

Local Development Plan 2030 – Draft Amended Timetable	25th October 2017
Planning Committee FOR DECISION	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Outcome
Leader and Champion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Elected Members will provide civic leadership to our citizens, working to promote the Borough as an attractive place to live, work, invest and visit. • We will establish key relationships with Government agencies and potential strategic partner 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; • Our citizens will be given the maximum opportunity to enjoy our natural environments; and • Our natural assets will be carefully managed to generate economic and social returns without compromising their sustainability for future generations.
Resilient Healthy and Engaged Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council will work to support healthy lifestyle choices for all citizens.
Lead Officer	Principal Planning Officer/Local Development Plan Manager
Cost:	N/A

1.0 Background

1.1 The Council's Local Development Plan (LDP) Timetable was agreed at the 26th June 2016 Planning Committee. It was agreed by both the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) and the Department for Infrastructure (DfI - the 'Department') prior to its formal publication on 29th November 2016.

1.2 It was prepared within the context of the Council's Strategy and Community Plan. It met the requirements of the Planning Act (NI) 2011 and the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (NI) 2015 which require the Council to prepare and keep under review a timetable for the preparation and adoption of its Local Development Plan (LDP).

2.0 Detail

2.1 The Council's Planning Section has, to date, been working to meet the existing LDP Timetable. However, throughout the numerous Member Workshops, Steering Group and Project Management Team Meetings, Members and officers have raised valid issues which are considered to require further discussion or research before we can proceed with agreeing on our policy options, including our preferred options.

2.2 Therefore, this draft amended timetable sets out a revised indicative timescale for the production of the Council's LDP. The extra time will allow officers and members a better understanding of the key issues affecting the borough, including how we can best deal with them moving forward. This stage of the process will culminate in the publication of a Preferred Options Paper (POP).

2.3 We will continue to undertake the ongoing Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and other required assessments throughout the life of the LDP.

3.0 The Timetable

3.1 The draft amended Timetable provides revised indicative dates for a number of key stages in the production of the LDP. A description of each is set out briefly below and the revised indicative Timetable is set out in Figure 1.

4.0 Delivery of the Local Development Plan

4.1 There are a number of factors that could potentially impact upon the timescale for delivery of the LDP. This timetable sets out a number of steps and safeguards to manage the plan making process and to highlight any potential impacts to Elected Members. These steps are set out below.

- A work programme will be presented to Committee for each key stage of the plan process. These have been presented to the Planning Committee as '6 month LDP Work Programmes'. This will continue throughout the LDP process.
- LDP Papers will continue be presented to Members on a regular basis regarding a range LDP matters, including key planning topics and findings as they emerge.
- The LDP Steering Group comprising members of the Planning Committee, the Head of Planning and other key council officers is now operational, as per our SCI. This is the high level co-ordinating body that will ensure oversight and strategic input on behalf of the whole community, as well as from planning professionals.
- The LDP Project Management Team comprising Senior Council Officers, the Head of Planning, Principal Planning Officer, Elected Members and representatives from the key statutory/government departments. The purpose

of this team is to ensure key consultees co-operate in the plan making process. The Project Management Team will be consulted on and act as the screening and scoping group for the Sustainability Appraisal of the Plan.

- An Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) will be produced to inform Members and the Department on our progress in meeting the published timetable.

5.0 Review

5.1 The Council has powers under the Planning Act 2011 to carry out this amendment. However, any amendment must be agreed with both the PAC and the Department and also publicised and made available to view on the Council's website.

6.0 Recommendation

6.1 IT IS RECOMMENDED that Members agree to the attached amended LDP Timetable.

Figure 1: Draft amended LDP Timetable

Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council Local Development Plan (LDP) - Draft Amended Timetable		
Key LDP Stages	Accompanying Assessments*	Indicative dates**
STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (SCI) & LDP TIMETABLE		
8 week Public Consultation	Publish Draft SCI	Nov 15 – Jan 16
Publish Final SCI & LDP Timetable	SCI & LDP Timetable	Winter 2016
PREFERRED OPTIONS PAPER (POP)		
Stakeholder Engagement; Member engagement	Invite comments from Consultation Body (NIEA) on Draft SA (Inc SEA) Scoping Report	Autumn/Winter 2016 - Autumn/Winter 2017
Publish POP - 12 week Public Consultation	Publish POP, SA Interim Report (comprising Scoping Report & Assessment of Alternatives); Screening for HRA, EQIA & any other assessments	Spring/Summer 2018
PLAN STRATEGY (PS)		
Publish Draft Plan Strategy - 8 week Public Consultation & 8 week Counter-representation period	Publish SA Report (Inc SEA); Draft HRA, EQIA & any other assessments	Autumn/Winter 2019
INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION (PAC Dependent)		
IE of Draft Strategy	SA (inc SEA), HRA, EQIA & any other necessary assessments	Spring/Summer 2020
Make required changes to PS following IE & DFI binding report	May require further consultation with statutory bodies	Winter 2020 – Spring 2021
Adopt Plan Strategy	Publish SA Adoption Report (Inc SEA); HRA, EQIA & other assessments	Summer/Autumn 2021
LOCAL POLICIES PLAN (LPP)		
Statutory Stakeholder Engagement; Member engagement	Invite comments from Consultation Body (NIEA) on Draft SA (Inc SEA) Scoping Report; Publish SA Interim Report (comprising Scoping Report & Assessment of Alternatives)	Winter 2021 - Spring/Summer 2022
Publish Draft Local Policies Plan - 8 week Public Consultation & 8 week Counter-representation period	Publish SA Report (Inc SEA); Publish Draft HRA, EQIA & other assessments	Autumn 2022
INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION (PAC Dependent)		
IE of Draft Local Policies Plan & docs	SA (inc SEA), HRA, EQIA (if req'd)	Spring 2023
Make required changes to LPP following IE & DFI binding report	May require further consultation with statutory bodies	Autumn 2023
Adopt Local Policies Plan	Publish SA Adoption Report (Inc SEA);	Winter 2023

	Publish HRA & EQIA (where relevant)	
MONITOR/REVIEW OF LDP		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Monitor • 5 and 10 Year Reviews 	Monitor SA & Other Assessments	On-going

*** Definitions:**

SA = Sustainability Appraisal

SEA = Strategic Environmental Assessment

HRA = Habitats Regulation Assessment

EQIA = Equality Impact Assessment

****Indicative dates:** will be reviewed quarterly and reported annually. Please note that these dates may be affected by other internal/external factors.