

**COUNCIL**  
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**CABINET PORTFOLIO SUMMARY REPORT**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report is an update from the Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Local Plan to Members of the Council on matters relevant to the portfolio.

The Council is making good progress preparing the Local Plan which will outline how the borough will be developed over the next 15 years.

A special meeting of the Cabinet and an extraordinary meeting of the council are scheduled to take place early in January to consider the proposals for consultation to move to the next stage.

Local Plans are used to help decide on planning applications and related decisions, shaping infrastructure investments and determining the future pattern of development in the borough. As we move ahead with development at Wirral Waters, push forward the regeneration of Birkenhead's town centre and continue to work to attract investment into the borough, this is more important than ever before.

Most important is that the Local Plan meets the needs of the borough's residents. If Council gives its approval it is intended to start formal consultation as soon as possible in the new year.