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**Argyll and Bute Local Development Plan – Action Programme**

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**1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 It is a statutory requirement that the Local Development Plan be accompanied by an Action Programme that sets out in more detail what the specific requirements are for each Allocation, Potential Development Area, Areas for Action and other identified sites within the Plan and how they are to be implemented. This document must be produced within three months of adoption of the LDP.
- 1.2 A Draft Action Programme was produced in parallel with and reflecting the content of the proposed LDP. It was submitted in April 2014 along with the proposed LDP to the Scottish Government for the Examination Process. A request was made to Members' of the PPSL Committee in August 2014 for authority to begin publicising the content of the Draft Action Programme to assist early implementation of the LDP. The finalised Action Programme is integral to the LDP and has now been updated to reflect the outcome of the Examination process, only being changed with the inclusion of new sites and the removal of others as directed by the Reporters in the LDP. In addition the site mini-briefs have also been updated with information relating to flood risk, nature conservation issues, the requirements for masterplanning and other potential development constraints identified through consultation with Key agencies such as SEPA and SNH
- 1.3 The LDP and associated Action Programme aligns with and supports the objectives of the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership Single Outcome Agreement to develop our economy and increase the population.
- 1.4 The Action Programme must be updated at least every two years. It is intended that the Action Programme be used as a key implementation tool to maintain focus on and promote the key development opportunities and requirements within the Argyll and Bute Local Development Plan. To this end, following discussion and in coordination with the Council's Economic Development service, it is proposed to produce a shortened 'Key Sites' version of the Action Programme which will highlight the most important opportunities and requirements. This document will go into more detail on each site and will be produced in a manner that enables it to be used as a promotional tool showcasing the key opportunities in Argyll and Bute. Members will be consulted on production of the shortened 'Key Sites' Action Programme and it will be brought before the Council later this year.

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**2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 It is a statutory requirement that the Local Development Plan(LDP) be accompanied by an Action Programme that sets out in more detail what the specific requirements are for each Allocation, Potential Development Area, Area for Action and other identified sites.
- 2.2 The Action Programme is a component part of the LDP and it aligns with and supports the objectives of the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership Single Outcome Agreement to develop our economy and increase the population.
- 2.3 Planning legislation requires that the Action Programme be adopted by the Council and published within three months of the adoption of the LDP. Thereafter the Council is expected to keep the Action programme under review and republish it bi-annually. It is for this reason that a Draft Action Programme was produced in parallel with the proposed LDP.
- 2.4 When the Action programme is adopted by the Council, it is a requirement that two copies are sent to Scottish Ministers, copies are placed in local libraries and the document is made available electronically on the Council's web-site.

Members can view the Action Programme here:-

<http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=257&MIId=6626&Ver=4>

**3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 That Members note and adopt the Local Development Plan Action Programme and agree its submission to the Scottish Government.
- 3.2 Members note the intention to produce a 'Key Sites' Action programme in consultation with Members and coordination with the Council's Economic Development service later this year.

## 4.0 DETAILS

- 4.1 Action Programmes are a required element of the development plan process and set out how the authority and other key stakeholders propose to implement the LDP. A Draft Action Programme has been prepared and consulted on with the key agencies and was issued for consultation purposes along with the Proposed Local Development Plan in 2013. It includes information on the delivery of key infrastructure, allocations and the preparation of supplementary guidance. The Council approved the submission of the Draft Action Plan to the Reporters in March 2014, and a further report on it was considered at the PPSL Committee in August 2014 requesting authority to begin publicising its content to assist early implementation of the LDP. The regulations require that the Action Programme be adopted and published within three months of the Local Development Plan adoption.
- 4.2 The Action Programme that must accompany the Local Development Plan has now been amended to take into account the outcome of the Examination process with the inclusion of some new sites and the removal of others. In addition the site mini-briefs have also been updated with information relating to flood risk, nature conservation issues, the requirements for masterplanning and other potential development constraints identified through consultation with Key agencies such as SEPA and SNH.
- 4.3 Following the Examination of the LDP the following sites were removed from the LDP and consequently the Action Programme:
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| PDA 1002   | Tighnabruaich (housing)                     |
| CFR-AL 2/1 | Strachur (community facility now completed) |
| H2001      | Cardross (housing)                          |
| MAST 1/7   | Craobh Haven (masterplan area)              |
| PDA 5/76   | North Connel (housing)                      |
| H-AL 5/23  | Clachan Seil                                |
- 4.4 The following sites have been added to the LDP and the Action Programme following the examination;
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| AFA 2002 | Geilston House, Cardross (safeguarding of historic property, consideration of redevelopment and enhancement) |
| PDA 4012 | Kerrera (mixed use development)  |
| PDA 4013 | Fishnish, Mull (business/Industry)   |
| PDA 4014 | Connel Airfield (airport related business/tourism)   |
- 4.5 In addition, 19 other sites identified within the Action Programme have been amended to reflect the minor changes made to the LDP resulting from the Examination process such as such as boundary changes.
- 4.6 The Action Programme must be updated at least every two years. It is intended that the Action Programme be used as a key implementation tool to maintain focus on and promote the key development opportunities and requirements identified within the Argyll and Bute Local Development Plan. To this end, following discussion with

Members and in coordination with the Council's Economic Development service, it is proposed to produce a shortened 'Key Sites' version of the Action Programme which will highlight the most important opportunities and requirements. This document will go into more detail on each site and will be produced in a manner that enables it to be used as a promotional tool showcasing the key opportunities in Argyll and Bute. The shortened 'Key Sites' Action Programme will be brought before the Council later this year.

## **5.0 CONCLUSION**

5.1 The LDP Action Programme is an integral part of the adopted LDP and must itself be adopted by the Council as Planning Authority, kept under review and republished bi-annually. It is an implementation document and in terms of policy and content entirely reflects the adopted LDP.

## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS**

6.1	Policy	The Action Programme is an integral part of the LDP and will be sent to the Scottish Government when adopted by the Council.
6.2	Financial	None
6.3	Legal	The planning authority is required to follow the correct statutory procedures in terms of the adoption process of the LDP.
6.4	HR	None
6.5	Equalities	None
6.6	Risk	None
6.7	Customer Services	None

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