

Title of Report:	Local Development Plan – 6-month LDP Work Programme (Jul-Dec 2022)
Committee Report Submitted To:	PLANNING COMMITTEE
Date of Meeting:	28th September 2022
For Decision or For Information	For Information

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, in line with Section 5 of the Council's published LDP Timetable, the 6-month indicative LDP Work Programme (attached at Appendix 1) which outlines the work areas to be carried out by the Council's Development Plan team within this programme (Jul-Dec 2022).

2.0 Background

Revised LDP Timetable

- 2.1 Members agreed a revised LDP Timetable at 24th March 2021 Planning Committee Meeting. The indicative date for publication of the Draft Plan Strategy (dPS) is spring/summer 2022.
- 2.2 As Members are aware, the dPS was agreed at the 24th August 2022 Planning Committee Meeting to proceed for ratification to the 4th October 2022 Full Council Meeting.
- 2.3 The Development Plan team are now working to collate the extensive document library that will accompany the dPS publication.
- 2.4 The timetable is kept under review and the Planning Committee (LDP Steering Group) is updated quarterly on progress. Any proposed revision will be brought to the Planning Committee for agreement.

LDP Project Management Team & Steering Groups

- 2.5 Consultation with the LDP Project Management Team (key consultees and stakeholders) on the draft policy approach continued electronically throughout the previous programme reporting period (Jan-Jun 2022) due to ongoing government guidance.
- 2.6 LDP Steering Group Meetings were held on 27th January & 18th May 2022 to agree draft policy approach discussed at the suite of Member Workshops (completed in the previous reporting period).

Working Groups/Collaborative Working

- 2.7 Virtual meetings of the NI Development Plan Working Group will continue throughout this programme. The next meeting is scheduled for 10th October 2022.
- 2.8 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

- 2.9 A Sustainability Appraisal incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment (SA/SEA) of the LDP is an iterative process, continuing throughout the entire Plan-making programme. The Council has employed SES to carry out the LDP SA/SEA on its behalf.

Settlement Appraisal

- 2.10 This has been carried out in line with the Evaluation Framework set out in the Regional Development Strategy (RDS) 2035.

Landscape Study

- 2.11 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 provides a robust 'sound' evidence base that will inform the draft LDP policies and proposals.

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. Council consultations from other councils, as well as other ad hoc papers will be processed and/or presented as and when required.
- 2.16 Attendance at other councils' Independent Examinations (IEs) will continue in line with the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) schedule as this is a crucial learning resource on the evolution of the Northern Ireland Plan-Making process.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that the Planning Committee note the content of this report.

Appendices:

Appendix 1: LDP 6-month Work Programme

APPENDIX 1: Local Development Plan 6 Month (Indicative) Work Programme* (Jul-Dec 2022)

Week Commencing	Planning Committee 24th		Planning Committee 28th		Planning Committee 26th		Planning Committee 23rd		Planning Committee																																													
	04/07/22	11/07/22	18/07/22	25/07/22	01/08/22	08/08/22	15/08/22	22/08/22	29/08/22	05/09/22	12/09/22	19/09/22	26/09/22	03/10/22	10/10/22	17/10/22	24/10/22	31/10/22	07/11/22	14/11/22	21/11/22	28/11/22	05/12/22	12/12/22	19/12/22	26/12/22																												
Draft Plan Strategy Preparation	To be presented at 22nd August Planning Committee for agreement and for ratification to 4th October Full Council Meeting																																																					
LDP Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment (SA/SEA)	Iterative document - work to continue throughout programme																																																					
LDP Steering Group Meetings	Quarterly verbal updates also provided to Planning Committee (the Steering Group)																																																					
Evidence Paper Updates	Collate Document Library to accompany Draft Plan Strategy publication																																																					
CC&GBC Landscape Character Study	Informing LDP Preparation																																																					
LDP Project Management Team	Consultations on the draft Plan Strategy Policy approach have now concluded																																																					
Member Workshops - LDP Draft Policies																													dPS stage workshops are now complete																									
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	Monday 8th August & 10th October 2022																																																					
Community Plan Strategic Partnership Board	Meetings Scheduled for 26th October & 2nd November 2022																																																					
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 Councils/PAC timetable																																																					
Mandatory Staff Training and Continuing Personal Development(CPD)	To continue throughout Programme																																																					

* Please note that dates may be subject to change. Ad hoc meetings may also be required throughout the programme.