
CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

FOR DECISION

**Title: LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2015 –
ACTION PROGRAMME REVIEW**

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Purpose of Report

To ask the Planning Committee to approve the Local Development Plan Action Programme Review 2019.

Recommendation

That the Planning Committee approve the Local Development Plan Action Programme Review 2019.

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 have committed to publishing Action Programme updates annually and therefore a first year interim review was published in 2016 followed by a full review in 2017. This full review provides a further update on delivery of the LDP.
3. This Action Programme Review provides up-to-date information about the delivery of sites and policies within the LDP. These updates are all set out in the proposed Action Programme Review 2019 which is attached at Appendix I.

Action Programme Delivery Priorities

4. The 2017 Action Programme Review identified a series of delivery priorities for 2018/19 against which CNPA was listed as the lead agency. Progress against these priorities is outlined in Table I.

Table 1 Action Programme Delivery Priorities 2018/19		Summary of Progress
1	<p>Simplify mechanisms for securing planning obligations and reduce need for planning agreements.</p> <p>Establishing simpler, cheaper and faster ways of securing necessary planning obligations.</p>	<p>Only limited progress made with this improvement as staff shortages meant resources were focused on core functions</p>
2	<p>Develop and deliver a schools engagement / involvement programme</p> <p>As part of the CNPA's approach to involving young people during the year of young people.</p>	<p>This priority was delayed as a result of the planning services' contribution to the CNPA hosting of the Europarc conference in 2018. The youngest member of the planning team was heavily involved in developing the Europarc Youth Manifesto over a period of weeks. The Europarc Conference also involved local schools.</p>
3	<p>Plan and deliver workshop on natural heritage with SNH, SEPA and Local Authorities</p> <p>Sharing good practice and ensuring consistent application of policy and practice across the National Park.</p>	<p>Only limited progress made with this improvement as staff shortages meant resources were focused on core functions.</p>
4	<p>Increase participation and engagement in the consultation on the proposed Local Development Plan</p> <p>Using what we have learnt from recent consultations to increase informed comment on important issues.</p>	<p>Complete.</p> <p>The CNPA promoted the proposed LDP consultation through drop-in sessions and a significant web and social media campaign. The drop-in sessions were an effective way of informing people of the LDP process and to provide clarification about the process. The web and social media campaigns have significantly increased the light engagement with the process and provided people with easy-to-reach information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the campaign we published 94 posts to Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and uploaded 22 different videos to YouTube and Facebook. • Collectively these posts made

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		<p>153,782 impressions across the 3 networks (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The videos received 30,169 views across all 4 networks (includes YouTube). • Our posts were engaged with (liked, clicked, shared) 10,067 times – resulting in an overall engagement rate of 7% for non-video based posts. • Engagement with all campaign content, include video, resulted in an engagement rate of 26%. • Our campaign content was shared 189 times on Facebook and Twitter and we received 64 comments. <p>Although it is not possible to quantify the benefits of this in terms of formal responses to the proposed LDP, it is contributing to better informed individuals and audiences.</p>
5	Undertake Town Centre Health checks	Complete. Health checks were undertaken in July 2018 and are repeated every 2 years.
6	Review Action Programme	Undertaken annually.

5. New delivery priorities for 2019/20 are identified in section 2 of the 2018 Action Programme Review. These are summarised in Table 2.

Table 2	
Proposed Action Programme Delivery Priorities 2019/20	
1	<p>Simplify mechanisms for securing planning obligations and reduce need for planning agreements.</p> <p>Establishing simpler, cheaper and faster ways of securing necessary planning obligations.</p>
2	<p>Develop and deliver a schools engagement / involvement programme.</p> <p>In addition to work with local secondary Schools, we will ask the emerging Cairngorms Youth Action Group to help co-design a programme with young people</p>

Table 2

Proposed Action Programme Delivery Priorities 2019/20

3	<p>Plan and deliver workshop on natural heritage with SNH, SEPA and Local Authorities</p> <p>Sharing good practice and ensuring consistent application of policy and practice across the National Park to be held autumn 2019.</p>
4	<p>Undertake a monitoring scheme on holiday and second home ownership, changes of use from residential property and impacts on communities.</p> <p>The development of the LDP has increased awareness of the changes in use of residential property to short term holiday letting property. The data available through council tax and non-domestic rates records requires some ground trothing for accuracy and the CNPA will undertake some additional monitoring of newly completed housing developments. We will also publish a Planning Advice Note to explain the rules on use and changes of use.</p>
5	<p>Review Action Programme</p>

6. In addition, Section 7 outlines progress in delivering the sites that are allocated for development within the LDP. It was updated in 2018 to present information on a settlement basis for clarity, thus providing information for likely infrastructure requirements and all housing, existing permissions, economic development, tourism and community sites together with a settlement map.
7. This review provides progress updates on all allocated sites within the LDP, including details of recent planning permissions. Last year it was identified that more advice on developer obligations was required to provide clarity to officers and developers about where developer obligations will / will not be required. The likely obligations required are set out under the 'Anticipated Infrastructure & Affordable Housing Requirements' heading within each settlement and these have also been updated to reflect the most recent school roll forecasts which have resulted in some changes.

Next Steps

8. The Action Programme Review 2019 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 Review in June 2020.

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Appendices

- I. Proposed Action Programme Review, June 2019