Diagram 2: The Guide’s Recommended Approach to Local Assessments

Step 1: Identify Local Needs
- Review the implications of existing strategies (paragraphs 4.5-4.9)
- Review existing policies and provision standards (paragraphs 4.10-4.11)
- Consult local communities and prepare a vision (paragraphs 4.12-4.27)

Step 2: Audit Local Provision
- Decide the scope of the audit and identify existing information (paragraphs 5.1-5.3)
- Plan and undertake the audit (paragraphs 5.4-5.8)
- Analyse the audit (paragraphs 5.9-5.20)

Step 3: Set Provision Standards
- Determine quantity standards (paragraphs 6.3-6.7)
- Determine quality standards (paragraphs 6.8-6.9)
- Determine accessibility standards (paragraphs 6.10-6.14)
- Determine minimum acceptable size standards (paragraphs 6.15-6.16)
- Determine site area multipliers (paragraph 6.17)
- Determine normalised costs (paragraphs 6.18-6.25)
- Determine design standards (paragraphs 6.26-6.27)

Step 4: Apply the Provision Standards
- Identify deficiencies in accessibility (paragraphs 7.1-7.3)
- Identify deficiencies in quality (paragraphs 7.4-7.5)
- Identify surpluses and deficiencies in quantity (paragraph 7.6)

Step 5: Draft Policies
- Identify strategic options (paragraphs 8.1-8.13)
- Evaluate the strategic options (paragraphs 8.14-8.15)
- Draft policy (paragraphs 8.16-8.19)
- Consult relevant stakeholders (paragraph 8.20)