

APPENDIX 1

Development Plan Scheme & Participation Statement

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1. The Development Plan Scheme

A Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement (DPS and PS) must be prepared annually to provide information on how the next Angus Local Development Plan (LDP) is being prepared, the timeframe for this preparation, and the progress of the LDP. The new LDP is estimated to be published and adopted in September 2030 after the following stages have been completed; Evidence Report; Gatecheck; Proposed Plan; Examination; and Adoption. This DPS and Participation Statement will therefore cover the following information:

- Information and update on the implementation of the current Angus Local Development Plan (2016).
- Proposed timescales and progress to date, including any changes to timescales from the previous DPS and PS, for the preparation and stages involved in creating the next LDP, covering the publication of the Evidence Report and Proposed Plan, the submissions of the proposed plan to Scottish Ministers, alongside the expected adoption of the LDP (lasting 10 years).
- Programme of work for the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and other appraisals/assessments, including Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) and the Public Sector Equality Duty Assessment associated with the LDP.
- A Participation Statement which sets out the ways in which Angus Council will undertake stakeholder and community engagement to inform and help shape the next LDP.

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2. Current Development Plan

2.1 What is a Development Plan?

Development Planning is part of the statutory requirements for the plan-led system in Scotland in order to “manage the development and use of land in the long-term public interest”. This process allows for allocation of land for sustainable development which is responsive to the local context and considers a wide range of areas and factors to provide a strategic vision for the future. Therefore, the Council are required to publish a Local Development Plan for Angus to direct and influence future development.

2.2 Development Plan Structure

National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) prepared by the Scottish Government and each Local Authorities' Local Development Plan (LDP) are the main statutory planning documents. The Development Plan for Angus therefore consists of NPF4 and the Angus Local Development Plan (ALDP (2016)) and it is these plans that planning applications are determined against.

However, where there are differences/conflicts between the policies in NPF 4 and the ALDP (2016), legislation states that the newer Plan will take priority, which in this instance is NPF 4. This will be the case for the next few years until the ALDP (2016) is replaced by the new Local Development Plan for Angus. The weight to be applied to ALDP (2016) policies will be made on a case-by-case basis by the planning officer assessing the planning application.

Alongside these statutory elements of the Development Plan, there are two other components which must be considered, but do not have a statutory weighting within the planning process. These are Regional Spatial Strategies (RSS) and Local Place Plans (LPPs).



2.21 NPF4

National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) was approved by the Scottish Parliament and published in February 2023 and supersedes the previous National Planning Framework 3 and Scottish Planning Policy (2014). It contains 33 policies and now forms part of the Development Plan in Angus.

2.22 ALDP (2016)

The Angus Local Development Plan was adopted in 2016, and forms part of the development plan for Angus until it is replaced by the new Local Development Plan, which is currently in preparation.

The new planning system requires LDPs to move to a 10-year lifespan. Therefore, the next Angus LDP will cover a 10-year period, likely from 2029-2039, with an overall vision looking 20 years ahead to 2049. This will allow for more time to focus on delivery and implementation of the plan while establishing longer-term objectives.

2.23 Tayside RSS

Although not published yet, a full Regional Spatial Strategy will be created for the Dundee, Perth and Kinross, and Angus areas to provide strategic planning context across the Tayside region. Although not a statutory requirement, it will be a document which must be considered by the Scottish Government and the Council respectively when amending or preparing the next NPF or LDP. An indicative Regional Spatial Strategy for the Tayside region was submitted to Scottish Government in early 2021, outlining the vision, priorities, and strategic projects/outcomes throughout the region. This indicative Regional Spatial Strategy also informed NPF4. Whilst initial discussions with adjoining Council's in the Tayside area have taken place, further, more detailed work on preparing the Regional Spatial Strategy is expected to commence once statutory guidance has been published by Scottish Government. This guidance has not yet been published and a specific timeframe for its publication is currently unknown.

