

Chronology of Events relating to the Core Strategy Development Plan Document

Date	Meetings	Member Presentations/ Workshops	Publication of New Evidence	Government Planning Policy Changes
29 June 2009	Cabinet – Decision to restart Core Strategy programme			
August 2009			Retail Needs Assessment Study	
22 September 2009	LDDAG – Development of a settlement hierarchy for Maidstone borough			
September 2009			Employment Land Review (update)	
11 November 2009		Presentations on employment, housing and retail needs		
02 December 2009	LDDAG – Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report	Presentation on the water cycle strategy	Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report	
24 February 2010	LDDAG – Format and content of the Core Strategy; designation of rural service centres; development of a green and blue infrastructure strategy; town centre policy directions for the Core Strategy			
February 2010			Town Centre Study	
March 2010			Strategic Housing Market Assessment	
16 June 2010		Establishment of Core Strategy Members Working Group as a cross-party		

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		sounding board to aid communication and discuss spatial planning policy issues		
28 June 2010	LDDAG – Core Strategy draft vision and objectives	Presentation on the initial findings of the landscape character assessment		
30 June 2010		Presentation on the demise of the regional strategy, emergence of a new planning system, and impact on the Core Strategy		
June 2010			Water Cycle Study	
June 2010				PPS3: Housing – deletes national indicative minimum density of 30 dwellings per hectare; removes private residential gardens from the definition of previously developed land
06 July 2010				Secretary of State attempts to revoke regional strategies and the imposed housing targets
26 July 2010	LDDAG – Core Strategy draft core policies			
23 August 2010		Presentation and workshop on the methodology for setting a local housing target and the approach to determining the distribution of development		
13 September 2010	LDDAG			

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14 September 2010 15 September 2010 22 September 2010 29 September 2010	Leisure & Prosperity O&S Cabinet Leisure & Prosperity O&S Cabinet Approval of the methodology for setting a local housing target and the testing of 5 development scenarios for a dwelling target and distribution of development; approval of the approach to setting a numerical target for gypsy and traveller pitches to 2016			
25 October 2010		Workshop to establish Members' priorities for 30 elements that would assist in the testing of development scenarios		
October 2010			Sensitivity Tests: Retail Needs Assessment Study	
October 2010			Demographic and Labour Supply Forecasts	
10 November 2010				Action to revoke regional strategies challenged and, following judicial review, the Secretary of State's decision of 6 July is quashed
14 December 2010				Localism Bill published – proposed abolition of regional strategies; retention of LDF system; scope for

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				neighbourhood planning; confirmed introduction of CIL. Bill expected to be enacted within 6 to 9 months; regulations to be rolled out over time; new National Planning Policy Framework excluded from the Bill (therefore non statutory)
06 January 2011		Workshop on proposed housing and employment targets and the distribution of development to take forward as the basis for drafting the Core Strategy for public participation		
07 February 2011				High Court ruling on regional strategies: the government's intended abolition of regional strategies is a material consideration when making planning decisions.
09 February 2011	Cabinet agree a local housing target of 10,080 dwellings (2006-2026) and a development distribution that will underpin preparation of the draft Core Strategy for public participation; also agree a target of 71 pitches (2006-2011) for gypsy and traveller accommodation			