

<b>ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL</b>	
<b>Report to</b>	<b>County Council</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>10 October 2013</b>
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Anglesey and Gwynedd Joint Local Development Plan – Revised Delivery Agreement</b>
<b>Portfolio Holder(s)</b>	<b>Councillor J Arwel Roberts</b>
<b>Lead Officer(s)</b>	<b>Jim Woodcock, Head of Planning and Public Protection Services</b>
<b>Contact Officer</b>	<b>Nia Davies, Planning Manager (Policy)</b>
<b>Nature and reason for reporting</b> To report about the revised timetable for the Joint Local Development Plan Delivery Agreement in order to obtain the Council's approval before submitting it to the Welsh Government.	

**A - Introduction / Background / Issues**

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- A1 The Council, working with Gwynedd Council, is preparing the Anglesey and Gwynedd Joint Local Development Plan (Joint LDP) (excluding the Snowdonia National Park).
- A2 A Delivery Agreement (DA) sets out the preparation process for the Joint LDP including a timetable to completion 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:  
  
<http://www.anglesey.gov.uk/Journals/2013/05/08/z/o/u/Delivery-Agreement.pdf>
- A3 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.
- A4 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'.
- A5 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://democracy.anglesey.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=159&MId=2419&Ver=4&LLL=0>
- A6 The Regulations allow Councils to agree on a revised timetable, subject to public consultation about any proposed changes.

### **B - Considerations**

- B1 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 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013. The timetable changes are highlighted in bold in the last column of the table.

**Table 1 Timetable for preparing the original and revised Joint LDP**

Stage in the preparation process		Timetable	Revised timetable
1.	Preparation and publication of the final Delivery Agreement	January to November 2011	<b>January to November 2011</b>

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	<i>(Regulation 5 - 10)</i>		
2.	Review and develop the evidence base	July 2010 - July 2012	July 2010 - <b>October 2012</b>
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 - <b>October 2012</b>
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	<b>May - June 2013</b>
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	<b>July 2013 - March 2014</b>
6.	Placing the Joint LDP and associated documents on deposit - 6 week consultation period <i>(Regulation 17)</i>	October 2013 - November 2013	<b>May - June 2014</b>
	Indicative timetable		
7.	Consideration of comments about the Deposit Joint LDP <i>(Regulations 18 &amp; 19)</i>	December 2013 - June 2014	<b>July 2014 - January 2015</b>
8.	Publish comments on alternative sites, consulting upon them - a period of 6 weeks <i>(Regulations 20 &amp; 21)</i>	January 2014 - February 2014	<b>September - October 2014</b>

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9.	Submitting the Joint LDP to the Welsh Government for Examination ( <i>Regulation 22</i> )	November 2014	<b>February 2015</b>
10.	Independent Public Examination ( <i>Regulation 23</i> )	April 2015	<b>June 2015</b>
11.	Publication of the Inspector's Report ( <i>Regulation 24</i> )	January 2016	<b>March 2016</b>
12.	Adoption of the Joint LDP ( <i>Regulation 25</i> )	April 2016	<b>May 2016</b>
13.	Monitoring and Reviewing	Annual report	Annual report

B2 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).

### B3 Public consultation

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.

### B4 Representations during the public consultation

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.

B5 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'.

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### B6 Officer response

It is disappointing that so few on the Joint LDP database elected to present comments. Nonetheless, it may be reasonable to assume that the lack of representations means that the revised timetable is acceptable. The original 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 record more recent evidence. The timetable shown in the last column of Table 1 above is sufficient to achieve this.

<b>C - Implications and Impacts</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Finance / Section 151</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Legal / Monitoring Officer</b>	No comments
<b>3</b>	<b>Human Resources</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Property Services</b> (see notes – separate document)	
<b>5</b>	<b>Information and Communications Technology (ICT)</b>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Equality</b> (see notes – separate document)	
<b>7</b>	<b>Anti-poverty and Social</b> (see notes – separate document)	
<b>8</b>	<b>Communication</b> (see notes – separate document)	
<b>9</b>	<b>Consultation</b> (see notes – separate document)	
<b>10</b>	<b>Economic</b>	

<b>C - Implications and Impacts</b>		
<b>11</b>	<b>Environmental</b> (see notes – separate document)	The implications for the Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act, 2000 and Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act, 2006 fully taken into account in the LDP process
<b>12</b>	<b>Crime and Disorder</b> (see notes – separate document)	
<b>13</b>	<b>Outcome Agreements</b>	

<b>CH - Summary</b>	
CH1	The Councils drew up a timetable in 2011 for going through the process of preparing the Joint LDP. In doing so, a number of potential risks were identified and unfortunately some of those were realized. In addition there was the need to cope with the effects of a local election in Anglesey held at a different time to the local election in Gwynedd and the need to report to both Authorities more frequently than envisaged.
CH2	The Joint Planning Policy Committee approved a revised timetable for public consultation. The public consultation took place between 26 <sup>th</sup> July and 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2013. 6 representations were received. All but one of the submitted representations recorded support for the revised timetable. We are currently on target to achieve the timetable set out to prepare the Deposit Plan. Councils are not expected to put a final timetable in place for the stages after the consultation on the Deposit Plan (7 – 13). However it is believed that the timetable set out in the Table for those stages gives as accurate a picture as is possible, albeit the potential risks can never be completely removed. The post-Deposit Plan timetable can be considered in more detail within 3 months after the end of the consultation period in order to confirm the timetable. There will be no need to re-consult on this, or to present the revised Delivery Agreement to the Government. The information in public places will be updated and everyone who has commented on the Deposit Plan will receive information directly from the Councils.
CH3	Gwynedd Council's approval of the revised timetable will be sought when it meets on the 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2013.

CH4 When the revised timetable as set out in Table 1 above is approved by both Councils and then supported by the Government, it will be published on the website of the two Councils and placed in public places, like local public libraries and Council offices. The next newsletter will also inform all stakeholders.`

**D - Recommendation**

To resolve to approve a revised timetable for the Joint LDP Delivery Agreement, which should be submitted to the Welsh Government for its signature.

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**Date: 20 September 2013**

**Appendices:**

**Background papers**

- (i) Anglesey and Gwynedd Joint Local Development Plan Delivery Agreement (2011)
- (ii) Report to the Joint Planning Policy Committee 21/6/13 (Item 8)