

Local Development Plan: 6-month indicative LDP Work Programme (July to December 2019)	28th August 2019
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 July to December 2019. 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 published LDP Timetable, the indicative date for publication of the Draft Plan Strategy is Autumn/Winter 2019. However, the ability to meet this date is likely to be affected by a number of factors. A separate paper has been presented to Members this month regarding this.

Preferred Options Paper (POP): Representations received

- 2.2 Following the completion of the POP Consultation (26th June to 21st September 2018) the Development Plan team is continuing to analyse the representations received, alongside any further work and/or consultation required
- 2.3 Meetings are continuing with statutory consultees, key stakeholders, adjoining councils and the Department, and will continue throughout this programme.

LDP Steering Group & Project Management Team

- 2.4 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.

Working Groups/Collaborative Working

- 2.5 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.

- 2.6 Collaborative working will also continue on the following:

- Cross-Boundary Group (adjoining councils);
- Sperrin AONB Group; and
- Community Plan: Strategic Partnership Board.

Sustainability Appraisal

- 2.7 Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of the LDP is an iterative process. As such, this will be carried out as and when required throughout the work programme.

Settlement Appraisal

- 2.8 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

- 2.9 Members will be aware the tender process was much longer than originally anticipated as the first advert yielded no bid submissions. Given the level of expertise required to complete this work it was considered necessary to repeat the tender process. Following further research on potential sources of such expertise, a second tender exercise was undertaken (including an advert in the UK Landscape Institute's website). Two bids were received in response to this and the winning bid has been awarded.
- 2.10 On completion this key document will provide the robust 'sound' evidence base that will inform the draft LDP policies and proposals to protect the landscape.

Annual Monitors

- 2.11 Preparatory work is now complete on the Council's annual Housing and Employment Land Monitors. Site visits and data input/analysis will commence in within this work programme.

Urban Capacity Studies

- 2.12 Urban Capacity Studies will commence during this work programme.

Reviews

- 2.13 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.
- 2.14 The Department for Communities is currently carrying out a review of the NI Housing Growth Indicators. It is envisaged that the review will be completed and an update published within this work programme. If so, the Development Plan team will determine if this has an impact on the Council's LDP preparation.

Ad Hoc Meetings/Workshops

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

Building Preservation Notices (BPNs)

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

Trees

- 2.17 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

- 2.18 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.

APPENDIX 1: Local Development Plan 6 Month (Indicative) Work Programme (July to December 2019)

Week Commencing	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small;"> Cttee Cttee Cttee Cttee Cttee </div>																											
	1st Jul	8th Jul	15th Jul	22nd Jul	29th Jul	5th Aug	12th Aug	19th Aug	26th Aug	2nd Sep	9th Sep	16th Sep	23rd Sep	30th Sep	7th Oct	14th Oct	21st Oct	28th Oct	4th Nov	11th Nov	18th Nov	25th Nov	2nd Dec	9th Dec	16th Dec	23rd Dec	30th Dec	
POP REPRESENTATION ANALYSIS	Throughout Programme																											
SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL	As required throughout programme																											
LANDSCAPE CHARACTER ASSESSMENT	LCA Consultancy ongoing throughout programme																											
STEERING GROUP & PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM	As required throughout programme																											
UPDATE EVIDENCE PAPERS	As required throughout programme																											
CONSULTEE ENGAGEMENT	Meeting DFI re POP/PS 23/7/19																											
STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT	Meeting NIHE re PS 06/8/19 Meeting Ulst Uni 22/08/19																											
CROSS BORDER WORKING GROUP	Meeting 05/12/19																											
CROSS BOUNDARY WORKING GROUP	Meeting M&EA re PS 25/07/19																											
SPERRIN WORKING GROUP	As required throughout programme																											
NI MINERALS WORKING GROUP	As required throughout programme																											
NI COASTAL WORKING GROUP	Meeting 14/08/19																											
NI DEVELOPMENT PLAN WORKING GROUP	Meeting 12/08/19 Meeting 28/10/19 Meeting 16/12/19																											
AD HOC PRESENTATIONS	C'raine BID Team 13/08/19																											
COMMUNITY PLAN	Meeting 18/09/19																											
HGI REVIEW	Receipt from DFC																											
HOUSING LAND MONITOR	Throughout Programme																											
RETAIL MONITOR	Throughout Programme																											
EMPLOYMENT LAND MONITOR	Throughout Programme																											
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 AND MAP PREPARATION	As and when required throughout Programme																											
RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS - PLANNING INPUT	Throughout Programme																											
COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS	As and when required throughout Programme																											
BUILDING PRESERVATION NOTICES, TPOs & WORKS TO TREES	As and when required throughout Programme																											