

MEETING	Joint Planning Policy Committee
DATE	26 September 2014
NAME	Joint Local Development Plan Timetable
PURPOSE	To inform the Committee about the revised timetable for preparing the Plan.
RECOMMENDATION	<p>That steps are taken to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gain both Council's approval of the revised timetable, • amend the Delivery Agreement to reflect the revised timetable and send it to the Welsh Government for its support, in accordance with the Regulations
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1. Background

1.1 The Delivery Agreement (DA) notes how the two Councils are going through the process of preparing the Joint LDP, including a timetable for its completion and how and when communities could contribute towards the work. Anglesey County Council and Gwynedd Council approved a revised Delivery Agreement in October and December 2013, respectively. It was submitted to the Welsh Government and supported by the Government in January 2014. The Delivery Agreement was published during January 2014, and can be found via the following web pages:

http://www.gwynedd.gov.uk/upload/public/attachments/1216/Delivery_Agreement_Revised_December_2013.pdf

<http://www.anglesey.gov.uk/Journals/2014/02/10/g/c/l/Delivery-Agreement-Revised-December-2013.pdf>

1.2 Although a great deal of work has been done it is clear that we aren't able to adhere to the timetable included in the DA to prepare a full version of the Joint LDP, i.e. the Deposit Plan.

1.3 The current DA foresaw that the two Councils would be in a position to approve the Deposit Plan for statutory public consultation between May and June 2014.

- 1.4 The next part of this report sets out the details of the revised timetable, the Committee reporting sequence and the steps we intend to undertake to raise awareness about the revised timetable and the development of the Deposit Plan before it is subject to public consultation.
- 1.5 Having to report about a slippage in the timetable is disappointing. Only a few risks account for the slippage. On their own they wouldn't have a significant impact on the timetable. Taken together they lead to a requirement for more time to make sure that the Deposit Plan is 'sound'. Appendix 1 advises about the risks that account for the slippage.

2 The Proposal

- 2.1 Table 1 below, which has been taken from section 3.3.1 of the 2013 DA, shows the current timetable and the revised timetable. The timetable changes are highlighted in bold in the last column of the table.
- 2.2 It is anticipated that the statutory consultation period for the Deposit Plan (step 6 in the Table) will be reached in February/ March 2015 after approval by both Councils. It is anticipated that the adoption stage will be reached before the end of December 2016. The current timetable had provided more than enough time to get background documents in place for submission to the Government. Many of those documents are already in place and the programme to get the rest ready is already in place. Only an addendum to some of the original documents will be needed to document more recent evidence. The timetable shown in the last column of Table 1 is sufficient to achieve this.

Table 1 Original timetable for preparing the Joint LDP and the revised timetable

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 - October 2012	January 2011 - 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 - October 2012	January 2011 - October 2012
4.	Pre-Deposit Consultation - 6 week period (<i>Regulation 15</i>).	May - June 2013	May - June 2013

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

2.3 The next table sets out the calendar for reporting to the Panel, the Joint Planning Policy Committee, other relevant committees as well as an opportunity for all Councillors in both Councils to be informed about the timetable, the research work, and the main messages from the draft Deposit Plan.

Table 2 Timetable to report to committees and raising awareness sessions for Councillors in both Councils during 2014

Date	Meeting
26/9/14	Joint Planning Policy Committee – governance and final accounts report and information about the revised timetable
17/10/14	Joint LDP Panel – proposals maps for the draft Deposit Plan, Gypsy and Travellers Policy, and key messages from stakeholders about the development of draft policies
16 & 20 & 21 & 27/10/14	Gwynedd Area Forums (Councillors) – Key messages from the Deposit Plan
24/10/14	Anglesey Forum (Councillors) – Key messages from the Deposit Plan
21/11/14	Joint LDP Panel – targets and indicators to monitor the Plan
1/12/14	IACC Executive Committee – the draft Deposit Plan for a recommendation to the Joint Planning Policy Committee to release for public consultation
16/12/14	GC Cabinet - the draft Deposit Plan for a recommendation to the Joint Planning Policy Committee to release for public consultation
Date for an additional meeting to be agreed December 2014	Joint Planning Policy Committee - the draft Deposit Plan for a decision to release for public consultation

2.4 At the end of August 2014 the specific and general consultation bodies and everyone on the Candidate Sites Register and the Joint Local Development Plan database received a copy of the 4th edition of the Plan’s Newsletter. This edition provides information about the revised timetable, the work that has been undertaken since the Preferred Strategy’s publication and how to get more information. The newsletter can be viewed via the following Council webpages:

http://www.gwynedd.gov.uk/upload/public/attachments/1244/Newyddlen_Awst_2014_Saesneg.pdf

<http://www.anglesey.gov.uk/Journals/2014/08/28/h/f/w/Newyddlen-Awst-2014---Saesneg.pdf>

2.5 The Planning Inspectorate is already aware of the proposed revised timetable in order that they can ensure the availability of an Inspector at the appropriate time.

3 Conclusions

3.1 From the information available, there is unquestionably a need for more time to prepare the Deposit Plan. The Regulations allow councils to agree on a revised timetable.

3.2 In accordance with the Regulations arrangements will be made to report to both Councils about the revised timetable and then forward a revised Delivery Agreement to the Welsh Government.

4 Recommendation

4.1 **That steps are taken to:**

- **gain both Council's approval of the revised timetable,**
- **amend the Delivery Agreement to reflect the revised timetable and send it to the Welsh Government for its support, in accordance with the Regulations**