

CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

FOR DECISION

Title: PUBLICATION OF THE CAIRNGORMS DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEME 2011

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Purpose: FOR THE COMMITTEE TO AGREE THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEME FOR 2011

Recommendation

That the Planning Committee agrees the annual update to the Development Plan Scheme for 2011.

Executive Summary

All Planning Authorities in Scotland are required to produce a Development Plan Scheme, setting out how they are going to progress their Development Plans to adoption. This document sets out a timetable, and also details how the CNPA is going to engage others in the process of preparing the Local Development Plan.

Background

All Planning Authorities in Scotland are required to produce a Development Plan Scheme, setting out how they are going to progress to adoption of their Development Plan, in the case of the CNPA, the Local Development Plan. This scheme sets out a timetable for when the CNPA will:

1. Publish its Main Issues Report;
2. Publish the proposed Local Development Plan; and
3. Submit the Local Development Plan to Scottish Ministers.

The first Development Plan scheme was prepared in March 2009, updated in 2010 and this is the time for the annual review of its contents. The Participation Statement has been

substantially updated to detail our ongoing commitment to public consultation and engagement. The Development Plan Scheme provides a summary of the engagement process that will be undertaken, and includes key dates over the coming years. It is important to let people know these dates in advance, but also to let them see that although the process takes a long time, and the public may not see anything tangible for periods of time, work is progressing continuously behind the scenes.

A copy of the proposed Development Plan Scheme for 2011 is set out in Appendix One of this report.

Recommendation

That the Planning Committee agrees the Development Plan scheme for 2011.

Implications

Financial Implications

As the Development Plan Scheme will be available solely on the CNPA website, there are no printings or design costs associated with its production.

Implications for Stakeholders

The Development Plan Scheme is a quick reference document that sets out clearly how we are going to produce our Local Development Plan, and highlights key dates during the process. This helps to let people know when the key times will be for community engagement for example.

Next Steps

The Development Plan Scheme will be published on the CNPA website, and progress monitored during the coming year. It will be revised and updated again in March 2012, as required by the Scottish Government.

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