2.24 Local Place Plans

Local Place Plans (LPPs) are community created plans which will help to provide rich information bases for the Evidence Report and LDP preparation. They are prepared by constituted community bodies to showcase the changes and development they would like to see in the future for their areas. The Council is required to register LPP's when they are submitted and meet the requirements of the LPP legislation. LPPs can only be considered in the LDP process when they have been registered with the Local Authority. Once registered, LPPs must be considered during the preparation of the LDP. This will allow communities to become more involved in the planning process and

provide opportunities to encourage change in their local area. LPPs can also, where justified, state that the LDP is required to be replaced by a new LDP.

The Council have further information and guidance on LPPs on our website [here](#), including the invitation to prepare these plans, information, guidance, and a template for constituted community groups to follow if they so wish.

3. Development Plan Status

3.1 Implementation and Delivery of Angus Local Development Plan (2016)



The most recent Action Programme for ALDP (2016) was approved in December 2022, which can be accessed by clicking [here](#). The Action Programme provides information on the implementation of the Plan and the current delivery of sites allocated within it, which are monitored through annual audits, data analysis, and other surveys.

The next Action Programme update for the 2016 ALDP will be published in December 2024 to provide further progress. However, due to the changes implemented by the new planning system, any current Action Programmes will have to follow transitional arrangements on review, becoming a Delivery Programme, and following the new legislative requirements in that regard.

3.2 What are we doing now?

The [timetable](#) contained within this document outlines how, where and when we are planning to carry out the various stages of preparation and publication for the new LDP. The current workload for the LDP is focussed on the preparation of the Evidence Report, including the analysing and digitising of data collected from key agencies and other sources on a number of topics, which will provide a baseline for the LDP to work from, as well as engagement with people at the settlement level to gain an understanding of their lived experiences of the places they live, work and visit. Within this evidence gathering and analysis, agencies such as Historic Environment Scotland, SEPA, SSEN, and many others have been contacted to provide up-to-date data on the relevant topic area to allow the Council to evaluate and analyse what that means for Angus and what the Proposed Plan requires to look into or address. Each chapter of the Evidence Report has been prepared in line with the requirements of NPF4 and informed by the Scottish Government's Local Development Plan Guidance. These chapters are being reviewed after consultations with relevant agencies, stakeholders, and



members of the public before publication and examination to ensure the information provided is the best possible standard.

Alongside evidence gathering, our annual monitoring and audit work (such as employment land, housing land, vacant and derelict land, town centre

survey, floorspace survey and so on) are underway and are expected to be finalised by the end of 2024 and will be used to inform the Evidence Report. Work on our new Open Space Strategy, Play Sufficiency Assessment, and Nature Networks has commenced and will also help to inform the preparation of the Evidence Report. The Council's Forestry and Woodland Strategy and Play Sufficiency Assessment are statutorily required to be concluded and submitted with the Evidence Report to the Gate check.

3.3 What have we been doing?

Since late 2023, in line with the Scottish Government's Development Planning Guidance and NPF4 policies, the Development Plan team have been collecting, analysing, and evaluating baseline data for Angus to form the Evidence Report and understand any opportunities or issues which the Proposed Plan will need to address. Each policy area of NPF4 has been covered individually or combined with related policies in chapters for the Evidence Report to present this data and analysis. This stage has involved ongoing dialogue with Key Agencies to share and better understand these datasets.

The Council have also been gathering evidence at a town and village level so that we can better understand what is happening at a local level and what the proposed plan must consider going forward for those areas.

In terms of associated Strategies which are required to be produced as part of the Local Development Plan preparation process, the Council's Forestry and Woodland Strategy was approved on 11th June 2024.

In November 2024, we started to engage, collaborate and seek comment on a series of draft Topic Evidence Report chapters. This process will continue into 2025.

In December 2024, we also began engagement and collaboration with our communities, so we can better understand their experiences and views on the places where they live, work and visit. This initial engagement will also continue into early 2025.

The Council is close to finalising its Engagement and Consultation Strategy for the Local Development Plan and this will be put on the Council's website in late 2024/early 2025 and will be a live document, which will be updated throughout the preparation of the new Local Development Plan.

