
CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

FOR INFORMATION

Title: DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEME 2021

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Purpose of Report

To present to the Planning Committee the Development Plan Scheme (2021) that sets out the timescales for the delivery of the next LDP.

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.

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2. The current LDP for the Cairngorms National Park was adopted on 26 March 2021 and, in accordance with current planning legislation, lasts for a period of five years. We must therefore work towards having a new LDP (LDP3) in place by April 2026.
3. The proposed DPS for 2021 (attached at Appendix 1) sets out the timetable for preparing LDP3 and explains the key stages of public involvement in the process.
4. LDP3 will be produced in accordance with the new Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 which has brought significant changes to the way LDPs are produced. However, supporting legislation for the full implementation of the changes outlined in the 2019 Act are yet to be released and therefore there remain uncertainties about the timescales and resource requirements associated with producing the new Plan.
5. The current focus of the National Park Authority is the preparation of the next National Park Partnership Plan (NPPP) which will be adopted in 2022. Upon its adoption the focus will shift to the preparation of the Local Development Plan 2026. It

is hoped that the expected start date for the LDP3 will coincide with the expected delivery of the new regulations to support the 2019 Act.

Next Steps

6. The DPS for 2021 will be published and sent to interested parties in accordance with legislative requirements. The DPS will be reviewed and updated if necessary in 2022.

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Appendices

- I. Development Plan Scheme 2021/22