

Appendix 2 – Key Documents & Evidence Base Assessments

Supporting Document	Purpose	Delivery Mechanism
Key Documents		
SDP Delivery Agreement (DA) incorporating the Community Involvement Scheme (CIS)	The DA sets out how and when stakeholders and the community can become involved in the planning process. It also includes a comprehensive timetable for its preparation setting out clear timelines and milestones for key stages of the process.	Prepared by CJC officers.
Integrated Sustainability Appraisal (ISA) incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment (SA/SEA) Scoping Report	To outline the proposed approach to the ISA, incorporating the SEA. This report is the first stage of a SA process to identify, assess and address any likely significant effects on the environment from the emerging SDP.	External consultants
ISA/SA/SEA Scoping Report Initial Report	To identify, from an assessment of reasonable alternatives, whether the SDP will have any significant impacts on the environment and determine whether the Plan will deliver sustainable development. The Initial Report includes a proportionate assessment of candidate sites. The ISA and Habitats Regulations Assessment Reports will be consulted on in tandem with the SDP.	External consultants
Identification & assessment of vision, issues and objectives. Growth and Strategy Options.	This work will provide early consideration of the growth and spatial strategy /potential strategy that the region wants to deliver, i.e. where/what is the most sustainable spatial strategy for the region and how does this sit within an overall vision.	Prepared by CJC officers.
SDP Preferred Strategy	To identify the type and scale of spatial change required to achieve the proposed SDP Vision and Objectives.	Prepared by CJC officers.
The Full ISA of the Preferred Strategy	To identify any likely significant economic, environmental and social effects of the SDP, and to suggest relevant mitigation measures.	External consultants
Preferred Strategy Initial Consultation Report	To outline how the Corporate Joint Committee (CJC) has undertaken public participation and consultation on the Preferred Strategy in accordance with SDP Regulation 16a. The Report will identify the steps taken to publicise plan preparation, in accordance with the CIS, before outlining the specific bodies engaged,	Prepared by CJC officers.

	summarising the main issues raised and identifying how the responses have been or will be addressed. The Report provides significant detail on how this key period of consultation influenced development of the Deposit SDP.	
Deposit Plan	The Deposit Plan is the plan that the CJC considers 'sound' and intends to submit for examination following consultation and is able to be adopted. The Deposit Plan must be consulted on for a minimum of 6 weeks.	Prepared by CJC officers.
The Full ISA of the Deposit Plan and Non-technical Summary	To identify any likely significant economic, environmental and social effects of the SDP, and to suggest relevant mitigation measures. This process integrates sustainability considerations into all stages of SDP preparation and promotes sustainable development.	External consultants
Deposit Report Consultation	To comprehensively document how the CJC has considered all representations made on the Deposit Plan. It will summarise the key issues raised throughout the process, including the representations made and recommendations as to how the CJC considers each representation should be addressed. It represents a key prerequisite to submission of the SDP in accordance with the DA.	Prepared by CJC officers.
Tests of Soundness (2022)	To assess how and why the CJC considers the Plan to have satisfied the Tests of Soundness, specified by Welsh Government.	Prepared by CJC in-house.
Habitats Regulations Assessment	Regulation 63 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 requires that a HRA must be undertaken to demonstrate compliance with statutory duties set out in the Habitats Directive and the Habitats Regulations where a plan or project is considered likely to have significant effects on European Sites and is not directly connected with or necessary for the management of the site. The purpose of this report is to document the first formal stage of this HRA process, namely, to ascertain whether there would be any LSE on relevant European Sites from the SDP.	External consultants

