
CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

FOR DECISION

Title: DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEME 2017/18

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Purpose of Report

To ask the Planning Committee to consider and approve the Development Plan Scheme for 2017/18.

Summary

All planning authorities in Scotland are required to produce an annually updated Development Plan Scheme (DPS) to set out how they are progressing work to adopt and review their Local Development Plan (LDP). The DPS is required to outline a timetable for the key steps in producing the LDP. It also includes a 'participation statement', which explains how and when local residents and other interested groups can become engaged in the production of the LDP.

This is the ninth DPS prepared by the Cairngorms National Park Authority, which sets out an updated timetable for producing the next LDP by 2020.

Recommendation

That the Planning Committee approve publication of the Development Plan Scheme for 2017/18.

Background

1. All planning authorities in Scotland are required to produce an annually updated Development Plan Scheme (DPS) to set out how they are progressing work to adopt and review their Local Development Plan (LDP). The DPS is required to outline a timetable for the key steps in producing the LDP. It also includes a 'participation statement', which explains how and when local residents and other interested groups can become engaged in the production of the LDP.
2. This is the ninth DPS prepared by the Cairngorms National Park Authority (CNPA).

Timescales for the next Local Development Plan

3. The current LDP for CNPA was adopted on 27 March 2015 and lasts for a period of five years. The timetable for preparing the next LDP (LDP2) therefore works towards having the new plan adopted by April 2020. This will ensure that the current statutory requirement for planning authorities to ensure that their LDP is reviewed every five years will be met.
4. Key milestones in the production of LDP2 will be:
 - a) Publication of a Main Issues Report – October 2017
 - b) Publication of a Proposed Plan – September 2018
 - c) Submission of the Proposed Plan – May 2019
 - d) Adoption of LDP2 – April 2020
5. The key milestone dates have been updated in order to:
 - a) Enable better alignment with the new National Park Partnership Plan (NPPP3), which will set the strategic context for LDP2; and
 - b) Allow more time to take account of any implications from the ongoing Scottish Government review of the planning system (whilst LDP2 is expected to be prepared under current legislation, other general good practice guidance may emerge from the review and it is important that LDP2 takes this into account as far as practicable).

Next Steps

6. The DPS for 2017/18 will be published and sent to interested parties in accordance with legislative requirements. Thereafter, progress in producing LDP2 will be monitored during the coming year. The DPS will be reviewed and updated if necessary in March 2018.

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Appendices

- I. Proposed Development Plan Scheme 2017/18