A Stepped Approach to preparation of the District Plan – Version 6 (December 2013)

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
Explaining the nature of the task and the wider context	Understand the strategic planning issues	Developing 69 assessment areas and 21 topics, assessing each area against each criterion	Applying topic assessments and considering areas in their wider context to produce a short-list of options	Technical work to refine the short-list	Strategy formulation and Infrastructure Planning	Direct Member-level engagement	Draft District Plan
29 March 2012 Supporting Document Ch 1: Background and Approach Introduction District Plan Progress So Far Scope Planning Policy and the Planning System Localism and Neighbourhood Planning A Stepped Approach Consultation Refining the Approach	29 March 2012 Supporting Document Ch 2: Issues Housing Economy Education Transport Water Telecoms, Gas and Electricity Natural and Historic Environment Green Belt Community and Leisure Natural Resources Environmental	29 March 2012 26 July 2012 Supporting Document Ch 3: Assessment Criteria Part 1: Land Availability Employment Potential Primary Schools Secondary/Middle Schools Highways Infrastructure Vehicular Access Access to Bus Services Access to Rail Services Waste Water Impacts Flood Risk Designated Wildlife Sites Historic Assets Landscape Character Green Belt Strategic Gaps Boundary Limits Community Facilities Minerals and Waste Agricultural Land Environmental Stewardship Noise Impacts	Supporting Document Ch 4: Places Sieve 1: Area Assessments Evaluation of 69 separate areas using the criteria established in Chapter 3, and using the traffic light assessments. Local-area consideration of revised scale assumptions against initial test assumptions. Sieve 2: Settlement Evaluations Consider impact of combinations of possible growth areas on existing settlements and the wider area. Evaluation of whether/how growth could fit within this wider context.	Supporting Document Ch 5: Options Refinement Sieve 3a: Economic Development Sieve 3b: Urban Form 3rd October 2013 District-Wide Green Belt Review Part 1 Landowner/developer questionnaires and ATLAS meeting notes Schools update	3 December 2013 Supporting Document Ch 6: Conclusions Executive Member-level meetings: all adjoining Districts (December 2012-December 2013) Duty to Co-Operate report 16 January 2014 Strategy Report Sustainability Appraisal Infrastructure Topic Paper (overview of key positions and autotanding inques)	Informal Member discussion group on draft Topic-Based policies 14 th April 2013 Natural Environment, Landscape, Heritage 15 th May 2013 Climate Change, Water, Environmental Quality 14 th June 2013 Design, Transport 12 th July 2013 Economy, Retail and Town Centres 16 th September 2013 Housing, Community Infrastructure 3 rd October 2013 Delivery, Development	18 November 2013 Draft District Plan Topic-Based policies 16 January 2014 Draft District Plan Development strategy policies Site and location specific policies Site allocations Infrastructure policies Policies map
Delivery Infrastructure Planning Sustainability Appraisal.	Quality	Part 2: Application of the criteria from Part 1 to the 69 areas of search, to produce a 'Traffic Light' rating (Appendix A)	Settlement-level consideration of revised scale assumptions. Based on Sieve 1 results plus Documents and Feedback (Appendix B)	Green Belt Review Part 2: Detailed Site Assessments and Boundary Review Transport Update	outstanding issues)	Management, Review of amendments	Special Executive 29 January 2014 Full Council (to approve draft plan for consultation)
Member Comments April 2012		Member Comments April 2012	Member Comments August 2012	Member Workshops 8 th November 2012 17 th January 2013	Member Briefing Events (Strategy formulation) 24 October & 28 November 2013 9 January 2014		Public Consultation on draft District Plan including all supporting evidence