

Notice of Exemption to Key Decision Process South Warwickshire Local Plan

The Chief Executive has been asked to use his delegated authority to take an urgent decision in respect of commencing a procurement exercise of over £150,000 in relation to the South Warwickshire Local Plan.

It was not possible for the Council to meet the requirement for publishing this notice 28 days in advance of the decision being taken because it would result in a delay of around a month to the procurement process and priority should be given to SWLP work due to the proposed multi-disciplinary approach as set out within the report.

The urgency of commissioning this work is informed by the recent indication from the Government of the need to submit the SWLP before December 2026 in order to be able to utilise transitional arrangements before the provisions of the Levelling Up & Regeneration Act come into force. Soft market testing has indicated a timeline of approximately 6 months for preparation of this work. The current timetable indicated that a "Publication" version of the SWLP will be prepared by the end of 2025, and this work is essential to inform this next stage of the SWLP.

The Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, Head of Finance, Leader and Overview & Scrutiny Committee Chair have all agreed for the Chief Executive taking the decision and reporting back to Cabinet on 4 June 2025.

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