

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES  
**DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEME**

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# INTRODUCTION

The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended by the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006), the Town and Country Planning (Development Planning) Regulations 2008, and the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 require planning authorities to prepare a Development Plan Scheme each year.

The Development Plan Scheme sets out the timelines for preparing the new Local Development Plan 2027, updates on planning guidance and masterplanning and includes a Participation Statement which sets out who, when and how we will consult with stakeholders.

The Scheme is reviewed annually. The process for preparing local development plans in Scotland is changing and will be informed by the final version of National Planning Framework 4 and new Development Planning Regulations which

are anticipated to be adopted by the Scottish Government by the end of 2022 and early 2023 respectively. Key changes included within the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 include the replacement of the Main Issues Report stage with a new Evidence Report and Gatecheck procedure aiming to streamline the Examination process and ensure an evidence led approach is taken in preparing the Proposed Plan.

The timelines will be reviewed and updated as work progresses on the various workstreams to support the existing LDP and to prepare the new LDP. Preparing the new Plan will involve extensive stakeholder and community engagement and the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 requires engagement with specific stakeholder groups such as young people. The Participation Statement is included as an Appendix to this Scheme.



## Moray Local Development Plan 2020

The MLDP2020 was adopted on 27th July 2020. A number of Masterplans, Supplementary Guidance and additional planning guidance have been produced to support the Plan and these can be viewed at [http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray\\_standard/page\\_133431.html](http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_133431.html)

The following work will be progressed over the next 12 months to support the LDP2020 and inform the new LDP2027.

<b>Additional Planning Policy Guidance</b>	<b>Q4 2022</b>
<b>NPF4 policy guidance / interpretation</b>	<b>Q1/2 2023</b>
<b>Mosstodloch Masterplan approved</b>	<b>Q3 2023</b>
<b>Findrassie Masterplan approved</b>	<b>Q3 2023</b>
<b>Landscape Sensitivity Study approved</b>	<b>Q3 2023</b>
<b>Lochyhill Masterplan</b>	<b>to be determined</b>
<b>Developer Obligations Supplementary Guidance updated</b>	<b>Q4 2023</b>
<b>Woodland Strategy</b>	<b>Q3 2023</b>

## Moray Local Development Plan 2027

The diagram below summarises the key timelines in preparing the new LDP27 which will replace the current LDP2020.

As with many planning authorities in Scotland, the early stages of the plan process were delayed due to uncertainties around the final content and timescale for implementation of the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 which received royal assent in summer 2019.

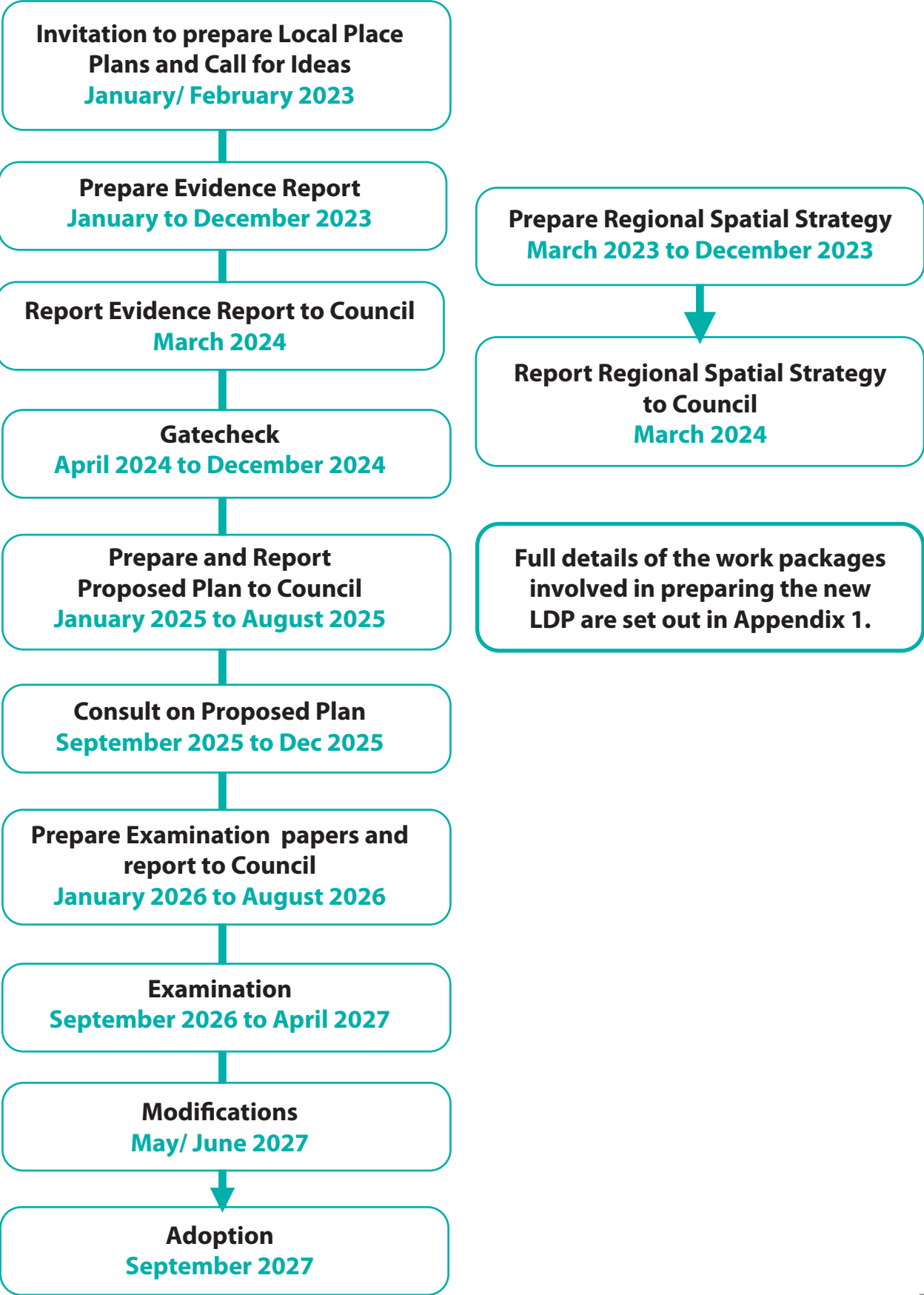
In October 2020 the Scottish Government issued draft transitional arrangements which were further revised and indicated that if the Proposed LDP is not published by June 2022 then the new procedures would come into effect and the Plan preparation process would have to start again from the beginning.

