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## Reasons for publication of this information

Between 2005 and the end of 2010, data was gathered and recorded on the Local Development Framework Database on the progress of various plans and documents that councils were preparing under existing planning legislation and guidance. From 2007, priority was given to the updating of development plan document records.

The data was collected from the nine Government Offices as a by product of their role in supporting local planning authorities in the preparation of local development frameworks. Such intervention was considered bureaucratic and records did not need to be kept up-to-date to the same level of detail.

The Government is streamlining procedures through the Localism Bill and now gathers information from the Planning Inspectorate on the actual production of local plans at the time of submission.

As part of these reforms, Government has moved away from the complex local development framework terminology, allowing councils the flexibility to decide how best they would provide local plans for their area.

**Therefore, in the interests of transparency, information is being made available in this report and is being published on the Department for Communities and Local Government website. It represents a snapshot at the time when the database was closed on 10 January 2011.**

## Background data

**The local development framework** was a non-statutory term used to describe a folder of documents, which included all the local planning authority's local development documents. A local development framework included the following policy documents:

- **Development plan documents** - included the core strategy and, where needed, area action plans and site specific allocations. Each local planning authority had to at least prepare a core strategy which set out the spatial vision and strategic objectives of the planning framework for an area.
- **Supplementary planning documents** - provided further detail of policies and proposals in a 'parent' development plan document or saved policy.

The local development framework also comprised of:

- **Statements of community involvement** - set out the processes used by the local authority in involving the community in the preparation of local development documents and planning application decisions.

- **Local development schemes** - the local planning authority's scheduled plan for the preparation of local development documents.

At the time of closing the Local Development Framework Database contained 1,759<sup>1</sup> development plan document records representing all development plan documents programmed in local authority local development schemes.

## Further information on development plan documents

Data on development plan documents was recorded according to seven types of development plan document listed below:

- core strategies
- area action plans
- site specific allocations
- other development plan documents
- minerals
- waste; and
- minerals and waste development plan documents.

Milestone dates scheduled in local authority local development schemes for the preparation of development plan documents were recorded on the database. Actual and estimated dates for reaching milestones for future milestones were also recorded, with priority in updating data given to core strategies.

Table 1 and Chart 1 below show the milestones reached at the end of December 2010 by local planning authorities in the preparation of development plan documents.

