

Title of Report:	Revised LDP Timetable – Dfl Correspondence
Committee Report Submitted To:	PLANNING COMMITTEE
Date of Meeting:	28th August 2024
For Decision or For Information	For Decision

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
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

Budgetary Considerations: Not applicable in this case	
Cost of Proposal	
Included in Current Year Estimates	
Capital/Revenue	
Code	
Staffing Costs	

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals. Not applicable in this case.		
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 correspondence received on 30th July 2024 from Dfl regarding the Council's revised Local Development Plan (LDP) Timetable.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Members will be aware that a revised LDP Timetable, agreed at the 27th March 2024 Planning Committee is currently with the Department for Infrastructure (Dfi) for agreement.
- 2.2 The Council has received correspondence from Dfi seeking clarification on the matter (see Appendix 1).

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Members note the contents of the attached correspondence and agree to the Head of Planning providing a response on behalf of the Council.

Appendix 1: Dfi Correspondence to Council.



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30 July 2024

Dear Ms Dickson,

Local Development Plan for Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council – Revised Timetable – April 2024

Thank you for your letter 2nd July 2024 consulting DfI under the provisions of Regulation 7(1)(b) of the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (NI) 2015 regarding proposed amendments to the timetable for completion of the local development plan (LDP).

You will be aware that the Public Accounts Committee has raised concerns over the length of time that it is taking councils to produce the mandatory LPD for their districts. New LDPs are required as part of the move to a plan led system adopted after the transfer of functions to local government in 2015, including the majority of planning powers. It is noted that your Council published its Preferred Options Paper (POP) in June 2018.

The Department seek clarification regarding the proposed 3-year extension to the Local Development Plan timetable for your Council Area. The Department acknowledges agreement of the timetable and subsequent revisions. It is noted that agreement had

provisionally been agreed for the timetable with the Planning Committee on 24 August 2022, but at the subsequent Full Council of November 2022 the Council, “resolved to defer it for further discussion and consideration”. It is put forward that additional work, meetings, research and evidence gathering has taken place and is ongoing to ensure a robust evidence base and is cited as the necessity to make this revision to the timetable.

Please can the Council supply more detail regarding the work, research and evidence gathering being undertaken that is now required before the Council publishes its draft plan strategy? The Department wish to understand if the Council is commissioning new studies for matters such as housing growth.

On receipt of the Council’s response, the Department will be in position to consider the request under Regulation 7(1)(b) of the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (NI) 2015 regarding proposed amendments to the timetable.

If you have any further queries regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact Susan Wilkin, Suzanne Bagnall or Claire Patton.

Yours sincerely



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