

Title of Report:	Local Development Plan – 6-month LDP Work Programme (Jan – Jun 2023)
Committee Report Submitted To:	PLANNING COMMITTEE
Date of Meeting:	22nd February 2023
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 (Jan-Jun 2023).

2.0 Background

Revised LDP Timetable

- 2.1 Members will be aware of the work undertaken to date to get us to this stage of the Council's Plan-making process – Draft Plan Strategy (dPS) publication.
- 2.2 The Council's published LDP Timetable, agreed at its 24th March 2021 Planning Committee Meeting, sets out an indicative date for publication of the Draft Plan Strategy (dPS) in spring/summer 2022. The dPS was presented and agreed at the 24th August 2022 Planning Committee. At that stage an updated indicative publication date of late 2022/early 2023 was presented.
- 2.3 As Members are aware, the dPS was deferred at the 1st November 2022 Full Council Meeting for further discussion. Party Group Meetings were held in Nov & Dec 2022. In response to issues raised at the meetings the Development Plan team is undertaking further policy review. We also await some further information/evidence from Members. An (all Member) workshop will be held prior to presentation of the dPS back to Full Council.
- 2.4 The LDP timetable is kept under review with the Planning Committee (LDP Steering Group) updated quarterly on progress in relation to it. Following the workshop a revised LDP Timetable will be brought before the Planning Committee, prior to submission for agreement with the PAC and Dfl, as required.

LDP Project Management Team & Steering Groups

- 2.5 Consultation on our draft policy approach has now closed with both the LDP Project Management Team (key consultees and stakeholders) and the LDP Steering Group (the Planning Committee). However, given the ongoing discussions, and the further workshop to be held, there may be a need to re-open this consultation process.

Working Groups/Collaborative Working

- 2.6 The Development Plan Working Group will continue throughout this programme. The next meeting is scheduled for 23rd February 2023.
- 2.7 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

- 2.8 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

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

Landscape Study

- 2.10 The Study provides a robust 'sound' evidence base informing the draft LDP policies and proposals.

Annual Monitors

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

Building Preservation Notices (BPNs)

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

Trees

- 2.13 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

- 2.14 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.
- 2.15 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* (Jan - Jun 2023)

Week Commencing	02/01/23	09/01/23	16/01/23	23/01/23	30/01/23	06/02/23	13/02/23	20/02/23	27/02/23	06/03/23	13/03/23	20/03/23	27/03/23	03/04/23	10/04/23	17/04/23	24/04/23	1/5/23	08/05/23	15/05/23	22/5/23	29/05/23	05/06/23	12/06/23	19/06/23	26/6/23																										
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Draft Plan Strategy Preparation	Deferred at 1st November 2022 Full Council Meeting - policy review ongoing																																																			
LDP Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment (SA/SEA) & HRA	Iterative document - work to continue throughout programme																																																			
LDP Steering Group Meetings	Quarterly verbal updates 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	Consultation on the draft Plan Strategy Policy approach has now concluded**																																																			
Member Workshops - LDP Draft Policies																												Workshop to be held prior to bringing dPS back to Full Council (Date TBC)																								
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 meeting scheduled for 23rd February 2023																																																			
Community Plan Strategic Partnership Board	Meeting held 1st February 2023																																																			
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.

** Please note that this may need to re-open, depending on the upcoming workshop outcome.