
CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

FOR DECISION

**Title: LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN ACTION
PROGRAMME REVIEW**

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Purpose of Report

To ask the Planning Committee to approve the Local Development Plan Action Programme Review 2016.

Summary

The Cairngorms National Park Authority (CNPA) adopted the Cairngorms National Park Local Development Plan (LDP) in March 2015. An Action Programme was subsequently published in June 2015, setting out how the LDP would be implemented.

Legislation requires LDP Action Programmes to be updated and republished at least every two years. CNPA is therefore not statutorily required to update the LDP Action Programme until June 2017. However, in order to demonstrate progress with delivery of actions, as well as to allow more transparent and up-to-date information about the status of allocated sites within the LDP, it is proposed to publish an interim annual review of the Action Programme.

Recommendation

That the Planning Committee approve the Local Development Plan Action Programme Review 2016.

Background

1. All planning authorities are required to publish an Action Programme to set out how the policies and proposals within their Local Development Plan (LDP) will be implemented. Action Programmes are required to include a list of actions required to deliver each of the policies and proposals contained in the LDP, details of who will carry out the actions, and the likely timescales for undertaking the actions. Action Programmes must be updated and republished at least every two years.
2. The Cairngorms National Park LDP was adopted in March 2015, and an Action Programme was subsequently published in June 2015. CNPA is therefore not statutorily required to update the LDP Action Programme until June 2017. However, in order to demonstrate progress with implementing the LDP, and to provide transparent and up-to-date information about sites within the LDP, an interim annual review of the Action Programme has been undertaken. The proposed Action Programme Review is attached at Appendix I.

Progress in delivering the Action Programme

3. The 2015 Action Programme identified a series of delivery priorities for 2015/16 against which CNPA was listed as the lead agency. Progress against these priorities is outlined in Table I below.

Table I		
Action Programme Delivery Priorities 2015/16		Summary of Progress
1	Adopt Supplementary Guidance for the LDP	Supplementary Guidance adopted in September 2015.
2	Adopt Development Briefs as non-statutory planning guidance for Grantown-on-Spey HI, Dulnain Bridge HI, Kincaig HI, and Newtonmore HI	Development Briefs adopted for each of the sites.
3	Work with developer, agent and community of Carrbridge to prepare non-statutory guidance for the development of Carrbridge site HI	Consultation on issues for Carrbridge HI Development Brief undertaken March – April 2016. Analysis of responses underway.
4	Work with landowner, agent, The Highland Council and community of Aviemore to prepare non-statutory guidance for the development of Highland Resort site (scope work and agree project plan 2015/16)	Initial scoping work completed and discussions undertaken with agent/landowner regarding potential masterplan.

Table 1		
Action Programme Delivery Priorities 2015/16		Summary of Progress
5	Undertake review of LDP allocated sites, consents and land supply effectiveness and constraints with developers/land owners	Consultation undertaken with known land owners/developers as part of the Action Programme review. Further assessment of site effectiveness and infrastructure requirements to take place during 2016/17.
6	Simplify the Development Appraisal Toolkit that helps establish the viability of development proposals	Development Appraisal Toolkit reviewed and not considered an effective method for appraising viability at this point in time.
7	Use HNDA, Housing Strategies and local housing needs surveys to identify house types and sizes to meet local need and demand	Detailed evidence on housing need/issues within the National Park prepared to support forthcoming NPPP consultation. Results of NPPP to inform review of LDP.
8	Deliver Town Centre Toolkit Pilot Project for Scottish Government	Pilot project undertaken. Final report published in March 2016.
9	Review Action Programme	Review completed.

4. New delivery priorities for 2016/17 are identified in section 2 of the proposed Action Programme Review. These are summarised in Table 2 below.

Table 2		
Proposed Action Programme Delivery Priorities 2016/17		
1	Continue to work with developer, agent and community of Carrbridge to prepare non-statutory guidance for the development of Carrbridge site HI (building on the work undertaken in 2015/16)	
2	Continue to work with landowner, agent, The Highland Council and community of Aviemore to prepare non-statutory guidance for the development of Highland Resort site (building on the work undertaken in 2015/16)	
3	Use HNDAs, Housing Strategies and local housing needs surveys to identify local housing need and demand (to help compile detailed evidence in support of the forthcoming LDP review)	
4	Carry out a review of infrastructure requirements for allocated development sites (building on work undertaken in 2015/16 and improving the CNPA's ability to deliver the LDP and Action Programme)	

Table 2

Proposed Action Programme Delivery Priorities 2016/17

5	Undertake a programme of Town Centre Health Checks (building on lessons learnt through Grantown Town Centre Pilot Project)
6	Review Action Programme

5. The proposed Action Programme Review also includes information on the national and local infrastructure projects that are required to support the delivery of the LDP vision, along with outlining the wider work that is needed to ensure the policy framework of the LDP is delivered. The status of these projects and actions, along with relevant updates, is outlined within the document.
6. In addition, Section 7 of the proposed Action Programme Review outlines progress in delivering the sites that are allocated for development within the LDP. A significant amount of work has been undertaken to review this section of the document. In particular, this section has been revised to take consideration of recent draft guidance on the suggested format of Action Programmes¹, and is presented in an easier to read way. It has also been updated to include more detailed information about each of the allocated sites. Efforts have particularly focused on gaining a better understanding of land ownership and making contact with the owners/developers of LDP sites to understand their expected timescales for delivering sites.
7. It is acknowledged, however, that additional work to assess the likely infrastructure requirements of LDP allocations is required. Further liaison with developers and key stakeholders will therefore take place during 2016/17 to improve our understanding in this respect. This is one of the planning service priorities for 2016/17 that was agreed by the Planning Committee in April 2016, and will also help to inform the forthcoming review of the LDP.

Next Steps

8. Subject to Committee approval, the Action Programme Review will be published on the CNPA website. Copies will also be sent to Scottish Ministers and placed in local libraries. The Planning Committee will receive a further progress report and Action Programme update in June 2017.

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Appendices

- I. Proposed Action Programme Review June 2016

¹ Draft Planning Delivery Advice: Housing and Infrastructure <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Built-Environment/planning/Roles/Scottish-Government/Guidance/Other-Publications/Housing-Infrastructure>