Evidence Base Assessments

Strategic Search Area & Candidate Site Register	A record of sites submitted by landowners, developers and the public, which will be used as a reference point to assess each site against the Preferred Strategy for possible inclusion within the SDP.	Prepared by CJC officers.
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	[The CJC will identify a size / capacity threshold / criteria for specific identification in the SDP].	
Strategic Search Area & Candidate Sites Assessment Report (SSCSA)	The SDP will be supported by a Strategic Search Area & Candidate Site Assessment, which identifies the potential sites that are suitable for allocation within the SDP.	Prepared by CJC officers.
SWW Economic Evidence Base Assessment (EEBA)	To provide evidence-based recommendations on the scale and distribution of employment need and the land best suited to meet that need, whilst also making policy / land allocation recommendations to inform emerging policies and site allocations.	External consultants
SWW Retail Needs Assessment (RRA)	To set out evidence-based recommendations on retail need, the distribution of need and to inform emerging policies and strategic site allocations (at a regional scale).	External consultants
SWW Sustainable Settlement Assessment (RSA)	To establish a sustainable settlement hierarchy that can inform the SDP. This will identify the most appropriate locations to accommodate future development to achieve a sustainable pattern of growth, minimise unsustainable patterns of movement, promote transit orientated development and support local services and facilities.	Prepared by CJC officers.
SWW Demographic Analysis and Forecasts Assessment (DAFA)	To provide a summary of demographic evidence, including a suite of population, housing and economic growth outcomes to inform the Strategic Growth Options paper for consideration in the preparation of the SDP.	External consultants
SWW Green Infrastructure Assessment (GIA)	To provide a holistic spatial analysis of green infrastructure across the region.	Prepared by CJC officers.
SWW Build Rate Analysis	To provide an analysis of build rates across the region to help inform growth options i.e., what can be realistically achieved in total and in different parts of the region. This work will link to the SHMA and LHMA and inform the indicative housing trajectory.	Prepared by CJC officers.
SWW Housing Market Assessment (HMA)	To provide detailed insights into the mechanics of the residential property markets across the region. The Assessment will include a quantitative assessment of housing need that will be used to inform the housing policies of the SDP in terms of affordable housing provision, tenures and types of accommodation required across the region.	Prepared by CJC officers.

SWW Special Landscape Designations Assessment (SLDA)	To carry out a review of the Special Landscape Areas designation within the region to identify areas considered worthy of being retained as Special Landscape Area designations in the SDP.	External consultants
SWW Landscape Character Assessment (LCH)	This document will provide a sound evidence base to consider the character and sensitivity of the different landscapes of the region when considering new developments. It will also promote an understanding of how the landscapes of the region are changing (as a result of a combination of natural, economic and human factors), and how they can be strengthened in response.	External consultants
SWW Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA)	To assess the future accommodation needs of the Gypsy Traveller and Travelling Show People Communities and determine whether there is a requirement for additional site provision within the region. This will inform any related site allocations and criteria-based policies in the SDP.	External consultants
SWW Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Transit Site Assessment	To assess the future transit site needs of the Gypsy Traveller and Travelling Show People.	External consultants
SWW Strategic Flood Consequences Assessment (SFCA)	The updated SFCA will create a strategic framework for the consideration of flood risk when making planning decisions. It has been developed in accordance with Technical Advice Note 15 – Development & Flood Risk (TAN15), as well as additional guidance provided by Natural Resources Wales (NRW). The Study has been updated in light of the new TAN 15 and new Flood Map for Planning.	External consultants
SWW Plan-Wide Viability Assessment (PWVA)	To understand how different market areas can affect the viability of delivering private and affordable housing as well as associated infrastructure to inform policy formulation, spatial expression and application.	External consultants
General Environment Constraints and Opportunities Assessment.	To map and identify general environment constraints/opportunities and how this may influence locations for growth at a strategic scale.	External consultants
SWW Green Wedge & Strategic Green Gaps Assessment (GWSGG)	To review the existing green wedge designations and Strategic Green Gaps in the region critical to the delivery of the spatial strategy.	External consultants

SWW Strategic Transport Assessment (STA)	To analyse the strategic road network, assess the impact of potential strategic search areas and allocations and consider the mitigation requirements.	External consultants
SDP Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP)	To identify the SDP infrastructure requirements over the plan period.	Prepared by CJC officers.
Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land Assessment	This work will review and utilise the assessments prepared by the regions LPAs in preparing their respective Replacement Local Development Plans.	Prepared by CJC officers.
Strategic Sites Urban Capacity Study	To provide analysis of the potential urban capacity of the regions settlements to accommodate strategic housing growth.	Prepared by CJC officers.
High level renewable energy assessment / modelling the impact of proposals on GHG reduction trajectories	To establish a framework for enabling the modelling the impact of proposals on GHG reduction trajectories.	External consultants
Evidence base for Minerals	To enable the SDP to set out an annual and total plan period apportionment for sand and gravel and hard rock for the region and each LPA.	Regional Technical Statements (prepared by Welsh Government and the South Wales Regional Aggregates Working Party)
	Identify minerals safeguarding areas including key ports/wharfs for landing minerals	Prepared by CJC officers.
	Identify an appropriate minerals land bank to align with national policy, including allocations/preferred areas of search where appropriate	Prepared by CJC officers.
Waste Capacity Assessment	To understand the strategic network of waste management facilities and the performance of the region in meeting the requirements of the national waste strategy and the processing of waste sustainably.	Prepared by CJC officers.