

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council

Planning Committee

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council Local Development Plan

To: Planning Committee

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Local Development Plan Work Programme Update

For Agreement

Linkage to Corporate Plan	
Strategic Themes	Protecting and Enhancing our Environments and Assets
Lead Officer	Sharon Mulhern
Cost: (If applicable)	

1.0 Background

- 1.1 An indicative Local Development Plan Work Programme was agreed at Planning Committee on 27th May 2015. This Programme outlined the extent of preparatory work to be undertaken between now and Christmas 2015. The work included desk top studies, survey work, data compilation and input and mapping of results.
- 1.2 The findings are being presented to Committee at key dates throughout the work programme under the following topic paper headings:
- Population & Growth (August Committee)
 - Environment (September Committee)
 - Employment and Town Centres (Agenda item this month)
 - Housing (still to be presented)

2.0 Housing Paper

- 2.1 The indicative work programme lists the Housing Topic Paper to be presented to Committee in November 2015. Providing Members with the most up to date and robust evidence for this paper requires the collection of key data in relation to both Housing Land Availability (Housing Monitor) and Housing Growth indicators (HGI's) regarding the percentage housing allocation for the Borough.

3.0 Housing Monitor

- 3.1 Historically, the local Area Plan teams carried out an on the ground Housing Monitor of their area to inform and feed into the DOE's Annual Northern Ireland Housing Land Availability Summary Report. More recently the teams have received this housing data from Land & Property Service (LPS) and this removed the need to carry out such surveys. However the contract, which only existed between LPS and DOE, terminated on 31st March 2015.
- 3.2 Council has recently been informed that from 1st April 2015 responsibility for Housing Land Availability reverted back to the 11 new Councils. As such, and until such times as a new arrangement can be agreed, the Area Plan teams must again undertake this, on the ground, Housing Monitor.
- 3.3 The preparation of materials, surveying, data input and analysis is projected to take 6-8 weeks to complete.

4.0 Housing Growth Indicators (HGI's)

- 4.1 The Department for Regional Development (DRD) has responsibility for the publication of the Northern Ireland Housing Growth Indicators. These figures are produced as a guide for those preparing Local Development Plans (LDP's). They are an estimate of the new dwelling requirements up to 2035 for each of the new Councils.
- 4.2 DRD is currently updating this information and this will better inform the new suite of LPD's. Council Planning staff have attended regular meetings with DRD to discuss the issue and stress the importance of early receipt of this information to progress the new LDP. A provisional date of December 2015 has been given for receipt of the new HGI's.

5.0 Implications

- 5.1 This lack of up to date information relating to both the Housing Land Availability & Housing Growth Indicators will have a knock-on effect on the presentation of the Housing Paper to Members, originally scheduled for November 2015.
- 5.2 It is anticipated that all of the information required to fully inform Members will be available in December 2015. As such the revised date for presentation of the Housing Paper is now likely to be early 2016. This will however, be confirmed in due course in the next (updated) work programme.

6.0 Recommendation

IT IS RECOMMENDED that members agree the change to the existing indicative work programme.