable

	2026									2027												
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Next Policy Map (2046)																						
Key Decision Points		©												©								
Key Milestones														①	①							

	2028												2029		
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Next Policy Map (2046)															
Key Decision Points			© / ◇												◇
Key Milestones				②	②	②		③							④

Key

Policy Map Milestones

① Optional consultation on initial draft Local Plan policy map

② Consultation on initial draft Local Plan policy map

③ Submission

④ Anticipated adoption of full Development Plan policy map*

Decision Points

© Cabinet decision

◇ Full Council decision

**The adopted policy map will reflect the policies of both the next Local Plan and other adopted planning policy documents for Shropshire.*

4.9. Figure 4.2 provides a complementary activity log, detailing key activities within the intended programme for preparing the next policy map. It also includes when these activities are likely to occur, reflecting the intended programme for the preparation of the next policy map in Figure 4.1.

Figure 4.2: Next Policy Map Activity Log

	Activity	Indicative Start:	Indicative End:
1	*Cabinet decision*	*May 2026*	*May 2026*
2	Development of initial draft Local Plan policy map	November 2026	March 2027
3	*Cabinet decision*	*May 2027*	*May 2027*
4	**Optional public consultation – initial draft Local Plan policy map (minimum 6 weeks)**	**May 2027**	**June 2027**
5	Development of draft Local Plan policy map	September 2027	March 2028
6	*Cabinet decision*	*March 2028*	*March 2028*
7	*Full Council decision*	*March 2028*	*March 2028*
8	**Public consultation – draft Local Plan policy map (minimum 8 weeks)**	**April 2028**	**June 2028**
9	Submission alongside next Shropshire Local Plan	August 2028	August 2028
10	Informs independent Examination of the next Shropshire Local Plan (indicative – specific timescales determined by the planning inspectorate)	August 2028	February 2029
11	*Full Council decision*	*March 2029*	*March 2029*
12	Development Plan policy map adoption (indicative)	March 2029	March 2029

5. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule

Reasoning

5.1. The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a charge on new development to help fund supporting infrastructure. CIL only applies in areas where a CIL Charging Schedule setting out levy rates has been adopted.

5.2. Shropshire Council was one of the first CIL Charging Authorities in the Country, having adopted its current CIL Charging Schedule in January 2012. Whilst the economic context has changed since its adoption, the levy rates in this CIL Charging Schedule have been kept up to date through annual indexation.

5.3. However, rates can only be revised to reflect wider changes to planning policy and infrastructure requirements through a review of the CIL Charging Schedule.

5.4. It is considered opportune to review the CIL Charging Schedule for Shropshire alongside preparation of the next Shropshire Local Plan, as this approach supports the alignment of these two documents. This approach also enables a shared evidence base, increasing consistency and efficiency; and enables the achievement of an appropriate balance between ensuring development remains viable whilst also funding its fair share of infrastructure improvements.

Purpose and Scope

5.5. The new CIL Charging Schedule will detail the levy rates applicable to development in Shropshire - based on the size, type and location of new development. These rates will be responsive to and inform the next Shropshire Local Plan, particularly:

a. The approach to the delivery of the infrastructure required to support achievement of the next Shropshire Local Plan's vision, measurable outcomes and spatial strategy for the sustainable development of Shropshire over the period to 2046.

b. The policy requirements in the next Shropshire Local Plan that have viability implications for development.

Conformity

5.6. Through a shared evidence base, the new CIL Charging Schedule for Shropshire will be in conformity with the next Shropshire Local Plan - responsive to and informing its proposals.

Framework

5.7. The framework for the new CIL Charging Schedule is detailed within the Planning Act (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) and the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended), which are closely related to but not part of the statutory planning framework.

5.8. This preparation process includes an independent examination in its latter stages, undertaken by an Independent Examiner. The purpose of this examination is to ensure it is legally compliant, supported by appropriate evidence (particularly on viability) that has informed proposed rate(s) and demonstrates they will not undermine the deliverability of the Local Plan, and has been informed by appropriate levels of consultation.

Lead Organisation(s)

5.9. Shropshire Council will lead the preparation of the new CIL Charging Schedule for Shropshire.

Geographical Area

5.10. The new CIL Charging Schedule will cover Shropshire Council's administrative area, as detailed in Figure 3.3.

Resource Requirements

5.11. Preparation of the new CIL Charging Schedule will require staff and financial resources. Staffing resources required include the core Planning Policy staff, supported by staff across a wide range of other council services. Financial resources required include that to commission key evidence, secure necessary technical/legal support, fund consultation processes and fund the examination process (including the planning inspectorate costs).

