
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 2018.

Recommendation

That the Planning Committee approve the Local Development Plan Action Programme Review 2018.

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 interim 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 2018 which is attached at Appendix I.

Action Programme Delivery Priorities

4. The 2017 Action Programme Review identified a series of delivery priorities for 2017/18 against which CNPA was listed as the lead agency. Progress against these priorities is outlined in Table I.

Table 1		
Action Programme Delivery Priorities 2017/18		Summary of Progress
1	Continue to work with landowners, agent, The Highland Council and community of Aviemore to prepare non-statutory guidance for the development of Highland Resort site	Development Brief approved for adoption in April 2018
2	Use HNDA's, Housing Strategies and local housing needs surveys to identify local housing need and demand requirements	Housing evidence base has been updated to inform the Main Issues Report for the next LDP. Further work undertaken through the analysis of consultation responses and will inform the Proposed LDP
3	Prepare advice on LDP developer obligations policy (to provide more clarity to officers and developers on where developer obligations will / will not be required)	Detailed evidence gathering on the requirements for obligations towards education and health care across the Park has been undertaken and is being used internally. The Action Programme also now includes likely infrastructure & affordable housing requirements which apply at a settlement level
5	Develop further materials to raise awareness, understanding and expectations of good design in the Park (building on the success of the Design Awards 2016 competition)	Case studies of good design within the Park made available on CNPA website via new 'storymap' mapping system. This system can be maintained and updated with new examples of good practice as they emerge. The images from the design awards have also been used in promotional material about the National Park and the planning system
6	Review Action Programme	Undertaken annually

5. New delivery priorities for 2018/19 are identified in section 2 of the 2018 Action Programme Review. These are summarised in Table 2.

Table 2	
Proposed Action Programme Delivery Priorities 2018/19	
1	Simplify mechanisms for securing planning obligations and reduce need for planning agreements Establishing simpler, cheaper and faster ways of securing necessary planning obligations

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2	Develop and deliver a schools engagement / involvement programme As part of the CNPA's approach to involving young people during the year of young people
3	Plan and deliver workshop on natural heritage with SNH, SEPA and Local Authorities Sharing good practice and ensuring consistent application of policy and practice across the National Park
4	Increase participation and engagement in the consultation on the proposed Local Development Plan Using what we have learnt from recent consultations to increase informed comment on important issues
5	Undertake Town Centre Health Checks Undertaken every 2 years, town centre health checks will be carried out in July 2018
6	Review Action Programme

6. In addition, Section 7 outlines progress in delivering the sites that are allocated for development within the LDP. It has been restructured 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. 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. As a result, work was undertaken to review the developer obligations within the National Park, particularly in respect of Education and Health. Working with relevant local authorities and organisations, information was gathered and is now used internally. This information has also been used in the Action Programme which sets out the likely obligations required on a settlement basis. It is considered that this will help provide a clearer picture of the likely obligations required for developments.

Next Steps

8. Subject to Committee approval, the Action Programme Review 2018 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 2019.

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Appendices

- I. Proposed Action Programme Review, June 2018