

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Local Development Plan – 6-month LDP Work Programme (Jan – Jun 2024)</b>
<b>Committee Report Submitted To:</b>	<b>PLANNING COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>
<b>For Decision or For Information</b>	<b>For Information</b>

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)</b>	
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

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

<b>Screening Requirements</b>	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals. <b>Not applicable in this case.</b>		
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 current 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 2024).

## **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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> August 2022 Planning Committee.
- 2.3 As Members are aware, the dPS was deferred at the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 undertook further policy review. The team also received some further information/evidence from Members.
- 2.4 An all-Member workshop was held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at which it was agreed that a subcommittee/working group would be set up to further consider the Council's LDP.
- 2.5 The LDP timetable is kept under review and the Planning Committee (LDP Steering Group) updated quarterly on progress. A revised LDP Timetable will be brought before the Planning Committee, prior to consultation with the PAC and agreement Dfl, as required.

### LDP Project Management Team & LDP Steering Group

- 2.6 Consultation with the LDP Project Management Team (key consultees and stakeholders) on our draft policy approach closed with the presentation of the dPS to the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 Full Council Meeting. However, given the deferral of the dPS for further consideration, this consultation process is likely to be reopened at a future date.
- 2.7 Through our quarterly verbal updates and 6-month indicative work programmes the LDP Steering Group (Planning Committee) continues to be updated on the Plan-making process.

### Working Groups/Collaborative Working

- 2.8 The Development Plan Working Group will continue throughout this programme.
- 2.9 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

- 2.10 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

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

### Landscape Study

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

### Annual Monitors

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

### Building Preservation Notices (BPNs)

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

### Trees

- 2.15 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

- 2.16 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.
- 2.17 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 2024)

Week Commencing	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small; color: red;"> <span>Planning Committee 28th</span> <span>Planning Committee 27th</span> <span>Planning Committee 24th</span> <span>Planning Committee 22nd</span> </div>																																																		
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Draft Plan Strategy Preparation	Deferred at 1st November 2022 Full Council Meeting - policy review with members remains ongoing																																																		
LDP SA/SEA & HRA	Iterative document - work to continue throughout programme																																																		
LDP Steering Group Meetings	Quarterly Verbal Updates and 6 month Indicative Work Programmes provided to the Steering Group (Planning Committee)																																																		
Evidence Updates	The document library to accompany the Draft Plan Strategy publication will be updated throughout this reporting period as required																																																		
CC&GBC Landscape Character Study	Informing the LDP Preparation																																																		
LDP Project Management Team	Consultation on the draft Plan Strategy Policy approach has now concluded**																																																		
Member Workshops/Working Group Meetings - LDP Draft Policies																												Working Group Meeting scheduled for 19th March 2024																							
Cross Border Working Group	As required throughout programme																																																		
Cross Boundary Working Group	As required throughout programme																																																		
Sperrin AONB Working Group	Meeting held 7th February 2024. Further meetings as required throughout programme																																																		
NI Minerals Working Group	As required throughout programme																																																		
NI Development Plan Working Group	Meeting scheduled for 15th February 2024																																																		
Community Plan Strategic Partnership Board	Meeting scheduled for 7th February 2024																																																		
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, due to ongoing policy review/discussions, this may need to re-open.