

Appendix 7 – Risk Assessment

Risk No	Risk description	Risk mitigation	Residual / current risk			Additional steps to be taken
			Likelihood	Impact	Prioritisation	
1.	BCC does not proceed with updating the Birmingham Development Plan (BDP) in a timely manner	Where relevant Local Plan policies are out of date, the presumption in favour of development will apply and the Council's ability to deliver on its strategic objectives would be harmed. Ensure robustness of the review and provide sound evidence-based reasons for the recommendation.	Low	High	Tolerable	Report Recommendation is to approve the consultation for the Preferred Options stage of the new Local Plan to replace the current BDP. Government are undertaking a programme of planning reform and the current transitional arrangements require plans prepared in the current plan making system to be submitted by June 2025. Therefore, the Birmingham Local Plan must be submitted by 30 th June 2025. The timing of this consultation will assist in meeting that requirement.
2.	Insufficient financial resources	Ensure adequate budget and contingency. This will ensure that enough staff and budget resources can be programmed and set aside to 31 st December 2026 to be able to successfully complete this work.	Low	High	Material	Closely monitor costs and manage contracts. Ringfence policy team to plan production. Inform progress and undertake regular monitoring of progress made against spend with Section 151 Officer.
3.	Changes to national planning policies could create additional work	Respond to changes as quickly as possible. Ensure work undertaken can be easily adapted to new	High	High	Material	Monitor the situation with regard to national policy and political changes. Work with DLUHC and PAS to

		requirements, where possible and work to any transitional arrangements.				understand and implement any necessary changes. Ensure the Plan remains on track to be submitted by 30th June 2025.
4.	Insufficient evidence to clearly show how the legal requirements of the Duty to Co-operate are being met, leading to the BLP not being found 'sound'.	Continued dialogue with neighbouring local authority planning teams to address the shortfall and to determine the apportionment of agreed contributions to Birmingham's unmet need.	High	High	Material	Production of a project plan and timetable for direct engagement with each of the DtC bodies over the coming months.
5	The timing of a general election and an associated Purdah period impacting the Local Plan timetable.	If a general election is announced and the timing means the Preferred Options consultation can not take place as planned ensure it takes place as soon as possible and put in place measures to catch up the time in the project plan.	Low	High	Material	Ensure we are in a position to change the consultation dates quickly if necessary.

Measures of likelihood/ Impact:

Description	Likelihood Description	Impact Description
High	Almost certain, is expected to occur in most circumstances. Greater than 80% chance.	Critical impact on the achievement of objectives and overall performance. Critical opportunity to innovate/improve performance missed/wasted. Huge impact on costs and/or reputation. Very difficult to recover from and possibly requiring a long term recovery period.
Significant	Likely, will probably occur in most circumstances. 50% - 80% chance.	Major impact on costs and objectives. Substantial opportunity to innovate/improve performance missed/wasted. Serious impact on output and/or quality and reputation. Medium to long term effect and expensive to recover from.

Medium	Possible, might occur at some time. 20% - 50% chance.	Waste of time and resources. Good opportunity to innovate/improve performance missed/wasted. Moderate impact on operational efficiency, output and quality. Medium term effect which may be expensive to recover from.
Low	Unlikely, but could occur at some time. Less than 20% chance.	Minor loss, delay, inconvenience or interruption. Opportunity to innovate/make minor improvements to performance missed/wasted. Short to medium term effect.

Prioritisation:

Severe	Immediate control improvement to be made to enable business goals to be met and service delivery maintained / improved
Material	Close monitoring to be carried out and cost effective control improvements sought to ensure service delivery is maintained
Tolerable	Regular review, low cost control improvements sought if possible