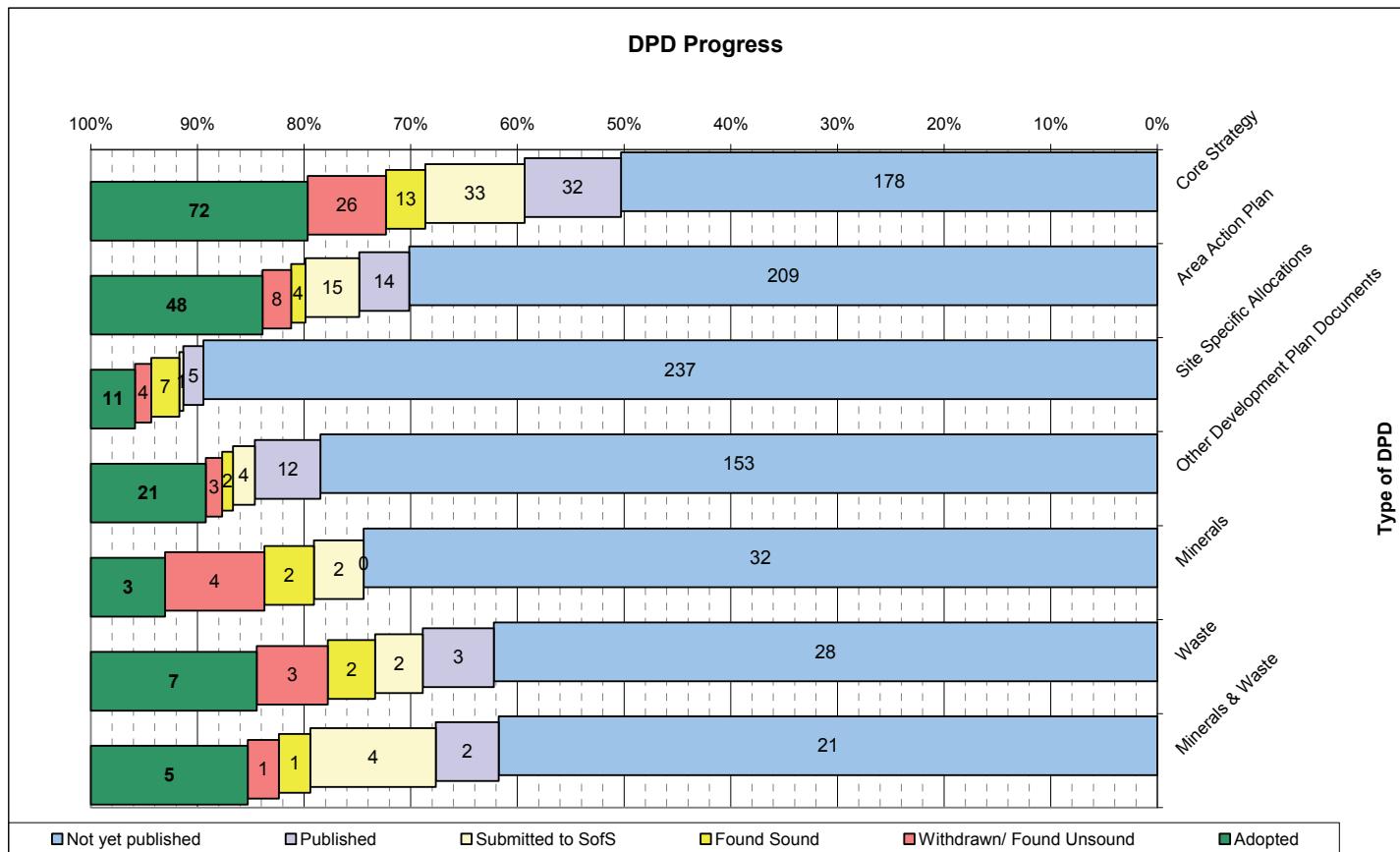
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<sup>1</sup> As of the end of December 2010, 525 of the 1,759 records were obsolete records which were disregarded in any monitoring of development plan document progress. These were records of development plan documents which had been programmed in a local development scheme but withdrawn by the local authority before it had been submitted to the Secretary of State. The remaining 1,234 records of development plan documents were 'active' records used in the monitoring progress in the preparation of development plan documents.

**Table 1: Progress on development plan documents**

Type of development plan document	All	Not yet published	Published	Submitted to S of S	Found sound	Withdrawn/ found unsound	Adopted
Core strategy	354	178	176	144	85	26	72
Area action plan	298	209	89	75	52	8	48
Site specific allocations	265	237	28	23	18	4	11
Other development plan documents	195	153	42	30	23	3	21
Minerals	43	32	11	11	5	4	3
Waste	45	28	17	14	9	3	7
Minerals and waste	34	21	13	11	6	1	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>1234</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>167</b>

**Chart 1: Progress on development plan documents**



## Core strategies

At the end of December 2010, the database showed that 72 core strategies had been adopted. One-hundred and seventy-six core strategies have been published in draft although with 27 being withdrawn, there was a net figure of 149 published which is shown on Chart 1 above.

Chart 2 below shows the cumulative number of core strategies adopted and published between April 2008 and December 2010. It illustrates a steady progress in both adoptions and publications until the start of 2010. At the start of 2010 the rate of publications rises.

