

Local Development Plan: 6-month indicative LDP Work Programme (January – June 2020)	26th January 2020
Planning Committee	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Outcome
Leader & Champion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will establish key relationships with Government agencies and potential strategic partners in NI and external to it which helps us to deliver our vision for this Council area.
Protect the environment in which we live	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All environments in the area will benefit from pro-active decision making which protects the natural features, characteristics and integrity of the Borough.
Lead Officer:	Principal Planning Officer/Local Development Plan Manager
Cost:	N/A

For Decision

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The attached 6-month indicative Work Programme (Appendix 1) covers the period from January to June 2020. It outlines the work areas to be carried out by the Development Plan (LDP) team within this timeframe.

2.0 DETAIL

LDP Timetable

- 2.1 As per the Council's revised LDP Timetable, published on 25th November 2020, the indicative date for publication of the Draft Plan Strategy is Autumn/Winter 2020. This will be kept under review and a verbal update provided to Members at the monthly Planning Committee.

Draft Plan Strategy Preparation

- 2.2 The Development Plan team has considered the representations received to the POP and is finalising any further work and/or consultation required as a result of these, in the preparation of the draft Plan Strategy.
- 2.3 Meetings and discussions are ongoing with statutory consultees, key stakeholders, adjoining councils and the Department, and this will continue throughout this programme.

LDP Member Workshops

- 2.4 Member workshops commenced on 29th January and will continue throughout the programme.

LDP Steering Group & Project Management Team

- 2.5 The LDP Steering Group and Project Management Team are operational as per the Council's "Statement of Community Involvement in Planning (SCI)". Meetings will be convened as and when required throughout the work programme.
- 2.6 Verbal updates will be provided to the LDP Steering Group (Planning Committee) at its monthly meeting.

Working Groups/Collaborative Working

- 2.7 Input into and attendance at a number of regional working groups will also continue throughout the programme (as and when required).

- NI Minerals Group;
- NI Coastal/Marine Group;
- NI Development Plan Group; and
- Cross-Border Development Plan Group.

- 2.8 Collaborative working will also continue on the following (as and when required):
- Cross-Boundary Group (adjoining councils);
 - Sperrin AONB Group; and
 - Community Plan: Strategic Partnership Board.

Sustainability Appraisal

- 2.9 Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of the LDP is an iterative process. As such, this will continue throughout the work programme.

Settlement Appraisal

- 2.10 An appraisal will be carried out of the Settlements within the Borough, in line with the Evaluation Framework set out in the Regional Development Strategy (RDS) 2035.

Landscape Character Assessment

- 2.11 Planning Officers are currently working through this with the consultants. It is scheduled for completion within this work programme, following which, the consultant will present it to Members.
- 2.12 On completion this key document will provide the robust 'sound' evidence base that will inform the draft LDP policies and proposals.

Annual Monitors

- 2.13 Preparatory work on the Council's annual Housing and Employment Land Monitors will commence in within this work programme.

Urban Capacity Studies

- 2.14 Urban Capacity Studies will continue during this work programme.

Reviews

- 2.15 The existing Local Landscape Policy Areas (LLPAs) and Sites of Local Nature Conservation Importance (SLNCIs) identified in the Northern Area Plan 2016 will continue to be reviewed to ascertain if they should be brought forward into the new Plan. Given the number of each designation it is likely that this work will span a number of work programmes.

Ad Hoc Meetings/Workshops

- 2.16 There may be ad hoc meetings and/or workshops required within this period.

Building Preservation Notices (BPNs)

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

Trees

- 2.18 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

- 2.19 In addition to the items above, the Development Plan team will continue to provide input into development management decisions, rota duties, and council consultations from other councils, etc.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Members agree to the 6-month (indicative) work programme attached at Appendix 1.

Week Commencing	Plg Cttee		Plg Cttee		Plg Cttee		Plg Cttee		Plg Cttee		Plg Cttee		Plg Cttee		Plg Cttee		Plg Cttee		Plg Cttee		Plg Cttee		Plg Cttee																								
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Draft Plan Strategy Preparation	Iterative process - as required throughout programme																																														
Sustainability Appraisal	Iterative process - as required throughout programme																																														
LDP Steering Group Meetings	Verbal update monthly. Meetings as required throughout programme																																														
Evidence Paper Updates	Iterative process - as required throughout programme																																														
Landscape Character Assessment	To be completed by 31st March 2020																																														
LDP Project Management Team Meetings	As required throughout programme																																														
Member Workshops		29th Jan								19th Mar				8th Apr			7th May			20th May			4th Jun			17th Jun																					
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 Coastal Working Group			23rd Jan	As required throughout programme																																											
NI Development Plan Working Group													10th Feb	As required throughout programme																																	
Ad hoc presentations	As required throughout programme																																														
Community Plan																																															
HGI Review	Throughout Programme																																														
Housing Land Monitor	Throughout Programme																																														
Retail Monitor	Throughout Programme																																														
Employment Land Monitor	Throughout Programme																																														
Settlement Appraisals	To be completed by 31st March 2020																																														
Settlement Evaluation	Throughout Programme																																														
Urban Capacity Studies	Throughout Programme																																														
LLPA Reviews	Throughout Programme																																														
SLNCI Reviews	Throughout Programme																																														
Development Management Consultations	As and when required throughout Programme																																														
Rota Duties & Map Preparation	As and when required throughout Programme																																														
Rural Development Grants - Planning Input	As and when required throughout Programme																																														
Council Consultations	As and when required throughout Programme																																														
Building Preservation Notices, TPOs & Works to Trees	As and when required throughout Programme																																														