

National Park Authority Planning & Access Committee



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Paper for information

Summary

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1. Introduction

1.1 This paper provides Members with the opportunity to review the second Local Development Plan Monitoring Report for 2018 contained in Appendix One of this report. Following the publication of the first monitoring report last November, the indicators used for monitoring purposes have also been reviewed and improved. These are presented for information in the updated Monitoring Framework contained in Appendix Two of this report.

2. Recommendation

2.1 Members are to:

- **Note** the publication of the Local Development Plan Monitoring Report 2018 (Appendix One).
- **Note** the revised Monitoring Framework for the Local Development Plan (Appendix Two).

3. Monitoring Reporting

3.1 Frequent monitoring of the Local Development Plan provides robust methods of reporting and is in line with the Scottish Government's proposals to develop better processes to monitor the outcomes of planning. It is a statutory requirement to collect evidence to inform plan-making, justify the plan's content and provide a baseline for later monitoring.

3.2 The Local Development Plan was adopted in December 2016. In March 2018 we published our *Local Development Plan Monitoring Framework* which set out the indicators that will be used as part of the monitoring reporting. In November 2018 we published our first Monitoring Report for 2017. This report now presents the second monitoring report for 2018 (Appendix 1) and a further refined set of indicators (minor

amendments made only and shown as tracked changes for reference), following the original indicators being trialled for use as part of the first reporting period (Appendix 2).

- 3.3 The Monitoring Report demonstrates how we are delivering the vision of the Local Development Plan and is designed to answer questions in connection with this, such as:

“Are we on target to deliver 75 homes a year?” “Are we delivering more places to camp?” “Are we safeguarding precious natural and cultural assets?” “Are we providing more high quality visitor accommodation in a range of locations?” “Are we providing opportunities for low carbon energy generation?”

- 3.4 The results from the second year of monitoring during 2018 indicate that we are on track for delivering the Local Development Plan vision and strategy. The key results from 2018 are summarised and included on Pages 4 and 5 of the Monitoring Report under the vision headings. Since the 2017 Monitoring Report further information is now also included on natural heritage policy usage in order to better measure outcomes.
- 3.5 The monitoring indicators used in the report provide more information on the detailed outcomes of the planning service and also evidence of some direct impacts delivered through planning. This includes information on whether development has started and/or is complete and whether this meets our Local Development Plan targets. The results from our monitoring will currently have a role in feeding into our next Planning Performance Framework (PPF) for 2018/19. The publication of a monitoring report was one of our service improvements goals for this year.
- 3.6 Our annual [Planning Performance Framework](#) (PPF) reports on our activities and outputs as a planning authority. Please see separate Agenda Item 5 which provides a separate report and update on our Planning Performance Framework for 2017/18 feedback from the Scottish Government. The outcomes we are required to report on include housing completions (total for last 5 years) and employment land take-up. We undertake and publish an annual Housing Land Audit which has more details on outcomes such as number of housing approvals and is a tool for ensuring we have an effective land supply and are planning ahead for the next 5 years to meet demand. Also through the [Action Programme](#) we closely monitor our allocated sites. This is updated bi-annually and reported to Committee.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The Local Development Plan Monitoring Reporting is an effective tool to track and help implement delivery of development across the National Park and to support and strengthen partnership working. Members are asked to note the second Monitoring Report with results for 2018, the second year of our adopted Local Development Plan in addition to the revised set of Indicators being used to inform this process.

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5. List of Appendices

Appendix 1: Local Development Plan Monitoring Report 2018

Appendix 2: Monitoring Framework (first published 2018, revised 2019 version)