**Chart 2: Progress of core strategy adoptions and publications**

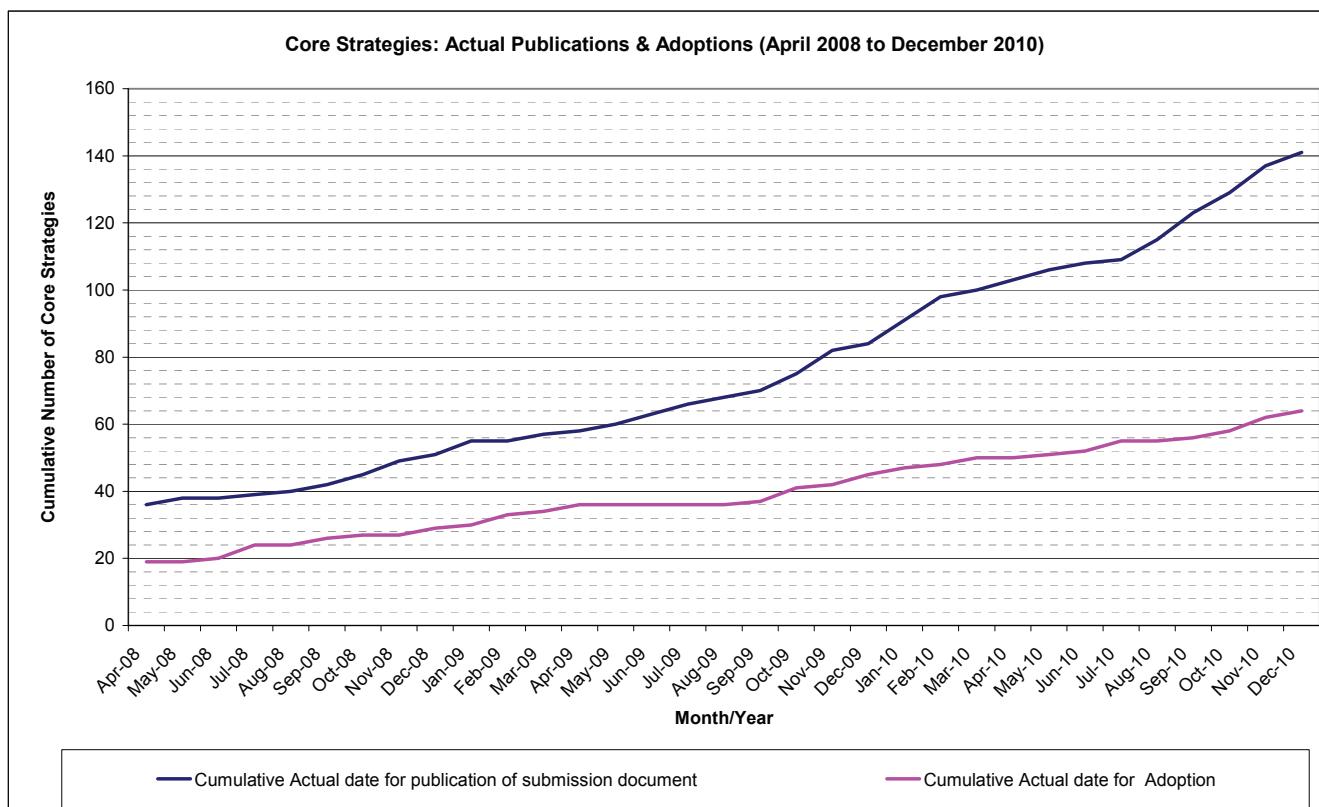
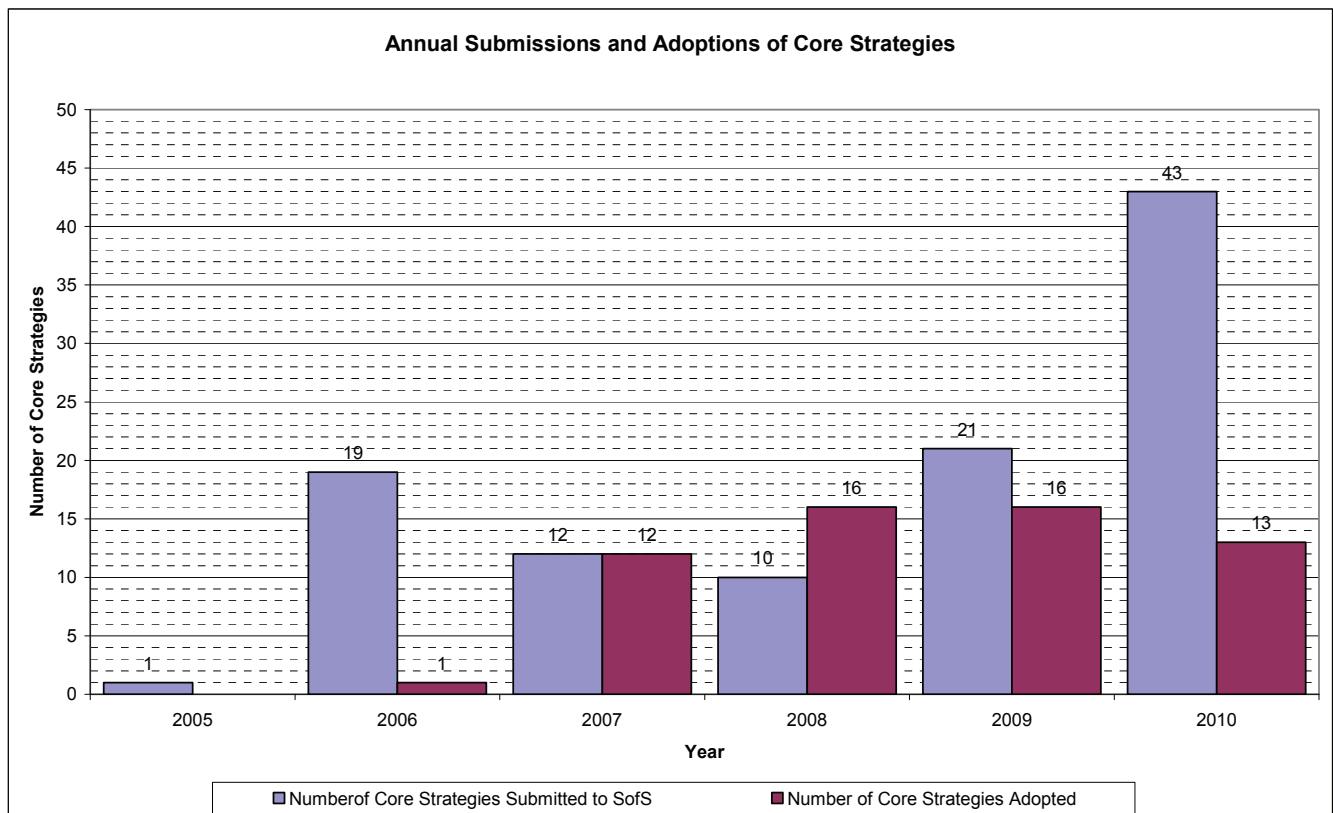


