

**Proposed Development Plan Scheme**

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**1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The Council is required to produce a Development Plan Scheme and associated Participation Statement by the Planning Etc. (Scotland) Act 2006. The Development Plan Scheme is required to be published and be submitted to the Scottish Government by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009. This Development Plan Scheme relates to the next Local Development Plan and not the current Local Plan which is nearing adoption. It will not affect the timetable for adoption of the current Argyll and Bute Local Plan.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Council amends as appropriate and approves the Development Plan Scheme attached in Appendix A of this report for publication and submission to the Scottish Government.

**3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 As Members are aware the Planning System has been subject to considerable change in an effort to make the process more efficient and transparent. As part of this the Planning Etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 requires each Planning Authority to prepare a Local Development Plan (LDP). The LDP is an updated and combined version of the Structure Plan and Local Plan. The Act also amends the preparation process and procedures associated with the production of the Plan.
- 3.2 One such change is that Section 20B of the Planning Etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 requires each Planning Authority to prepare a Development Plan Scheme (DPS) at least annually. The exact requirements for the content and process of the LDP and associated DPS are set out in the Town and Country Planning (Development Planning)(Scotland) Regulations 2008 which came into force on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2009 and which was only issued to Councils in January 2009.
- 3.3 The DPS must set out the Council's programme for preparing and reviewing the LDP and what is likely to be involved at each stage. The DPS must include a Participation Statement which details when, how and with whom consultation on the LDP will take place, and the Council's proposals for public involvement in the Plan preparation process. Regulation 24 also requires the

DPS to contain a timetable, specifying the month the Council proposes to publish its main issues report and its proposed LDP along with when it proposes to submit the LDP to the Scottish Government.

- 3.4 Once the DPS has been produced it is required to be published and copies placed in all public libraries along with being submitted to the Scottish Government. There is no requirement to consult on the content of the DPS.

## **4 CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 The production and submission of a Development Plan Scheme is a requirement of the Planning Etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 and should be published and submitted to the Scottish Government by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.

## **5 IMPLICATIONS**

**Policy:** The Development Plan Scheme sets out the timetable and consultation process for the production of the new Local Development Plan that will replace the current Development Plan (Structure and Local Plan) in due course.

**Financial:** None.

**Personnel:** None.

**Community:** The Development Plan Scheme sets out the timetable and the details and extent of the public consultation process for the production of the Local Development Plan.

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