



WARDS AFFECTED: 'ALL WARDS'

1. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To inform Members that the Local Development Framework shall be known as the 'Local Plan 2006 – 2026' and the Local Plan adopted in 2001 that includes saved policies will now be referred to as 'Local Plan 2001'.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Members approve the rebranding of the Local Development Framework to Local Plan 2006 – 2026.

3. **BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT**

The recent planning reforms have introduced the term Local Plan to replace the term Local Development Framework. The definition of Local Plan which is included within the glossary of the NPPF states;

'Local Plan: The plan for the future development of the local area, drawn up by the local planning authority in consultation with the community. In law this is described as the development plan documents adopted under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. Current Core Strategies or other planning policies, which under the regulations would be considered to be development plan documents, form part of the Local Plan. The term includes old policies which have been saved under the 2004 Act'.

In light of this change we shall now be using the term 'Local Plan 2006 – 2026' when we would previously be using the term Local Development Framework. The 'Local Plan 2006 - 2026' will consist of the following suite of documents;

- Core Strategy,
- Hinckley Town Centre Area Action Plan,
- Earl Shilton and Barwell Area Action Plan,
- Site Allocations and Generic Development Control Policies Development Plan Document and the
- Gypsy and Traveller Allocations Development Plan Document.

The 'Local Plan 2001' will consist of all the saved Local Plan policies (adopted 2001), which will continue to be applied and weight attributed in accordance with their degree of consistency with the NPPF until superseded.

In order to implement this change the adopted documents title pages shall be amended and an errata shall be inserted at the beginning each of the adopted documents to amend the term Local Development Framework to now read 'Local Plan 2006 – 2026'. A note shall be included on the 'Local Development Framework: Outline' page on the Council's web site which notifies users of this change in terminology. A full review of the term within the Council's web pages shall be undertaken in due course.

4. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS [CB]**

The cost of implementing this change will be met from existing budgets.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS [EP]

The change will allow for a higher degree of consistent terminology in light of the NPPF, leading to the reduced opportunity for ambiguity.

The change to the title of both documents will not affect their status in planning terms.

6. CORPORATE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

There are no Corporate Plan Implications.

7. CONSULTATION

None undertaken.

8. RISK IMPLICATIONS

It is the Council's policy to proactively identify and manage significant risks which may prevent delivery of business objectives.

It is not possible to eliminate or manage all risks all of the time and risks will remain which have not been identified. However, it is the officer's opinion based on the information available, that the significant risks associated with this decision / project have been identified, assessed and that controls are in place to manage them effectively.

The following significant risks associated with this report / decisions were identified from this assessment:

Management of significant (Net Red) Risks		
Risk Description	Mitigating actions	Owner
To minimise confusion over the status of the Core Strategy and other Development Plan Documents following the publication of the National Planning Policy Framework.	Rebrand the Local Development Framework to Local Plan 2006 – 2026.	Simon Wood / Sally Smith

9. KNOWING YOUR COMMUNITY – EQUALITY AND RURAL IMPLICATIONS

To minimise confusion within the community over the status of the Core Strategy and other Development Plan Documents following the publication of the National Planning Policy Framework.

10. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

By submitting this report, the report author has taken the following into account:

- Community Safety implications – None arising from this report
- Environmental implications – None arising from this report
- ICT implications – None arising from this report
- Asset Management implications – None arising from this report
- Human Resources implications – None arising from this report
- Planning Implications – Contained within the body of the report.
- Voluntary Sector – None arising from this report