Chart 3 below illustrates the number of actual core strategy submissions and adoptions annually from 2005 to 2010. The increased rate of publications observable in Chart 2 is reflected in a marked rise in the rate of submissions apparent in 2010.

**Chart 3: Annual numbers of core strategy submissions and adoptions 2005 – 2010**



## Progress since May 2010 to the closure of the Local Development Framework Database

It can be seen from Table 2 (below) that the percentage of 335 local authorities that had adopted core strategies in May 2010 was 17 per cent and this has increased by 5 per cent to 22 per cent by the end of December 2010. The rates for publications and submissions have increased further. These rates are also reflected in the progress made in the preparation of all types of development plan documents shown by Table 3 below.

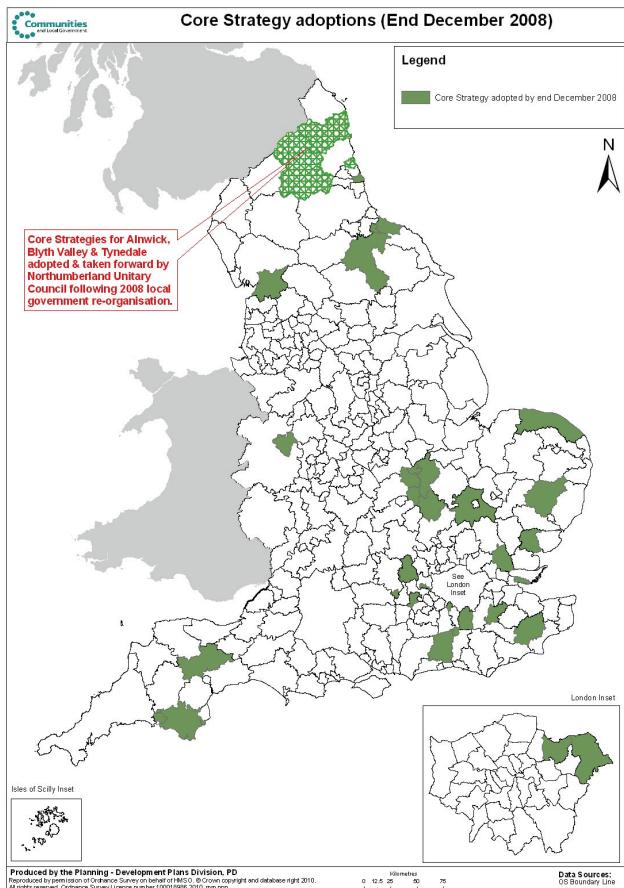
**Table 2: Local planning authority progress in core strategy preparation  
(from May 2010 to end December 2010)**

	Number of local planning authorities		Percentage of local planning authorities (of 335)	
	May 2010	End December 2010	May 2010	End December 2010
Core strategies adopted	57	73	17%	22%
Core strategies submitted to Secretary of State	96	119	29%	35%
Core strategies published	117	154	35%	46%