Overarching Timetable and Timescales to Key Milestones

5.12. The intended programme for the preparation of the new CIL Charging Schedule aligns with the intended programme for the preparation of the next Shropshire Local Plan. This intended programme, including timescales to key milestones, is detailed in Figure 5.1:

Figure 5.1: New CIL Charging Schedule Timetable

	2026									2027											
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
New CIL Charging Schedule																					
Key Decision Points		©																© / ◇			
Key Milestones							①						②						③	③	④

	2028												2029		
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Next Local Plan (2046)															
Key Decision Points						®									◇
Key Milestones	④	⑤					⑥	⑥	⑥	⑥	⑥	⑥	⑥	⑥	

Key

CIL Charging Schedule Production Stages

- Production stage
- Exanination stage
- Adoption

Decision Points

- © Cabinet decision
- ◇ Full Council decision
- ® Inspectors Report

Plan-Making Milestones

- ① Commence evidence base preparation
- ② Commence preparation of draft CIL Charging Schedule ④
- ③ Consultation on draft CIL Charging Schedule
- ④ Review of consultation responses
- ⑤ Submission
- ⑥ Lead-in to adoption
- ⑦ Adoption

5.13. Figure 5.2 provides a complementary activity log, detailing key activities within the intended programme for preparing the next policy map. It also includes when these activities are likely to occur, reflecting the intended programme for the preparation of the next policy map in Figure 5.1.

Figure 5.2: New CIL Charging Schedule Activity Log

	Activity	Indicative Start:	Indicative End:
1	*Cabinet decision*	*May 2026*	*May 2026*
2	Development of evidence base	October 2026	September 2027
3	Development of draft CIL Charging Schedule	April 2027	September 2027
4	*Cabinet decision*	*September 2027*	*September 2027*
5	*Full Council decision*	*September 2027*	*September 2027*
6	**Public consultation – draft CIL Charging Schedule (minimum 6 weeks)**	**October 2027**	**November 2027**
7	Review of consultation responses and finalisation of draft CIL Charging Schedule	December 2027	January 2028
8	Submission	February 2028	February 2028
9	Independent Examination on new CIL Charging Schedule (indicative – specific timescales determined by the planning inspectorate)	February 2028	June 2028
10	Lead-in to adoption (indicative)	*July 2028*	*February 2029*
11	*Full Council decision*	March 2029	March 2029
12	CIL Charging Schedule adoption (indicative)	March 2029	March 2029

6. Other Organisations Planning Policy Documents

Other Organisations Schedule

6.1. Whilst Shropshire Council is the Local Planning Authority for its administrative area, certain planning policy documents for this area are led by other organisations.

6.2. As Shropshire Council does not lead their production, we cannot detail their intended timescales in this Plan-Making Timetable. However, we can identify those planning policy documents led by other organisations that we anticipate will be progressed over the 3-year period from **April 2026 to March 2029**:

Figure 6.1: Schedule of Planning Policy Documents Other Organisations May Progress

Document	Responsible Body	Geography	Purpose
Spatial Development Strategy	'Strategic Planning Boards' consisting of strategic planning authorities like Shropshire Council	Sub-regional. Specific sub-regional geography that includes Shropshire yet to be confirmed	A new sub-regional planning policy document that will look ahead at least 20 years and set the framework for Local Plans, ensuring that they meet local housing needs, co-ordinate the provision of strategic infrastructure, grow the economy and improve the environment and climate resilience.

Document	Responsible Body	Geography	Purpose
Neighbourhood Plan	Neighbourhood Plan Group – appointed by the relevant Town or Parish Council	Designated Neighbourhood Plan Areas – often consistent with Town or Parish Council administrative areas	Neighbourhood Plans set out a positive vision and strategy for change in a way that meets identified local need and make sense for local people. To support this vision and strategy they can include planning policies and site allocations. Neighbourhood Plans must be in general conformity with 'strategic policies' in national policy, sub-regional policy and adopted / emerging Local Plans. For this reason, they cannot propose lower levels of development than in adopted / emerging Local Plans or 'de-allocate' sites.

6.3. When available, further information on the progression of a Spatial Development Strategy relevant to Shropshire will be made available on the Council's planning policy website via: https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/planning-policy/

6.4. Further information on 'made' (adopted) and emerging Neighbourhood Plans in Shropshire is available on the Council website via: https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/planning-policy/neighbourhood-and-community-led-plans/