

PLANNING AND ACCESS COMMITTEE

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Subject:	Updated Development Plan Scheme

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1 Summary and Reason for Presentation

1.1 The National Park Authority is required to produce a Development Plan Scheme (DPS) on an annual basis. The previous DPS was agreed by Committee on 3rd December 2012. The DPS sets out the programme for preparing and reviewing our local development plan, and what is likely to be involved at different stages in the process.

2 Recommendation

2.1 That **Members:**

Approve the Development Plan Scheme as set out in Appendix 1 of the report and **Agree** to delegate responsibility to the Head of Planning and Rural Development for making any final minor editorial amendments to the Development Plan Scheme including desktop publishing with the use of drawings, illustrations or diagrams.

3 Background

3.1 The Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006 introduced reforms to the development plan system and placed the requirement on Planning Authorities to prepare a Local Development Plan. At the time that this requirement came into effect, the National Park Authority had already commenced the preparation of its Local Plan in 2007 and this continued through transitional arrangements. The Local Development Plan, which follows a different process to that of the Local Plan, will replace our Adopted Local Plan and our inherited Approved Structure Plans. The majority of Planning Authorities in Scotland are now at an advanced stage of progressing their new Local Development Plans and the 4 Strategic Development Plans.

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- 3.1 The National Park Authority is also required to ensure that its Adopted Local Plan is kept under review. It is critical that the policies that are used to determine planning applications are updated where necessary to reflect changing circumstances, strategy or policies such as, the Partnership Plan and the emerging new Scottish Planning Policy and National Planning Framework. By doing this it ensures that the planning system is responsive and proactive.
- 3.2 For the Authority, this is achieved by commencing the process to update and replace the Local Plan with a Local Development Plan. The first step was publishing our Development Plan Scheme in 2012 – which outlines the process and timetable for preparation. The updating process of the Local Plan was informed by monitoring the progress in delivering the Local Plan and the application of its policies. The mechanism to capture this is a Monitoring report and an Action Programme. The Monitoring Statement was published alongside the Main Issues Report and is available within the background papers on line (www.ourlivepark.com). The Action Programme is to be produced alongside the Proposed Local Development Plan which will follow the Main Issues Report stage.

4 Development Plan Scheme

- 4.1 The last Development Plan Scheme (DPS) was issued by the Authority in December 2012 and is now out of date. The revised DPS is attached as Appendix 1 to this report for Members consideration. This includes a detailed explanation of how it is proposed the Authority produces its Local Development Plan. A summary of the key stages is as follows:

Stage	Development Plan Preparation	Indicative Timescales for completion	Status
1	Pre Main Issues Report Engagement	February-April 2014	Complete
2	Launch LIVE Park. Publish Main Issues Report – Park (Preferred/ Alternative/ Not Preferred Sites / Issues / Evidence Base), draft Environmental Report, Main Issues Report background papers	April 2014	Complete
3	Consult on Main Issues Report(10 week period)	28 th April - 5pm on 7 th July 2014	Ongoing
4	Publish Development Plan Scheme	May 2014	Current
5	Publish Proposed Local Development Plan	April 2015	
6	Consult on Proposed Local Development Plan *	April-July 2015	
7	Examination of Proposed Local Development Plan and Issue of Reporters Report	June-November 2016	
8	Consider Reporters Recommendations and Prepare Modifications (if required) and Publish Local Development Plan	November - February 2017	
9	Adopt Local Development Plan	March 2017	
10	Publish Action Programme	May 2017	

*Six Weeks Minimum

The DPS presented is in draft form and subject to approval by Members the DPS will be published for issue. After adopting the scheme, it must be published (including electronically), with two copies to be sent to Scottish Ministers and copies placed in public libraries. It is highlighted that the timescales outlined are indicative and are subject to update following a review of the responses received to the Main Issues

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Report. The nature and number of responses will largely determine how long it takes to prepare the Proposed Local Development Plan.

5.0 Conclusion

5.1 In conclusion, Members are asked to approve the Development Plan Scheme.

Background Documents:

- Main Issues Report LIVE Park www.ourlivepark.com
- Adopted Local Plan <http://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/planning/localplan>

List of Appendices: Appendix 1 Proposed Development Plan Scheme (May 2014)