**Table 3: Progress in preparation of all types of development plan documents  
(from May 2010 to end December 2010)**

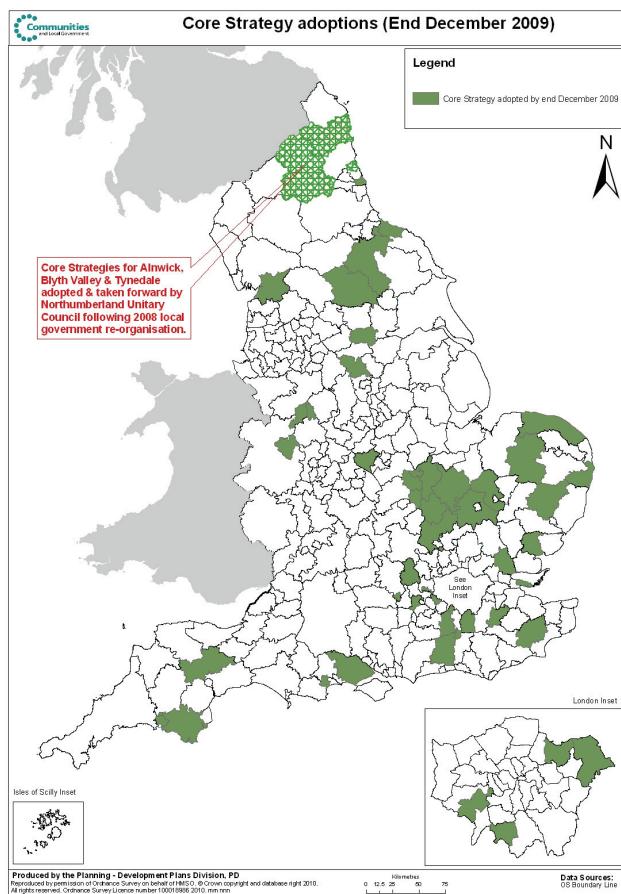
	Number of development plan documents		Percentage of development plan documents (Of 1234)	
	May 2010	End December 2010	May 2010	End December 2010
Development plan documents adopted	141	167	11%	13%
Development plan documents submitted to Secretary of State	205	259	17%	21%
Development plan documents published	219	327	18%	26%

