

Appendix 7 - Risk Assessment

Risk	Potential Impact	Probability	Mitigation Measures
Additional requirements arising from new legislation, national guidance or new evidence	Additional work required, causing programme slippage.	Medium	Monitor emerging legislation / guidance and respond early to changes where possible.
Change in staff resources available to undertake SDP preparation.	Programme slippage	Medium	Consider additional resources (including support from other sections within SWW) and ensure robust structure. Ensure that the SDP remains a top corporate priority.
Timetable proves too ambitious due to greater than anticipated workload	Programme slippage	Medium	Consider additional resources.
Corporate reorganisation of structures.	Programme slippage	Medium	Ensure SDP remains a top corporate priority.
Delays caused by Welsh translation and/or the printing process.	Programme slippage	Medium	Consider additional resources
Significant levels of objections from statutory consultation bodies.	SDP cannot be submitted for examination without significant additional work.	Low / Medium	Ensure close liaison with, and early involvement of statutory bodies as stakeholders in the process.
Large volume and /or highly significant levels of objection to proposals e.g. site allocations.	SDP cannot be submitted for examination without significant additional work.	Medium	Ensure close liaison and early/continued involvement of the community, statutory bodies & stakeholders throughout the plan preparation process.
Lack of political consensus throughout the preparation of the SDP.	Programme slippage	Medium	Ensure close liaison with, and early involvement of key Members and Officers.
PEDW fail to meet their timescales per the Service Level Agreement	Pregame slippage	Low	Maintain close liaison with PEDW.
SDP fails 'test of soundness'	SDP cannot be submitted for examination without significant additional work.	Low	Ensure SDP evidence base is robust and sound.
Legal challenge.	Adopted SDP may be quashed in whole or in part by the Courts.	Medium	Ensure legal, regulatory and procedural compliance.