

Planning Policy

Risk New Local Plan (2030-2045)

Likelihood	H		G	
	M		R/T	
	L			
		L	M	H

Impact

Impact Measures

Risk Description

Due to transitional arrangements to support the NUL Local Plan (2020-2040). The Council is required, through regulations, to start work on the new Local Plan in line with the revised Local Plan system by the 30 June 2026. Cabinet on the 23 June 2026 resolved to overturn the recommendation and not start to produce the Local Plan due to the implications of Local Government Reorganisation not being known.

Potential Consequences

Direction from the government to start the new local plan will have reputational consequences for the Council with the potential for negative publicity. Government have provided funding for the Council to start the new local plan previously. There is a risk that a direction would ask for this funding to be returned. Direction from the government will mean that management will have to start the local plan within timescales dictated by the government which may have capacity / financial implications for the Council

Implication

Reputational, Financial, Third Party Intervention

Risk Owners

Allan Clarke

Risk Rating (G)

Medium Amber D

Last Review

23/07/2026

Final Risk Rating (R)

Medium Amber C

Next Review

30/09/2026

Target Risk Level (T)

Medium Amber C

Treatment

Path

Planning Policy/Planning and Development/Commercial Development and Economic Growth/Newcastle Under Lyme

Objectives

Key Controls Identified

Briefing of Council Members / Senior Officers

Ongoing Discussions with MHCLG

Action Plans

Action Plan Description

Action Plan Type

Action Plan Owner

Due for Completion by

Comments