

MEETING	Full Council
DATE	3 December 2013
TOPIC	Joint Local Development Plan – Revised timetable
PURPOSE	To inform the County Council about the Delivery Agreement for preparing the Joint Local Development Plan for Anglesey and Gwynedd, and to ask it to adopt it so that it can be presented to the Welsh Government for its approval.
RECOMMENDATION	That the Council approves the revised timetable to be included in the Delivery Agreement. That the revised Delivery Agreement is presented to the Welsh Government for its support.
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1 Background

- 1.1 The Council, working with the Isle of Anglesey County Council, is preparing the Anglesey and Gwynedd Joint Local Development Plan (Joint LDP) (excluding the Snowdonia National Park).
- 1.2 A Delivery Agreement (DA) sets out the preparation process for the Joint LDP including a delivery timetable and proposals for community involvement in the plan making process. On the 13 September and 20 October 2011, the Isle of Anglesey County Council and Gwynedd Council, respectively, approved the DA which was subsequently submitted to and supported by the Welsh Government. The approved DA was published in November 2011 and can be viewed on:
- 1.3 The current DA Agreement foresaw that the two Councils would be in a position to approve the Deposit Plan for statutory public consultation between September and October 2013. The Councils must monitor the way they adhere to the DA, and make changes if necessary.
- 1.4 A great deal of work has been done since we started on the journey but earlier on this year it was clear that a little more time is needed to prepare a full version of the Joint LDP, i.e. the Deposit Plan, that is 'sound'.
- 1.5 There are many reasons why more time is needed to prepare the Deposit Plan. The Joint Planning Policy Committee when it met in June 2013 agreed that there is an unquestionable need to formally revise the DA in order to ensure that the Plan preparation process conforms to all the tests of soundness. The report presented to the Joint Planning Policy Committee on the 21 June 2013 discusses those risks. A copy of the report can be viewed at:

<http://www.gwynedd.gov.uk/upload/public/attachments/1178/DeliveryAgreementApproved.pdf>

http://www.gwynedd.gov.uk/gwy_pwyllgorau.asp?cat=8038&doc=29824&Language=1

2 Public consultation

- 2.1 A public notice about the revised timetable was published in the local newspapers and emails and letters were sent to everyone of the Joint LDP database to inform them of the proposed revised timetable. The database includes all specific and general consultation bodies as well as individuals, businesses and organizations that have shown an interest in the Plan. The public consultation provided an opportunity to comment on the proposed revised timetable.

- 2.2 Only six representations were received during the six weeks public consultation period. Five of them either didn't have any specific comment to make or supported the Councils' decision to ensure that sufficient time is allowed to prepare the Deposit Plan.
- 2.3 The sixth thought that the original timetable was far too long and was very disappointed that the programme has slipped. It was suggested that more resources should be allocated and that every effort should be made to 'catch up'.

3 Revised timetable

- 3.1 Table 1 below, which has been taken from section 3.3.1 of the 2011 DA, shows the original timetable and the revised timetable, which was subject to public consultation until 9th September 2013. The timetable changes are highlighted in bold in the last column of the table.

Table 1 Original and revised timetable for preparing the Joint LDP

Stage in the preparation process		Timetable	Revised timetable
1.	Preparation and publication of the final Delivery Agreement (<i>Regulation 5 - 10</i>)	January to November 2011	January to November 2011
2.	Review and develop the evidence base	July 2010 - July 2012	July 2010 - October 2012
3.	Participation Pre-deposit – prepare the pre-deposit documents that will outline the key objectives and preferred strategy (<i>Regulation 14</i>). This will not be a full draft of the Joint LDP	January 2011- July 2012	January 2011 - October 2012
4.	Pre-Deposit Consultation - 6 week period (<i>Regulation 15</i>). Formal consultation on the pre-deposit documents and the sustainability appraisal report	September 2012 - October 2012	May - June 2013

5.	Participation - further develop the evidence base and prepare the Deposit Joint LDP (full draft plan) which is based on the evidence base, including the response to the pre-deposit documents	November 2012 - September 2013	July 2013 - March 2014
6.	Placing the Joint LDP and associated documents on deposit - 6 week consultation period (<i>Regulation 17</i>)	October 2013 - November 2013	May - June 2014
Indicative timetable			
7.	Consideration of comments about the Deposit Joint LDP (<i>Regulations 18 & 19</i>)	December 2013 - June 2014	July 2014 - January 2015
8.	Publish comments on alternative sites, consulting upon them - a period of 6 weeks (<i>Regulations 20 & 21</i>)	January 2014 - February 2014	September - October 2014
9.	Submitting the Joint LDP to the Welsh Government for Examination (<i>Regulation 22</i>)	November 2014	February 2015
10.	Independent Public Examination (<i>Regulation 23</i>)	April 2015	June 2015
11.	Publication of the Inspector's Report (<i>Regulation 24</i>)	January 2016	March 2016
12.	Adoption of the Joint LDP (<i>Regulation 25</i>)	April 2016	May 2016
13.	Monitoring and Reviewing	Annual report	Annual report

3.2 Although the production of the Deposit Plan will take about 6 months more than initially anticipated, it is considered that the overall timetable to reach adoption may only slip by a month (see row 12 of Table 1 above).

4 Isle of Anglesey County Council's decision

4.1 A report about the revised timetable was presented to the Isle of Anglesey County Council on the 10th October 2013. It decided to approve the revised timetable.

5 Recommendation

5.1 That the Council approves the revised timetable to be included in the Delivery Agreement.

That the revised Delivery Agreement is presented to the Welsh Government for its support.

Background papers:
Town and Country Planning Regulations (Local Development Plan) (Wales) 2005; Local Development Plan Handbook (2006)