3.4 What changes have occurred to the timeline?

The Council is required by legislation to detail any changes to the timeframe for the production and publication of the new Local Development Plan for Angus and the reasons for any changes.

Significant resourcing issues and challenges in obtaining data and evidence, as well as, the delays in the preparation and publication of associated assessments and strategies, for example, the Play Sufficiency Assessment (which is required by legislation to be prepared and published before submission of the Evidence Report to Gatecheck), will result in the timeframe set out in Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement 2023 (DPS & PS 2023) not being met.

Currently, the impact of these issues and challenges will result in a delay of approximately 10 - 12 months being experienced. For example, the Council anticipated submitting the Evidence Report to Gatecheck in March 2025; however, the Council is now anticipating submitting the Evidence Report to Gatecheck in February 2026. The adoption of the Local Development Plan is now anticipated to be in September 2030 rather than December 2029.

Also, because of these issues and challenges, the Council has had to revise its approach to engagement, collaboration and comment on the draft Evidence Report. In the DPS & PS 2023, the Council anticipated being able to release the full draft Evidence Report for engagement and comment; however, the Council will now release draft Evidence Report chapters in a series of stages for engagement, collaboration and comment. The first series of draft Evidence Report chapters were released under this new approach in November 2024.

The revised timeframe in this DPS & PS for 2024 sets out the new anticipated timeframe for the production of the new Local Development Plan for Angus.

4. Impact Assessments

The following assessments must be prepared as part of the LDP process:

- **Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA):** carried out to ensure that environmental issues are central to the development planning process by considering environmental effects as part of the preparation and implementation the LDP. It also enables the monitoring of significant effects, and the review of LDPs.
- **Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment (FSDA):** carried out to ensure that the LDP policies, allocations, and spatial strategy all consider how to reduce inequalities which are caused by socioeconomic disadvantages.
- **Public Sector Equalities Duty (PSED):** carried out to ensure that the preparation and implementation of the LDP positively contribute to a more equal society for everyone, aiming to be more transparent, accessible, and accountable with all LDP decision-making.
- **Equalities Impact Assessment (EQIA):** carried out to ensure that a wide range of people are actively involved in the LDP preparation process to help shape the future of their places, including children and young people.
- **Habitats Regulations Appraisal (HRA):** carried out to understand if any LDP site allocations or proposals will impact Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) or Special Protection Areas (SPAs) within Angus and how these adverse impacts can be avoided or mitigated.

4.1 Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

In line with the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Council are required to undertake an SEA to assess the significant impacts on the environment that LDP2 may have. This assessment allows us to view the LDP preparation and implementation from an environmental perspective and understand the potential significant impacts this new plan may have on the environment of Angus and to provide mitigation and enhancement proposals where appropriate.

The SEA Scoping Report will focus on the baseline environmental data and provide detail for the Environmental Report to cover. The Scoping Report will be prepared during the data gathering and Evidence Report stage. Once the Consultation Authorities have provided comments on the Scoping Report, the Council will move forward with preparing the SEA Environmental Report at the Proposed Plan stage, detailing the current state of the environment and how any environmental characteristics are to be significantly impacted by the Plan.

On adoption of the Plan, the Council will produce the Post-Adoption Statement and submit that to the Consultation Authorities.

4.2 Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment (FDA)

The FSDA is focussed on the provision of fair and equal outcomes in policy and decision-making processes; therefore, it is another requirement of the LDP process, in line with Part 1 of the Equality Act 2010. The LDP will provide strategic measures for development within the Council area, and this assessment must be undertaken in order to produce the LDP in a way which will reduce social and economic inequalities. This will be done by assessing potential impacts and ways to mitigate these, alongside considerations of how to monitor these socio-economic inequalities in relation to the adoption of the LDP.

4.3 Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED)

PSEDs are also in line with the Equality Act 2010 and the Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Regulations 2012, which requires the Council to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunities, and foster good relations between those with protected characteristics and those who do not. This means that the Council will adhere to this duty throughout the LDP process and ensure that the new LDP complies to these regulations, promoting equality.