Under the new requirements, the Scottish Government has confirmed that the target is to have new LDP's in place within 5 years of NPF4 being adopted. The timelines below reflect that target.





### Key timelines in preparing the new LDP27



## Participation Statement

The Council is committed to encouraging participation from as wide a range of stakeholders as possible in all Local Development Plan related activities, such as masterplans, development briefs and other guidance published throughout the lifetime of the Plan. This Participation Statement outlines how communities and stakeholders will be engaged and have the opportunity to engage, shape and inform the Local Development Plan and associated documents, in line with National Standards for Community Engagement.

The Council aims to ensure that;

- All engagement events are inclusive, open and transparent, this will be reflected in the venues we use, the documents we produce and our methods of engagement;
- Representations are fully considered and help to shape our approach and that feedback is provided to all representations received;
- We take the extra step to engage with as wide an audience as possible, reflecting the diverse nature of our community.

At the outset of the Local Development Plan process we will engage with elected members and with community councils/ associations, explaining the process, seeking views on land use matters, raising awareness of Local Place Plans and how Community Councils can help to raise awareness of the Plan.

Key agencies such as SEPA, Historic Environment Scotland, NatureScot, Scottish Forestry, Transport Scotland, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, NHS Grampian and Scottish Water will be engaged throughout the process. The Council has an infrastructure Delivery Group which includes representation from Transport Scotland, NHS Grampian, Scottish Water and officers from the Council Housing, Transportation and Planning service. The Council will continue to liaise with and consult with Homes for Scotland as an umbrella group and with its individual members.

The full Participation Statement is set out in Appendix 2.



Work package	Internal/ External	Timelines	Budget requirement	Progress on track
<b>Development Plan Scheme</b>	Internal	Dec 2022	No	
<b>Participation Statement</b>	Internal	Dec 2022	No	
<b>Self-Build land register</b>	Internal	Publish February/ March 2023	No	
<b>Invitation to prepare Local Place Plans</b>	Internal	Publish January/ February 2023	No	
<b>Call for Ideas</b>	Internal	Publish January/ February 2023	Advertisement	
<b>Early engagement to inform Evidence Report (see Participation Statement)</b>	Internal	February 2023 to September 2023	No	
<b>20 minute approach for Moray</b>	Internal	Agreed approach June 2023	No	
<b>Demographics-population, migration, households, employment for ER</b>	Internal	Review Complete October 2023	No	
<b>Brownfield sites assessment</b>	Internal	Report to P&RS October 2022	No	
<b>Prepare Housing Land requirement</b>	Internal	Complete HLR paper July 2023	No	
<b>Town and village capacity studies</b>	Internal	Complete studies end May 2023	No	
<b>Review Countryside Around Town boundaries</b>	Internal	Complete review end April 2023	No	

