

## **ARGYLL AND BUTE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2: ACTION PROGRAMME**

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### **1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 It is a statutory requirement that Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2), adopted 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024, be accompanied by an Action Programme. This sets out how the planning authority proposes to implement LDP2. It is required to set out a list of actions required to deliver each of the plan's policies and proposals, including allocations and potential development areas. The Action Programme also sets out who is responsible for delivery and a timeframe for this. It is a key tool in instigating action and co-ordinating the activity of a range of agencies and organisations.
- 1.2 A Draft Action Programme was produced in parallel with and reflecting the content of the Proposed LDP2. It was published alongside Proposed LDP2 and submitted to the Scottish Ministers as part of the LDP2 Examination Process. The proposed Action Programme (Appendix 1) has now been updated to take into account comments received from the Key Agencies and Scottish Ministers during consultation, to reflect the outcome of the Examination process and to take into consideration National Planning Framework 4.
- 1.3 The Action Programme requires to be adopted by the planning authority and published with 2 copies sent to the Scottish Ministers, copies in local libraries and on Council's website.
- 1.4 This Action Programme requires to be monitored and updated every 2 years. The Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 and associated regulations and guidance have changed the process for updating and preparing Action Programmes. These will apply to subsequent Action Programmes, which will be renamed Delivery Programme and will be one of the duties of the Head of the Planning Authority's paid service.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Members:

- i. note and consider the content of this paper and the draft Local Development Plan 2 Action Programme (Appendix 1);

- ii. agree to adopt and publish the Local Development Plan 2 Action Programme.

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### 2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The Development Plan promotes and manages development across the planning authority area of Argyll and Bute. It consists of Adopted Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2), which was adopted 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024 and National Planning Framework 4. Planning decisions must be made in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.
- 2.2 There is a statutory requirement that LDP2 is accompanied by an *Action Programme*, which sets out how the planning authority proposes to implement LDP2. The Action Programme contains a list of actions required to deliver each of the plan's policies and proposals. The Action Programme proposed for Adoption by the Council is contained in Appendix 1 of this report.

### 3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that Members:
- i. note and consider the content of this paper and the proposed Local Development Plan 2 Action Programme (Appendix 1);
  - ii. agree to adopt and publish the Local Development Plan 2 Action Programme.

### 4.0 DETAIL

- 4.1 Action Programmes are an integral element of the development plan process and set out how the planning authority and other key stakeholders propose to implement the Local Development Plan. The LDP2 Action Programme should be used as a key tool in instigating action and co-ordinating the activity of a range of agencies and organisations, including within the Council, to enable delivery of development. It includes information to assist with the delivery of key

infrastructure, allocations, potential development areas, other LDP2 proposals and policies. LDP2 Action Programme main roles are:

- Promotional – highlighting the development opportunities throughout Argyll and Bute.
- Delivery – sets out the actions required to enable delivery of the sites, policies and proposals of LDP2, including housing sites. Sets out who is responsible for these actions and a broad time frame of when they are anticipated.
- Co-ordination – agencies, organisations, developers and landowners are enabled to co-ordinate their actions in order to deliver the identified development opportunities.
- Investment - helps prioritise funding and inform the investment plans of a range of infrastructure providers.
- Development Management – constitutes the implementation document that sits alongside Local Development Plan 2. It acts as a *material consideration* in the determination of planning applications.

- 4.2 The draft Action Programme preparation involved consultation with the Key Agencies. The draft Action Programme was published alongside the Proposed Local Development Plan 2 during the 2019 consultation following full Council [meeting on 26/09/2019](#). There was no statutory requirement for public consultation. The draft Action Programme was also submitted to the Scottish Ministers as part of the LDP2 Examination process.
- 4.3 The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) and associated regulations require that the Action Programme be adopted by the planning authority to support the Local Development Plan. Publication requirements involve sending 2 copies to the Scottish Ministers, placing copies in all public libraries in the planning authority area and electronic publication on the Council website.
- 4.4 Since the initial draft Action Programme was published it has been updated to take into account comments received from the Key Agencies and Scottish Ministers during consultation. There were also matters that needed amendment to reflect the outcome of the Examination process, for example introduction of new sites or further information on development actions. The draft Action Programme has also had some minor adjustments to take into consideration and better align with National Planning Framework 4, including identified national priorities and the infrastructure first approach.
- 4.5 An important element is enabling the delivery of allocated sites (including housing) and potential development areas that are identified in LDP2. The Action Programme contains Mini Development Briefs setting out the actions required to deliver the site, timeframe and those responsible for delivery. They also identify the use or range of uses considered appropriate, the constraints that need to be resolved and those policies which require to be taken into account. These have been supplemented by expanded site development

briefs with maps and additional detail. These have been prepared for housing allocations and some potential development areas that do not benefit from either a masterplan or extant planning application covering the whole site.

- 4.6 The Action Programme also provides details for the Areas for Action (AFAs), which are the focus for partnership or community action. These are areas that require actions to take forward regeneration and environmental enhancement activities which support the delivery of the spatial strategy and objectives in LDP2. This information assists with integration of actions identified in other programmes and strategies such as the Rural Growth Deal and the Economic Strategy. Area remits for these AFAs are shown in the Action Programme. These may be further developed outwith the Action Programme process and in conjunction with internal and external partners. These area remits may include investment and funding packages, land assembly and asset management programmes, development and redevelopment proposals, infrastructure provision and environmental enhancement proposals.
- 4.7 This Action Programme requires to be monitored and updated every 2 years. This will demonstrate progress with delivery and highlight continued areas of opportunity and challenge. The Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 and associated regulations and guidance have changed the process for updating and preparing Action Programmes. These will apply to subsequent Action Programmes, which will in future will be named Delivery Programmes and will be one of the duties of the Head of the Planning Authority.

## **5.0 CONCLUSION**

- 5.1 The Action Programme (Appendix 1) sets out how LDP2 can be implemented showing the actions required to deliver its sites, proposals and policies. It is a statutory requirement to adopt and publish the Action Programme following adoption of LDP2. It is considered that the Action Programme attached meets with the statutory requirements and will support the delivery of LDP2.

## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Policy - Action Programmes are required to be Adopted by the Planning Authority as the implementation document accompanying the Local Development Plan. It acts as a *material consideration* in the determination of planning applications.
- 6.2 Financial - Printing and deposit costs – within Development Policy budget est. £200-£250.
- 6.3 Legal - The Planning Authority is required to follow statutory procedures to Adopt this Action Programme.

- 6.4 HR – None.
- 6.5 Fairer Scotland Duty: None (dealt with via LDP).
  - 6.5.1 Equalities - protected characteristics None (dealt with via LDP2).
  - 6.5.2 Socio-economic Duty - None (dealt with via LDP2).
  - 6.5.3 Islands - None (dealt with via LDP2).
- 6.6 Climate Change - None (dealt with via LDP2).
- 6.7 Risk - Failure to adopt an Action Programme means the planning authority failing to carry out its statutory duty in respect of the development plan process. Implementation of LDP2 could be impeded by the lack of delivery information related to policies and proposals (including allocations).
- 6.8 Customer Service – None.
- 6.9 The Rights of the Child (UNCRC) – None.

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**APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 - Local Development Plan 2: Action Programme