

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Local Development Plan: Housing Research Study Workshop (Possible Dates)</b>
<b>Committee Report Submitted To:</b>	<b>PLANNING COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>
<b>For Decision or For Information</b>	<b>For Decision</b>
<b>To be discussed In Committee</b>	<b>No</b>

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)</b>	
Strategic Theme	Cohesive Leadership
Outcome	Our elected members work collaboratively and make decisions on an evidence led basis and in line with its policies.
Lead Officer	Principal Planning Officer

<b>Budgetary Considerations</b>	<b>Not applicable in this case</b>
Cost of Proposal	
Included in Current Year Estimates	
Capital/Revenue	
Code	
Staffing Costs	

<b>Legal Considerations</b>	<b>Not applicable in this case</b>
Input of Legal Services Required	
Legal Opinion Obtained	

<b>Screening Requirements</b>	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals. <b>Not applicable in this case</b>		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	No	
	EQIA Required and Completed:	n/a	
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	No	
	RNA Required and Completed:	n/a	
Data Protection Impact	Screening Completed:	No	

Assessment (DPIA)	DPIA Required and Completed:	n/a	
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## 1.0 **Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this Report is to seek agreement on a suitable date for a workshop to discuss the Ulster University (UU) Independent Housing Study interim findings.

## 2.0 **Background**

- 2.1 The Independent Housing Study is being undertaken in two phases:
- Phase 1: Data Collection; and
  - Phase 2: Stakeholder Engagement
- 2.2 Phase 1 of the Study is now complete, with the Interim Report circulated to Planning Committee Members on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Phase 2 of the Study is about to commence.
- 2.3 Members will be aware of the agreement, at the 28th May 2025 Planning Committee, to hold a workshop to discuss the interim findings.
- 2.4 Due to diary commitments and summer recess the following dates are available:
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025;
  - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025; and
  - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025.
- 2.5 The final report, scheduled for completion by the end of September 2025, will form an important part of the robust evidence base informing the preparation of the of the LDP, including the new dwelling requirement for the Borough

## 3.0 **Recommendation**

- 3.1 **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that the Planning Committee note the content of this Report and agree to one of the dates, set out at paragraph 2.4 of the report, to hold the workshop to discuss the interim findings.