4.4 Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA)

EQIAs are conducted across many sectors in line with the Human Rights Act 1998 and the Equality Act 2010 as a way of considering and involving a range of individuals and characteristics in the development of any plans, policies, or strategies. Assessing the likely impacts of the next LDP on such protected characteristics and groups will allow the Council to promote inclusivity in future developments. An assessment under the United Nations of the Convention of the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) Article 12 – Respect for the views of the right of the child will also be undertaken as part of the EQIA to ensure children and young people have had due consideration throughout the LDP process.

4.5 Habitats Regulations Appraisal (HRA)

The HRA is another impact assessment required in the process of preparing the new LDP. This assessment is prepared to understand how specific sites allocated in the LDP may impact any Special Areas of Conservation and Special Protection Areas. However, this impact assessment is not prepared as early as the others and will take place at the same time as the Proposed Plan rather than at the Evidence Report stage.

5. LDP Stages and Timetable

5.1 LDP Stages

5.11 Evidence Report

The Evidence Report is the first stage of preparation for the new style of LDPs and is created to provide an evidence base for the new plan to work from and build upon. Evidence will be gathered, analysed and interpreted in the context of Angus in relation to NPF4 and other statutory requirements. This data analysis will provide information which will impact the preparation of the new LDP, alongside any gaps, limitations or uncertainty in the data. A site selection methodology for the allocation of new land for development for a range of purposes is also required to be provided at this stage.

The Evidence Report is not intended to focus on specific geographical areas or locations for development, but create a people-centred, place-based, and infrastructure-first approach in order to provide a robust evidence base to move forward with.

The Council is also required to approve the Evidence Report for publication before submitting for its Gatecheck.

5.12 Gatecheck

The Gatecheck is a new stage which has been introduced as part of the amendments to the 1997 Act. This stage requires an independent Reporter from the Department of Planning and Environmental Appeals (DPEA) to assess the sufficiency of information provided in the Evidence Report for moving forward to prepare and publish the Proposed Plan and to approve the site selection methodology. The Scottish Government indicate that this assessment will allow for a smoother Examination period and provide an adequate evidence base for a place-based approach to the development of the LDP.

5.13 Proposed Plan and Examination

The Proposed Plan will identify a spatial strategy and areas for development within Angus, heavily influenced by the information and evaluation of data gathered in the Evidence Report. After engagement with a wide range of stakeholders, organisations, and members of the public, the Proposed Plan will be finalised. Once Council has approved the Proposed Plan for consultation, it will be subject to a statutory minimum consultation period of 12 weeks and a range of stakeholders including Key Agencies, developers, and the public at large will be able to comment on the Plan. After the consultation period has ended, the Council can choose to modify the Proposed Plan, with any modifications to be subject to a further period of

consultation. After these modifications, the Proposed Plan is then submitted for Examination (if no modifications are made, the Proposed Plan is submitted straight for Examination). In both scenarios, the Council is required to approve the Plan for submission to examination.

5.14 Adoption

After the Examination and the Reporter's recommendations for modifying the Plan, as detailed in the Report of Examination to the Proposed Plan, are made and approved by the Council, it will be adopted and published by the Council. The Scottish Ministers will then be notified as per legislation that the Council has adopted the LDP.

Once adopted, the new LDP will form part of the constituted Development Plan for Angus alongside NPF4. As the new LDP will be the newer plan, it will outweigh NPF 4 policies in the assessment of planning applications where there are any differences/conflicts between the two documents.

5.15 Delivery Programme

The Delivery Programme is the final stage in the process of preparing the new LDP and will set out how the plan will be implemented. This programme will detail how policies, proposals, and the land identified for development in the plan will be delivered through a list of actions with associated timescales and partners. Delivery programmes are a crucial stage in coordinating future development and allocating resources to the implementation of the new LDP.

