
CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

FOR DECISION

**Title: LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN ACTION
PROGRAMME REVIEW 2017**

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Purpose of Report

To ask the Planning Committee to approve the Local Development Plan Action Programme Review 2017.

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 the LDP Action Programme to be updated and republished at least every two years. However, CNPA has committed to publishing reviews on an annual basis to demonstrate progress of delivery of actions, as well as to allow more transparent and up-to-date information about the status of allocated sites within the LDP.

Recommendation

That the Planning Committee approve the Local Development Plan Action Programme Review 2017.

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. The Action Programme Review 2017 provides a further update on delivery of the LDP.
3. This Action Programme Review has been prepared in consultation with key stakeholders to demonstrate progress with implementing the LDP, and to provide transparent and up-to-date updates about the delivery of sites and policies within the LDP. These updates are all set out in the proposed Action Programme Review 2017 which is attached at Appendix I.

Action Programme Delivery Priorities

4. The 2016 Action Programme Review identified a series of delivery priorities for 2016/17 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 2016/17		Summary of Progress
1	Continue to work with the developer, agent and community of Carr-Bridge to prepare non-statutory guidance for the development of Carr-Bridge site H1	Completed. Development Brief approved and adopted in May 2017.
2	Continue to work with the landowner, agent, The Highland Council and community of Aviemore to prepare non-statutory guidance for the development of the Highland Resort site	Draft development brief approved for consultation, which will start in August 2017. Aim to adopt in early 2018.
3	Use HNDAs, Housing Strategies and local housing needs surveys to identify local housing need and demand requirements	Detailed housing evidence was produced in support of NPPP3, which was adopted on 1 st June 2017. This evidence will continue to be monitored and updated to inform the Main Issues Report for the next LDP.
4	Carry out a review of infrastructure requirements for allocated development sites	Completed. Ongoing monitoring has been used to inform infrastructure requirements in the Action Programme.

Table 1		
Action Programme Delivery Priorities 2016/17		Summary of Progress
5	Undertake a programme of Town Centre Health checks	Completed. Health checks will continue to be undertaken every 2 years as a minimum.
6	Review Action Programme	Undertaken annually

5. New delivery priorities for 2017/18 are identified in section 2 of the 2017 Action Programme Review. These are summarised in Table 2 below.

Table 2	
Proposed Action Programme Delivery Priorities 2017/18	
1	Continue to work with the landowner, agent, The Highland Council and community of Aviemore to prepare non-statutory guidance for the development of the Highland Resort site (Completing the priority identified in the 2016 Action Programme Review)
2	Use HNDAs, Housing Strategies and local housing needs surveys to identify local housing need and demand requirements (Building on the priority from the 2016 Action Programme Review, this work will continue to be monitored and updated to inform the Main Issues Report for the next 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)
4	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)
5	Review Action Programme

6. The 2017 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. Particular effort has been made to engage with the organisations and stakeholders responsible for these projects to obtain detailed updates of current work.
7. In addition, Section 7 of the Action Programme Review outlines progress in delivering the sites that are allocated for development within the LDP. Last year it was acknowledged that additional work to assess the likely infrastructure requirements of LDP allocations was required to help further understand constraints to delivery. This is also encouraged through the Scottish Government's Draft Delivery Advice¹.
8. A project has therefore been undertaken to review and assess the likely infrastructure requirements for each housing site identified within the LDP. This involved working with key agencies, infrastructure providers, and local authorities to identify constraints

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

that could affect the delivery of LDP allocations. This work has informed the 2017 Action Programme Review and effort has particularly focused on providing greater detail of infrastructure requirements and levels of constraint. This work will also help to inform the forthcoming review of the LDP.

Next Steps

9. Subject to Committee approval, the Action Programme Review 2017 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 2018.

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Appendices

- I. Proposed Action Programme Review, June 2017