

Title of Report: Draft Timetable for LDP	Officer presenting: Senior Planning Officer
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1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present Members with a draft Timetable document in relation to the production of the Local Development Plan (LDP) and seek their ratification for it to be submitted to the Department of the Environment (DOE) for their agreement prior to the Timetable being published, along with the previously ratified Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), in May / June of this year.
- 1.2 The publication of the Timetable will be the formal commencement of the LDP preparation process.

2 Background

- 2.1 This draft Timetable document (Appendix 3) sets out an indicative timescale along with the associated key stages for the production of the Derry City and Strabane District LDP 2030. It will be a public statement of our programme for the delivery of the LDP which will subsequently replace both the Strabane Area Plan 2001 and the Derry Area Plan 2011. The timetable will help ensure that the plan process is efficiently managed and that all involved in its preparation are kept informed and can manage their own resources to facilitate their involvement in the LDP process.

3 Key Issues

- 3.1 The Timetable needs to be approved by resolution of the Council prior to being submitted to and agreed by the DOE in accordance with Regulation 7 of the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015.
- 3.2 Planning officials will liaise with the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) officials to ensure that there is scope and capacity within the PAC for them to undertake the two required Independent Examinations for our LDP at the proposed likely times in 2018 and 2020. Planning officials will also discuss the proposed timescales with the other key stakeholders, especially TransportNI and NIEA, to ensure that their inputs can meet with these timescales.
- 3.3 The Timetable meets the requirements of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 and the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 which require Council to prepare and keep under review a Timetable for the preparation and adoption of its LDP.

4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR and Other Implications

- 4.1 Meeting the Timetable is dependent upon Member support and effective involvement, adequate resourcing and risk management. The proposed Timetable is an extremely challenging one, especially as we are seeking to produce a completely new style of plan based on significant levels of public engagement. Intertwined with the LDP preparation, Planning officials will have to simultaneously subject the LDP process to a significant number of legislatively-required and extremely complex Appraisals and Assessments such as SEA.
- 4.2 In the event that the LDP Timetable slips and requires amendment, Council has the power under the Planning Act 2011 to publish a revised Timetable. This will require the prior agreement of the DOE. Any amendments will need to be publicised and made available on the Council's website.

5 Recommendations

- 5.1 That Members broadly agree the text of the proposed Timetable document and agree to Planning officials liaising with PAC officials and other key stakeholders prior to submitting the document to DOE for agreement and publication in May / June 2016.

Background Papers

Appendix 3 - Draft Timetable document.