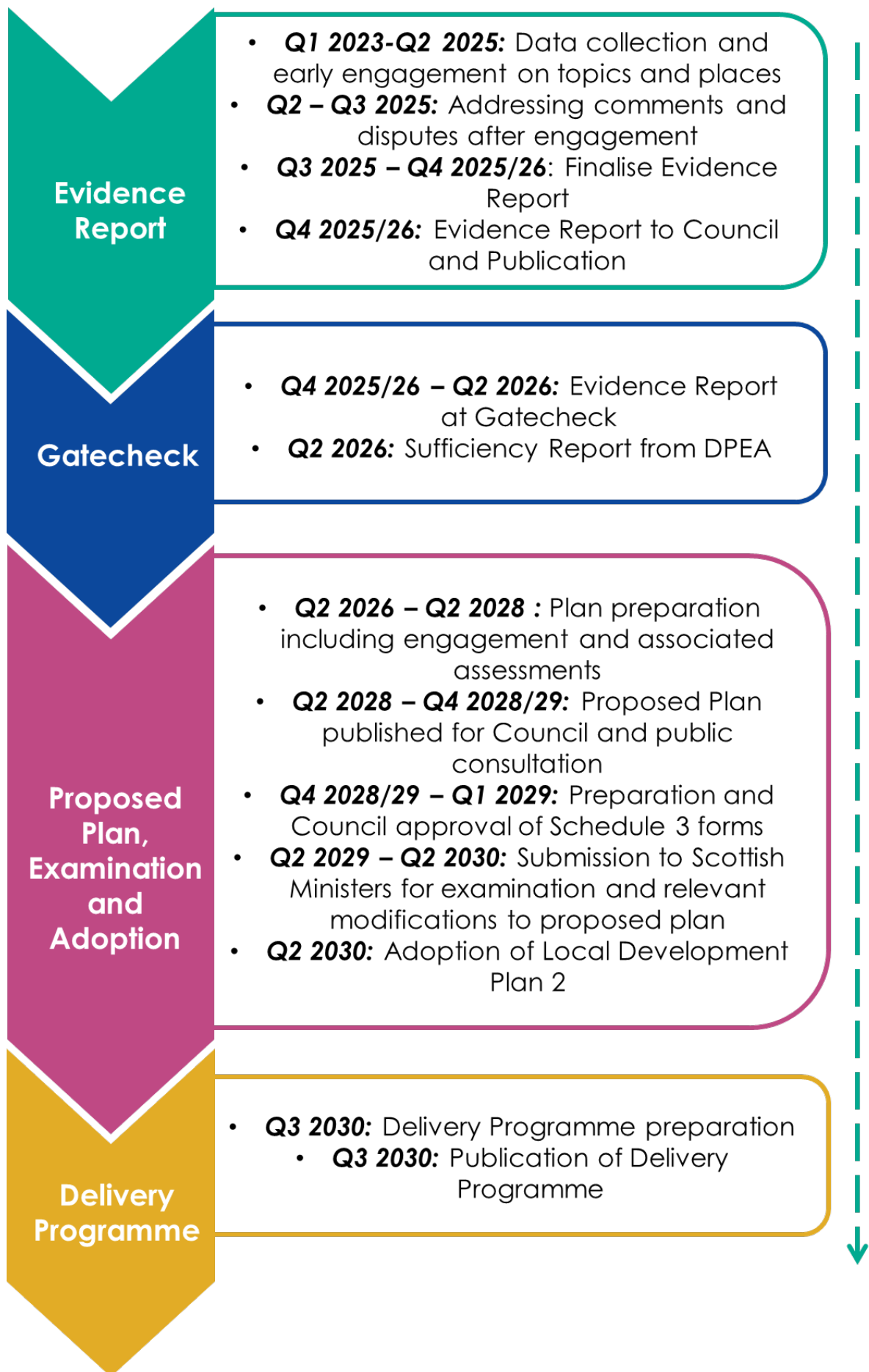
5.2 Timetable

The diagram provided below details a summarised version of the Council's proposed timetabling for the preparation and delivery of the new LDP.