<b>Work package</b>	<b>Internal/ External</b>	<b>Timelines</b>	<b>Budget requirement</b>	<b>Progress on track</b>
<b>Review Special Landscape Area boundaries</b>	Internal	Complete review end April 2023	No	
<b>Review Town Centre boundaries</b>	Internal	Complete review end April 2023	No	
<b>Housing Need and Demand Assessment</b>	Internal- led by Housing	Complete by June 2023	Financed by Housing Services	
<b>Review of action taken to support and promote construction and adaptation of housing to meet the needs of older people and disabled people</b>	Internal	Complete by June 2023	No	
<b>Strategic Housing Investment Plan*</b>	Internal	Annual review	No	
<b>Summary of the action taken by the planning authority to meet the accommodation needs of Gypsy/ Travellers and an analysis of the extent to which that action has helped meet those needs.</b>	Internal	Complete by end October 2023	No	
<b>Housing Land Audit 2023 &amp; 2024</b>	Internal	Annual reviews. Complete by end June	No	
<b>Need for short term let control areas</b>	Internal	Review complete by June 2023	No	
<b>Annual Monitoring report 2023 and 2024</b>	Internal	Annual reviews	No	





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<b>Employment Land Audit</b>	Internal	Annual review complete by end June	No	
<b>Town Centre Health Checks 2023</b>	Internal	October 2023	No	
<b>Retail Study</b>	External	Reported to P&RS Committee April 2022	No	Complete
<b>Tourism development opportunities</b>	Internal	Complete December 2023	No	
<b>Minerals survey Demonstrate capable of meeting the 10 year landbank of construction aggregate in all market areas, existing permitted minerals reserves and relevant elements from aggregates survey</b>	Internal	Complete by end September 2023	No	
<b>Tourism Strategy *</b>	Internal	Complete by end September 2023	No	
<b>Moray Economic Strategy *</b>	Internal	Complete by end October 2023	No	
<b>Annual economic activity report/ Council strategy</b>	Internal	Complete by end October 2023	No	
<b>Business Needs survey</b>	External	Complete by end September 2023	£20k	
<b>Areas of inequality and socio economic performance indicators</b>	Internal	Complete by end September 2023	January to May 2023	

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<b>Town Centre Improvement Plans</b>	Internal	Report to P&RS Committee October 2022	No	
<b>Community benefits (NPF4 policy)</b>	Internal	Community benefits report going to Nov Corporate Services Cttee. NPF4 approach to be progressed by Q1/Q2 2023	No	
<b>Open Space Strategy</b>	Internal	Audit complete end February 2023. Complete draft by end September 2023	No	
<b>Carbon calculations NPF4 policy methodology</b>	Internal	Completed by end Q1/Q2 2023	No	
<b>Play Sufficiency Assessment</b>	External	Commission April 2023, complete October 2023	£30k	
<b>LBAP- priority habitats and species and site data</b>	External	April 2023 to December 2023	£12,000	
<b>Forestry/ Woodland &amp; potential wider land uses and recreation</b>	External	January 2023 to September 2023	£45k split between Moray Council, HIE and Scottish Forestry	
<b>Conservation Area Appraisals phase 1</b>	External	Complete April 2023	£12,000 in 22/23, potential for further appraisal work in 23/24	
<b>National strategies relating to climate change and land use*</b>	Internal	Complete August 2023	No	
<b>Areas of poor air quality</b>	Internal	Complete August 2023	No	



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<b>Sources and scale of climate change emissions and climate risks to the region</b>	Internal	Complete August 2023	No	
<b>Heat mapping to inform potential for co-locating developments with high heat demand with sources of heat supply</b>	Internal	Complete by end July 2023	No	
<b>Rural Areas</b>	Internal	Complete September 2023	No	
<b>Carbon and biodiversity offsetting methodologies</b>	Internal and External	Just Transition funding secured	Complete September 2023	
<b>Opportunities for Aquaculture</b>	Internal	Complete August 2023	No	
<b>Realise full potential for electricity and heat from renewable, low carbon and zero emission sources</b>	Internal	Complete by October 2023	No	
<b>Areas of constraint for green energy</b>	Internal with minor external input	Complete June 2023	Potential spend on landscape sensitivity study	
<b>National waste management plan*</b>	Internal	Complete June 2023	No	
<b>Local waste data</b>	Internal	Complete June 2023	No	
<b>Strategic Flood Risk Assessment</b>	Internal	September 2022 to February 2023	No	

