

Appendix 4 – BDP Review 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proceed with updating the Birmingham Development Plan (BDP) in a timely manner	Where relevant Local Plan policies are out of date, the presumption in favour of development will apply and the Council's ability to deliver on its strategic objectives would be harmed.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 proceed with a new Local Plan to replace the current BDP. This recommendation is based on evidence suggesting local and national circumstances have changed sufficiently to warrant the replacement of the BDP.
2.	Delays in publishing an up-to-date Local Development Scheme (LDS)	Report seeks delegated authority for the Acting Director, Inclusive Growth, in consultation with the Leader, to undertake subsequent reviews and updates to the LDS, with any significant modifications being referred to Cabinet as appropriate. This will ensure more flexible and timely updates of the LDS in the future.	Low	Medium	Tolerable	The Council has a statutory duty to maintain and update an LDS. Not to approve the LDS could undermine public and stakeholder confidence about the Council's plan-making programme.
3.	Insufficient financial resources	. Ensure adequate budget and contingency This will ensure that enough staff and budget resources can be programmed and set aside	Low	High	Material	Closely monitor costs and manage contracts. Ringfence policy team to plan production.

		over the near future to be able to successfully complete this work.				
4.	Changes to national planning policies could create additional work	Respond to changes as quickly as possible.	High	High	Material	Ensure work undertaken can be easily adapted to new requirements, where possible.

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