## Map 1: Local planning authorities with adopted core strategies at end December 2008

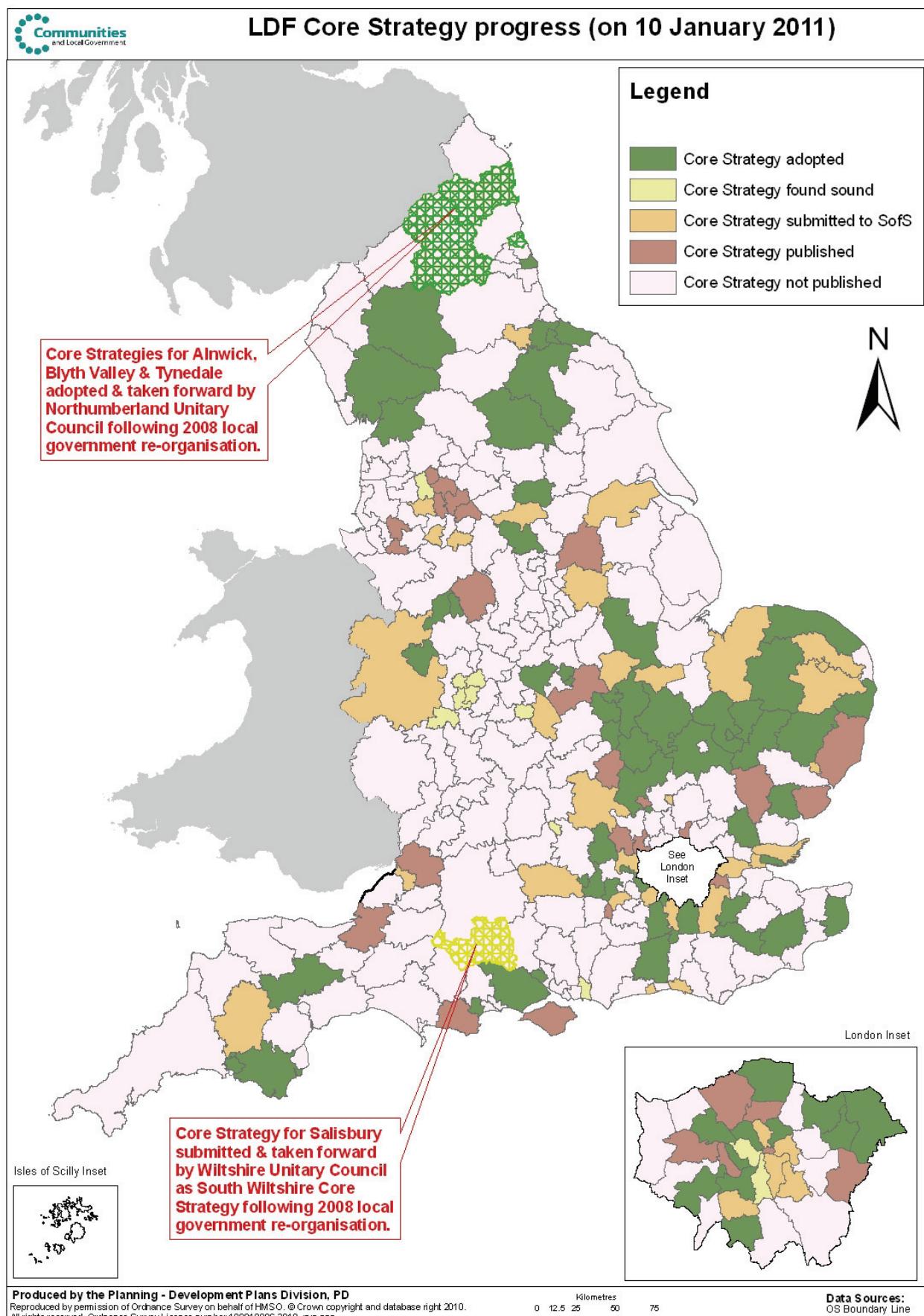


Maps 1 and 2 illustrate the coverage of local authorities with adopted strategies in December 2008 and 2009. Map 3 on the following page shows milestones reached by local authorities in the preparation of core strategies at the end of December 2010.

## Map 2: Local planning authorities with adopted core strategies at end December 2009



**Map 3: Milestones reached by local planning authorities preparing core strategies at end December 2010**



## Local planning authorities

At the end of December 2010, 73 (22%) local authorities had adopted core strategies and 154 (46%) had published draft plans.

**Table 4: Local authority progress of core strategy preparation**

	Number of local planning authorities	Percentage of (335) local planning authorities
Core strategy not published	182	54%
Core strategy published	154	46%
Core strategy submitted to Secretary of State	119	35%
Core strategy found sound	86	26%
Core Strategy adopted	73	22%

**Table 5: List of local authorities with adopted core strategies at end December 2010**

Local authority	Date
Ashford DC	Jul-08
Bedford BC	Apr-08
Bracknell Forest BC	Feb-08
Breckland DC	Dec-09
Brent	Jul-10
Broads Authority	Sep-07
Camden LBC	Nov-10
Central Bedfordshire Council	Nov-09
Chelmsford BC	Feb-08
Colchester BC	Dec-08
Corby	Jun-08
Crawley BC	Nov-07

**Table 5: List of local authorities with adopted core strategies at end December 2010**

<b>Local authority</b>	<b>Date</b>
Dartmoor NP	Apr-08
Dover DC	Feb-10
East Cambridgeshire DC	Oct-09
East Northamptonshire	Jun-08
Eden DC	Mar-10
Enfield LBC	Nov-10
Epsom and Ewell BC	Jul-07
Forest Heath DC	May-10
Hackney LBC	Nov-10
Hambleton DC	Apr-07
Harrogate BC	Feb-09
Havering LBC	Jul-08
Hinckley and Bosworth BC	Dec-09
Horsham DC	Feb-07
Huntingdonshire DC	Sep-09
Kensington & Chelsea LBC	Dec-10
Kettering BC	Jun-08
Lake District NP	Oct-10
Lambeth LBC	Jan-11
Lancaster Council	Jul-08
Leicester Council	Nov-10
Mid Devon DC	Jul-07
Mid Suffolk DC	Sep-08
Middlesbrough BC	Feb-08
Mole Valley DC	Oct-09