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<b>River Basin Management Plans*</b>	Internal	Complete by August 2023	No	
<b>Buildings at risk register*</b>	Internal	Complete by August 2023	No	
<b>Wildland/ areas with wild land quality*</b>	Internal	Complete by August 2023	No	
<b>Data on peat and carbon rich soils*</b>	Internal	Complete by August 2023	No	
<b>Native Woodland Survey of Scotland and Ancient Woodland Inventory</b>	Internal	Complete by August 2023	No	
<b>Review Tree Preservation Orders</b>	Internal	Report to P&RS Committee December 2022	No	
<b>Review of areas designated for their local nature conservation interests</b>	Internal	Complete by September 2022	No	
<b>Coastal evidence and information- erosion, coastal change</b>	Internal	Complete by August 2023	No	
<b>Core Paths*</b>	Internal	Complete by September 2023	No	
<b>Landscape Sensitivity Study, details of wind turbines and solar farms and other RE infrastructure</b>	Internal	Report to P&RS Committee Q3 2023/24	£5k	
<b>Allotments and Food growing areas</b>	Internal	Complete by October 2023	No	



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<b>Sport and Recreation Strategy</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD	
<b>Details of infrastructure capacity and planned investments, including communications, drainage, water, energy, healthcare, education, digital and grey, green and blue infrastructure, drinking water facilities, sewerage, gas, electricity networks</b>	Internal	Complete by September 2023	No	
<b>Learning Estate Strategy*</b>	Internal- Education	Assess implications by September 2023	No	
<b>Reflect proposals from Moray Transport Strategy* Elgin Transport Strategy*</b>	Internal	Complete by September 2023	No	
<b>Transport Appraisal and model</b>	External	1st stage Complete by September 2023, 2nd stage timeline to be confirmed	£250,000	
<b>Transport evidence baseline-identify gaps</b>	Internal	Complete by September 2023	No	
<b>Evidence base on public transport*</b>	Internal	Complete by September 2023	No	
<b>Condition, use and proposals for harbours</b>	Internal	Complete by September 2023	No	

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<b>Travel to work patterns</b>	Internal	Complete by September 2023	No	
<b>Active travel networks and data</b>	Internal	Complete by September 2023	No	
<b>Active Travel Strategy*</b>	Internal	Complete by September 2023	No	
<b>Digital infrastructure and not spots, gaps in provision, investment plans</b>	External	Complete by September 2023	No	
<b>Data on low carbon infrastructure</b>	Internal	Complete by September 2023	No	
<b>Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy*</b>	Internal	Complete by September 2023	No	
<b>Engagement re Evidence report, Place based issues, RSS</b>	Internal with minor external	Complete by October 2023	£5k potential facilitation	
<b>How we have sought views</b>	Internal	Complete by January 2023	None	
<b>How we have invited LPP and taken account of registered LPP</b>	Internal	Complete by January 2023	None	
<b>Public health and well-being indicators, health issues such as obesity, mental health, heart disease</b>	Internal	Complete by September 2023	None	
<b>Site appraisal methodology</b>	Internal	Complete September 2023	None	





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<b>Evidence from impact assessments including carrying out the Equality, Fairer Assessment</b>	Internal	At Evidence Report and Proposed Plan reporting stage	None	
<b>Areas of prime agricultural land*</b>	Internal	Complete July 2023	None	
<b>High risk development areas (HSE)*</b>	Internal	Complete July 2023	None	
<b>Creative Scotland plans and local cultural plans*</b>	Internal	Complete September 2023	None	
<b>Number and range of cultural venues and facilities, including live music</b>	Internal	Complete September 2023	None	
<b>LOIP, Community Plan implications for LDP*</b>	Internal	Complete September 2023	None	
<b>Draft Evidence Report chapters sent to stakeholders. Set out any areas of dispute regarding evidence and areas of agreement</b>	Internal	Send January 2024	None	
<b>Report to full Council</b>	Internal	Report to full Council March 2024	None	
<b>Gatecheck Procedure</b>	External-DPEA	April 2024 to December 2024	Cost of Gatecheck to be clarified by Scottish Government	

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<b>Template for settlement statements- place based approach</b>	Internal	March 2023	None	
<b>Develop local policies and guidance</b>	Internal	March 2023 to September 2023	None	
<b>Prepare Delivery Plan</b>	Internal	April to June 2025	None	
<b>Draft spatial strategy</b>	Internal	February 2023 to November 2023	None	
<b>Report proposed plan to full Council</b>	Internal	August 2025	None	
<b>12 week consultation</b>	Internal	September to end November 2025	None	
<b>Prepare schedule 4's for Council and Examination</b>	Internal	December 2025 to April 2026	None	
<b>Report Schedule 4's to Council and request Examination</b>	Internal	August 2026	None	
<b>Reporter issues further information requests and convenes hearings if necessary</b>	Internal	September 2026 to April 2027	None	
<b>Reporter issues Examination report and Plan modified</b>	External	May/ June2027	Council required to pay for cost of Examination	
<b>Intention to adopt</b>	Internal	July 2027	None	
<b>Adopt Plan</b>	Internal	September 2027	None	
<b>Publish Delivery Programme</b>	Internal	September 2027	None	

