

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Local Development Plan – 6-month LDP Work Programme (Jan-Jun 2022)</b>
<b>Committee Report Submitted To:</b>	<b>PLANNING COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> January 2022</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 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 2022).

## **2.0 Background**

### Revised LDP Timetable

- 2.1 Members agreed a revised LDP Timetable at 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Planning Committee. The indicative date for publication of the Draft Plan Strategy is spring/summer 2022. The timetable is kept under review and the Planning Committee (LDP Steering Group) is updated quarterly on progress.

### LDP Project Management Team & Steering Groups

- 2.2 Consultation with the LDP Project Management Team (key consultees and stakeholders) on the draft policy approach has continued electronically due to ongoing government guidance. This is also likely to remain in place for the duration of this work programme.
- 2.3 LDP Steering Group Meetings are scheduled for Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January & Wed 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to agree draft policy approach discussed at Member Workshops. Ad hoc Steering Group meetings may be required throughout the programme.
- 2.4 Member Workshops on the LDP draft policy approach are ongoing and will continue throughout this programme.

### Working Groups/Collaborative Working

- 2.5 Virtual meetings of the NI Development Plan Working Group will continue throughout this programme. The next meeting is scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022.
- 2.6 Collaborative work will also be undertaken on the following, as and when required:
- NI Coastal/Marine Group (a meeting of the Coastal Forum Working Group was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021);
  - Cross-Border Development Plan Group;
  - Cross-Boundary Group (adjoining councils); and
  - Sperrin AONB Group.

### Sustainability Appraisal

- 2.7 A Sustainability Appraisal incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment (SA/SEA) of the LDP is an iterative process, continuing throughout the entire Plan-making programme.
- 2.8 The Council has employed SES to carry out the LDP SA/SEA. LDP policy appraisals will be held w/c 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> March and w/c 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

### Settlement Appraisal

- 2.9 In line with the Evaluation Framework set out in the Regional Development Strategy (RDS) 2035, further work on this will continue throughout this work programme, to inform the LDP preparation.

#### Landscape Study

- 2.10 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 will provide a robust 'sound' evidence base that will inform 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 etc 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 2022)\*

Week Commencing	Planning Committee 26th Jan		Planning Committee 23rd Feb		Planning Committee 23rd Mar		Planning Committee 27th Apr		Planning Committee 25th May		Planning Committee 22nd Jun																
	03/01/22	10/01/22	17/01/22	24/01/22	31/01/22	07/02/22	14/02/22	21/02/22	28/02/22	07/03/22	14/03/22	21/03/22	28/03/22	04/04/22	11/04/22	18/04/22	25/04/22	2/5/22	09/05/22	16/05/22	23/5/22	30/05/22	06/06/22	13/06/22	20/06/22	27/6/22	
Draft Plan Strategy Preparation	Work to continue throughout programme - to published Revised LDP Timetable																										
LDP Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment (SA/SEA)	Work to continue throughout programme - Appraisal Days w/c 14th & 21st March & 7th June 2022																										
LDP Steering Group Meetings	Meetings scheduled for Thursday 27th January & Wednesday 11th May 2022. Quarterly verbal updates also provided to Planning Committee (the Steering Group)																										
Evidence Paper Updates	Evidence gathering to continue throughout programme																										
CC&GBC Landscape Character Study	Informing draft policy approach																										
LDP Project Management Team	Consultations are ongoing (electronically) throughout this programme																										
Member Workshops - LDP Draft Policies		Wed 12th Jan					Wed 16th Feb	Thurs 24th Feb					Tues 29th Mar														
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 Mtg Monday 7th February 2022																										
Community Plan Strategic Partnership Board	Meetings Scheduled for 12th January & 13th April 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 Council/PAC timetable: Fermanagh/Omagh IE to be held from Tuesday 18th January - Thursday 10th March 2022
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.