The timescales provided in this table are only indicative due to the unknown nature of certain stages, processes and available resources to produce the new LDP and could be subject to change in subsequent DPS and PS documents. However, in order to create appropriate targets and incorporate these contingencies, the Council have presumed the following timescales:

- Consultation on Draft Evidence Report - 8 weeks
- Evidence Report at Gatecheck – 6 months
- Consultation on Proposed plan – 12 weeks (statutory minimum)
- Proposed Plan Examination – 1 month for reporter to review Statement of Conformity with the Participation Statement, followed by 9-month examination.



6. Participation Statement

The preparation of the next Angus Local Development Plan (LDP) places community engagement at its core. Angus Council is committed to ensuring that the voices of all stakeholders—those who live, work, invest in, and visit Angus—are actively involved in shaping the future of the area. Our goal is to build consensus, strengthen relationships, and create a development plan that reflects the needs of the community while addressing the challenges of climate change and sustainability.

The Participation Statement (PS) sets out how the Council will inform, engage, involve, collaborate, and consult with a broad range of groups and stakeholders throughout the LDP process. This approach is in line with the requirements of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended), National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4), and the National Standards for Community Engagement.

Building on the feedback from the previous year's four-week consultation, which gathered input from a diverse range of stakeholders, our participation statement has been refined to be more inclusive, transparent, and accessible. Additionally, the Council is preparing a more detailed Engagement and Consultation Strategy, which will outline the specific methods and timelines for engaging with stakeholders at each stage of the LDP process. This strategy will be available to the public on the Council's website once finalised, which is anticipated to be in early 2025.

6.1 Principles

The Council will follow the guiding principles outlined in the Scottish Government's Effective Community Engagement in Local Development Planning Guidance, ensuring that our engagement processes are robust and legally compliant. These key principles are:

- **Engagement as Central:** Meaningful engagement is essential to building consensus and relationships among stakeholders.
- **Legal Compliance:** We will ensure that all statutory obligations to involve the public in the LDP preparation are met.
- **Established Frameworks:** Engagement will follow the National Standards for Community Engagement and principles from the International Association for Public Participation.
- **Influence of Public Views:** Public input will be actively considered and will have a tangible influence on the decision-making process.
- **Avoiding Consultation Fatigue:** We will strive to link processes to streamline engagement and reduce consultation fatigue.

- **Engagement is Essential:** No process will move forward without engagement, as it is a fundamental aspect of the planning process.
- **Complementing Existing Guidance:** This approach will enhance, not replace, existing guidance on local development planning.

Through these principles, the Council aims to ensure that the LDP is developed in a way that is transparent, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of the communities of Angus.

6.2 Who Will We Engage With?

We are required by the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended), to engage and consult with a wide range of groups and stakeholders, ensuring broad representation and inclusivity. This will include:

- The general public.
- Children and Young People.
- Gypsies and Travellers.
- Disabled Persons.
- Community Councils.
- Local Developers, Landowners, and Housebuilders.
- Key Agencies (as defined by the Scottish Government).
- Local organisations and stakeholders.

These groups will be encouraged to contribute at various stages of the LDP process to ensure that their views are considered and integrated into the plan.

6.3 How May We Engage?

A variety of engagement methods will be employed to ensure broad and meaningful participation across the community. These methods will be tailored to the specific needs of different groups and stages of the LDP process, and may include:

- **Workshops and Interactive Events** (in-person and online) - we aim to carry out different workshops and interactive collaborative events tailored to the targeted groups, such as young people, underrepresented communities, gypsies and travellers, internal services, and the public to gain views and suggestions for the new plan.
- **Engage Angus** – the Council's online consultation platform, which can feature several different engagement formats from surveys and forums

to mapping features. These will be developed for different stages of the plan for different audiences.

- **Social media, updates to the LDP Page on the Council website, Newsletters, Posters, Leaflets, and other materials** will be used to keep the community informed of key stages, updates, and opportunities to get involved. Social media platforms could include X, Tiktok, Facebook etc.

These methods will ensure that the engagement process is inclusive, accessible, and transparent, allowing a wide range of voices to contribute to the development of the LDP.

