

Title of Report:	Local Development Plan – 6-month LDP Work Programme (Jul – Dec 2021)
Committee Report Submitted To:	PLANNING COMMITTEE
Date of Meeting:	24th November 2021
For Decision or For Information	For Decision

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
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

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

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

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To present the 6-month indicative LDP Work Programme (attached at Appendix 1) which outlines the work areas being carried out by the Council's Development Plan team within this programme (Jul-Dec 2021).

2.0 Background

Revised LDP Timetable

- 2.1 Members agreed a revised LDP Timetable at the 24th March 2021 Planning Committee. The indicative date for publication of the Draft Plan Strategy is spring/summer 2022. The timetable is kept under review and Members are updated regularly on progress.

LDP Project Management Team & Steering Groups

- 2.2 Consultation with the LDP Project Management Team (key consultees and stakeholders) on the draft planning policies has continued electronically due to ongoing government guidance. This is also likely to remain in place for the duration of this work programme.
- 2.3 The LDP Steering Group (the Planning Committee) receives a regular verbal update on the LDP work programme. Ad hoc Steering Group meetings will be held throughout the programme, as required.
- 2.4 Member Workshops to agree the LDP draft Planning Policies are ongoing and will be throughout this programme.

Working Groups/Collaborative Working

- 2.5 Virtual meetings of the NI Development Plan Working Group continued during the previous work programme and will do so throughout this one. The next meeting is scheduled for 6th December 2021.
- 2.6 Collaborative work will also be undertaken on the following, as and when required:
- NI Coastal/Marine Group;
 - Cross-Border Development Plan Group;
 - Cross-Boundary Group (adjoining councils); and
 - Sperrin AONB Group.

Sustainability Appraisal

- 2.7 A Sustainability Appraisal incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment (SA/SEA) of the LDP is an iterative process, continuing throughout the entire Plan-making programme.
- 2.8 On 4th June 2020 SES issued a revised SLA to the Council. Members agreed to the revision at the 27th October 2021 Committee Meeting.

Settlement Appraisal

- 2.9 In line with the Evaluation Framework set out in the Regional Development Strategy (RDS) 2035, further work on this will continue throughout this work programme, to inform the LDP preparation.

Landscape Study

- 2.10 Given the level of landscape and environmental designation covering the Borough (over 40% coverage), this study is a key piece of evidence required to inform our LDP policy approach. The Study will provide a robust 'sound' evidence base that will inform the draft LDP policies and proposals.

Reviews

- 2.11 Members will be aware of the recent update to the CC&GBC Retail & Leisure Capacity Study (2017) by Nexus, completed during the last work programme (Jul-Dec 2020). We have now also received an updated Public & Business Perception Study, presented and agreed at the 27th October 2021 Planning Committee.

Annual Monitors

- 2.12 Work will continue on the Council's annual retail, employment and housing monitors within this work programme.

Building Preservation Notices (BPNs)

- 2.13 Ad hoc requests for BPNs will be processed throughout the work programme, as and when required.

Trees

- 2.14 Ad hoc requests for Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) and Works to Trees will be processed throughout the work programme, as and when required.

Other work

- 2.15 In addition to the items above, the Development Plan team will continue to assist our Development Management colleagues with planning applications, LDP and Conservation Area consultation responses and duty planner rota duties, etc. Council consultations from other councils, as well as other ad-hoc papers etc will be processed and/or presented as and when required.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that the Planning Committee note the content of this report and agree to the 6-month (indicative) work programme attached at Appendix 1.

Appendices:

Appendix 1: LDP 6-month Work Programme

APPENDIX 1: Local Development Plan 6 Month (Indicative) Work Programme (Jul - Dec 2021)*

Week Commencing	05/07/21	12/07/21	19/07/21	26/07/21	02/08/21	09/08/21	16/08/21	23/08/21	30/08/21	06/09/21	13/09/21	20/09/21	27/09/21	04/10/21	11/10/21	18/10/21	25/10/21	1/11/21	08/11/21	15/11/21	21/11/21	29/11/21	06/12/21	13/12/21	20/12/21	22/12/21
Draft Plan Strategy Preparation	Work to continue throughout programme - to revised LDP Timetable																									
Sustainability Appraisal	Work to continue throughout programme																									
LDP Steering Group Meetings	Quarterly verbal update to Planning Committee (the Steering Group). Meetings as required throughout programme																									
Evidence Paper Updates	Evidence gathering to continue throughout programme																									
CC&GBC Landscape Character Study	Informing draft planning policies																									
LDP Project Management Team	Consultation/Meetings as required throughout programme																									
Member Workshops - LDP Policy Drafting					Thurs 5th Aug						Wed 15th Sept		Wed 29th Sept		Wed 13th Oct				Wed 10th Nov							
Cross Border Working Group	As required throughout programme																									
Cross Boundary Working Group	As required throughout programme																									
Sperrin AONB Working Group	As required throughout programme																									
NI Minerals Working Group	As required throughout programme																									
NI Development Plan Working Group	Next Mtg 6th December 2021																									
Community Plan Strategic Partnership Board	Meetings 7th July & 13th October 2021																									
HGI Review	Work to continue throughout programme																									
Housing Land Monitor	Ongoing throughout programme																									
Retail Monitor	Ongoing throughout programme																									
Employment Land Monitor	Ongoing throughout programme																									
Settlement Appraisals	Background work to continue throughout programme																									
Settlement Evaluation	Background work to continue throughout programme																									
Development Mgmt: assistance (Plg apps/correspondence/complaints, etc), map preparation & LDP/Tree/CAO consultation responses	To continue throughout Programme																									
Duty Planner (calls and reception rota duties)	To continue throughout Programme																									
Place & Prosperity Projects - Planning Input	To continue throughout Programme																									
Council consultations (from adjoining councils/government departments)	To continue throughout Programme																									

Council representative (planning advisor) eg Town Team, AONB, WHS, GIS, Tech Support groups, etc	To continue throughout Programme
Building Preservation Notices, TPOs & Works to Trees	To continue throughout Programme
Attendance at other council LDP Independent Examinations (IEs)	To other Council/PAC timetable
Mandatory Staff Training and Continuing Personal Development(CPD)	To continue throughout Programme

* Dates may be subject to change.
Ad hoc meetings may be required throughout the programme.