**Table 5: List of local authorities with adopted core strategies at end December 2010**

<b>Local authority</b>	<b>Date</b>
New Forest DC	Oct-09
Newcastle under Lyme	Oct-09
North Norfolk DC	Sep-08
North York Moors NP	Nov-08
Oadby and Wigston BC	Sep-10
Plymouth Council	Apr-07
Poole	Feb-09
Reading BC	Jan-08
Redbridge LBC	Mar-08
Redcar & Cleveland BC	Jul-07
Richmond Upon Thames LBC	Apr-09
Sheffield Council	Mar-09
Slough BC	Dec-08
South Cambridgeshire DC	Jan-07
South Hams DC	Dec-06
South Kesteven DC	Jul-10
South Lakeland DC	Oct-10
South Tyneside MBC	Jun-07
Southampton Council	Jan-10
Southend-on-Sea BC	Dec-07
Spelthorne BC	Feb-09
St Edmundsbury BC	Dec-10
Stockton-on-Tees BC	Mar-10
Stoke on Trent Council	Oct-09
Sutton LBC	Dec-09

**Table 5: List of local authorities with adopted core strategies at end December 2010**

<b>Local authority</b>	<b>Date</b>
Tandridge DC	Oct-08
Telford and Wrekin Council	Dec-07
Tonbridge and Malling BC	Sep-07
Tower Hamlets LBC	Sep-10
Tunbridge Wells BC	Jun-10
Wakefield MDC	Apr-09
Wandsworth LBC	Oct-10
Waveney DC	Jan-09
Wellingborough	Jun-08
Wokingham DC	Jan-10
Wycombe DC	Jul-08

## Waste planning authorities

There are 161 waste authorities (27 counties, 126 unitaries and eight national parks). At the end of December 2010, 26 (16%) waste planning authorities had adopted waste plans and 78 (48%) had published draft waste plans or policies. Other waste planning authorities have existing waste plans in place comprising of saved waste plan policies.

**Table 6: progress of waste plan/policies preparation**

	<b>Number of waste planning authorities</b>	<b>Percentage of 161 waste planning authorities</b>
Not published	83	51%
Published	78	48%
Submitted to Secretary of State	56	35%
Found sound	34	21%
Adopted	26	16%

**Table 7: List of councils with adopted waste core strategies, (in addition to existing waste plans) at end of December 2010**

<b>Local authority</b>	<b>Adopted</b>
Blackburn with Darwen BC	Feb-09
Blackpool Council	Feb-09
Cumbria County Council	Apr-09
Hampshire County Council	Jul-07
Kensington & Chelsea LBC	Dec-10
Lake District NP	Oct-10
Lancashire County Council	Feb-09
Leicester Council	Oct-09
Leicestershire County Council	Oct-09
Milton Keynes Council	Feb-08

**Table 7: List of councils with adopted waste core strategies, (in addition to existing waste plans) at end of December 2010**

<b>Local authority</b>	<b>Adopted</b>
New Forest National Park Authority	Jul-07
North York Moors NP	Nov-08
Northamptonshire County Council	May-10
Northumberland NP	Mar-09
Plymouth Council	Apr-08
Portsmouth Council	Jul-07
Sheffield Council	Mar-09
South Tyneside MBC	Jun-07
Southampton Council	Jul-07
Surrey County Council	May-08
Swindon BC	Apr-09
Telford and Wrekin Council	Dec-07
Tower Hamlets LBC	Sep-10
Wakefield MDC	Dec-09
Wandsworth LBC	Oct-10
Wiltshire Council	Apr-09

## Update since January 2011

At the end of **May 2011**, 30 per cent of local planning authorities had adopted a core strategy. A further 23 per cent had published a draft plan. The following 24 local authorities have adopted core strategies since December 2010:

- Blackburn with Darwen
- Bolton
- Broadland
- Darlington
- Dudley
- Havant
- Islington
- Lambeth
- Newark and Sherwood
- Norwich
- Oxford
- Peterborough
- Sandwell
- Sevenoaks
- Shropshire
- South Buckinghamshire
- South Norfolk
- Southwark
- Stockport
- Walsall
- West Devon
- Westminster
- Wolverhampton
- Worthing

At the end of **May 2011**, 19 per cent of waste planning authorities had adopted waste plans. A further 36 per cent had published draft waste plans or policies. The following four waste planning authorities have adopted waste plans since December 2010.

- Bath and North East Somerset
- Bristol
- North Somerset
- South Gloucestershire