6.4 When Will We Engage?

Engagement will take place at key stages of the LDP process, ensuring that the community's input is gathered when it can have the most impact. The main stages of engagement include:

- **Current/Ongoing: Early engagement** during the preparation of the Evidence Report to gather community input on key issues.
- **Upcoming Soon: Consultation on the Draft Evidence Report**, providing an opportunity for stakeholders to review the findings and provide feedback.
- **Future: Engagement during the preparation of the Proposed Plan**, involving the community in the development of spatial strategies and development priorities.
- **Future: Consultation on the Proposed Plan**, allowing the public and stakeholders to comment on the final draft before it is submitted for examination.

The following table indicates the proposed methods, and audiences for engagement at each stage of the LDP process. The forthcoming Engagement and Consultation Strategy will explain these methodologies in more depth.

6.5 Commitment to Continuous Improvement

The Council is committed to continually improving its engagement processes. This Participation Statement will be reviewed and updated annually to ensure that it remains responsive to community needs and reflects lessons learned from previous engagement and consultations. The final Engagement and Consultation Strategy will guide the ongoing efforts to involve all of Angus in the development of the new LDP and will be made available to the public on the Council's website in early 2025.

Stage of Plan	What this Involves	Who?	Methods we may use	Aim
Development Plan Scheme	<p>Consultation on DPS and Participation Statement Provides opportunity for people to express how they wish to engage with Local Authorities in response to the Participation Statement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public at large - Children & Young People - Gypsies & Traveller Communities - Differently Abled People - Community Councils - Stakeholders - Key Agencies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Engage Angus -Social Media -LDP Pages on Council Website -Leaflets & Newsletter (physical &/or digital) -Word of Mouth -Letter included with planning correspondence 	<p>Inform</p> <p>Engage</p>
Local Place Plans	<p>Invitation to create Local Place Plans Encourages local communities to prepare a Local Place Plan, and advises what assistance we can offer, signposting to resources, and things to keep in mind.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Local Communities -Community Councils -Elected Members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Email & Letters -LDP Pages on Council Website -Workshops 	<p>Inform</p>

Stage of Plan	What this Involves	Who?	Methods we may use	Aim
Evidence Report	<p>Evidence Gathering Provides opportunities for people to communicate their thoughts and opinions on all relevant topics in relation to the production of an Evidence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Public at large -Children & Young People -Gypsies & Traveller Communities -Differently Abled People -Older People -Key Agencies -Infrastructure Providers -Other data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Workshops and Interactive Events (in person & online) tailored to each group* -Engage Angus -Email requests for data (Key Agencies, stakeholders, and data providers) -Collaborative approaches to 	<p>Engage</p> <p>Collaborate</p>

	Report.	providers -Council Services -Elected Members -Community Councils -Other community groups and partnerships	data collection (Key Agencies, stakeholders, and data providers)	
	Consultation on Draft Evidence Report Chapters Provides opportunity for people to express their views on the draft Evidence Report and to agree or dispute the information stated in the report. This is a non-statutory requirement	As Above and; -Adjoining Planning Authorities -Community Councils -Stakeholders	-LDP Pages on Council Website -Social Media -Engage Angus -Physical copies in Libraries and other Council Facilities -Letter included with planning correspondence -Leaflets & Newsletter (physical &/or digital) -Workshops (online and in person)	Engage Consult
	Publication of Evidence Report Published online to allow for public access	-There is no specific engagement or consultation stage	-LDP Pages on Council Website	Inform

*As many of these groups have protected characteristics and differing needs, each engagement event or programme will be prepared with this in mind and tailor to the needs and abilities of the group(s) involved. Much of this will be covered in the LDP2 EQIA.

Stage of Plan	What this Involves	Who?	Methods we may use	Aim
Proposed Plan	Preparation of Proposed Plan Allows for all stakeholders, the general public and community groups to engage in the preparation of the proposed plan through a variety of methods.	-Children and Young People -Key Agencies -Scottish Ministers -Community Councils -Stakeholders -Developers -Any other relevant groups	-Workshops and Interactive Events (in person & online) tailored to each group* -Engage Angus -Email invites -Call for views	Engage Collaborate
	Consultation on Proposed Plan Provides opportunity to provide comments and representations or ask questions about the Proposed Plan. Neighbour Notification.	-Public at large -Key Agencies -Scottish Ministers -Adjoining Planning Authorities -Community Councils -Stakeholders -Any other relevant groups	-Advertisement -Engage Angus -Physical Copies -Neighbour Notification -Social Media -Interactive Events & Information Meetings (online & in person)	Consult
	Examination Advertise the examination of the Proposed Plan.	-Members of the Public -Objectors	-Advertisement in local newspaper and libraries -Notify those who made representations during consultation	Inform
	Adoption of Proposed Plan (Q3 2029) Publicise the adoption of the Proposed Plan.	-Members of the Public -Scottish Ministers -People who commented on Proposed	-Submit to Scottish Ministers -Publicise online and in local newspaper -Notify those who commented on	Inform

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Stage of Plan	What this Involves	Who?	Methods we may use	Aim
Delivery Programme	Preparation of Delivery Programme Seek the views of and engage with relevant bodies to aid in preparation and content of the Delivery Programme.	-Key Agencies -Scottish Government	-Email invites Workshop sessions (Online and in-person)	Engage Collaborate
	Publication of Delivery Programme Published online to allow for public access.	-Scottish Ministers -Members of the Public	-LDP Pages on Council Website -Physical Copies in Libraries	Inform

Appendix A – Detailed Timetable of LDP Process

DPS and PS – Timeframe 2024			
LDP Stage	Substages	Impact Assessments	Indicative Timeframe (Financial Year Quarters):
Evidence Report	Completion of collecting/gathering outstanding data and information (not including other Studies such as PSA or SFRA which will be completed during Evidence Report finalisation)	Preparation of SEA Scoping Report, EQIA, Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment, and the Public Sector Equality Duty Submit Scoping Report to Consultation Authorities (5 weeks)	Q4 2024/25
	Engagement and Consultation on Draft Evidence Report Topic chapters (in batches)		Q3 2024 – Q1 2025
	Engagement on Places at an Angus and Town/Village level (including further engagement and consultation on draft place-based chapters)		Q3 2024 – Q2 2025
	Addressing comments and disputes on Evidence Report draft chapters		Q2 2025 – Q3 2025
	Finalising Evidence Report		Q3 2025 – Q4 2025/26 (takes into account revisions to chapters as a result of the Play Sufficiency Assessment and Open Space Strategy)

			consultant tender timeframe)
	Evidence Report, Play Sufficiency Assessment and Open Space Strategy at Council		Q4 2025/26
	Publication of Evidence Report		Q4 2025/26
Gatecheck	Evidence Report at Gatecheck (assuming a maximum of 6 months)		Q4 2025/26 – Q2 2026 (gatecheck process may be less than 6 months)
	Sufficiency Report from DPEA on Gatecheck and authorisation to proceed to Proposed Plan		Q2 2026 (but depends on how quick the gatecheck process is and if we get past that stage)
Proposed Plan	Preparation of proposed plan, engagement and preparation of other assessments	Preparation of SEA Environmental Report and HRA	Q2 2026 – Q2 2028 (we will start this process unofficially in January 2026 whilst the evidence report is at gatecheck)
	Proposed Plan and other corresponding strategies/assessments at Council for consultation		Q2 2028
	Proposed Plan published for consultation (statutory minimum 12 weeks)	Consult on SEA Environmental Report Publication of other assessments and strategies	Q3 2028 – Q4 2028/29

		(including submission of HRA to Nature Scot)	
	Preparation of Schedule 3 forms***		Q4 2028/29 – Q1 2029
	Schedule 3 forms at Council		Q1 2029
	Submission of proposed plan to Scottish Ministers for Examination		Q2 2029
	Examination (assuming a maximum 1-month period for reporter to look over conformity statement and 9-month examination)		Q2 2029 – Q1 2030
	Consideration of examination report and modifications to proposed plan	Revise SEA Environmental Report to reflect appropriate modifications from examination	Q1 2030 – Q2 2030
	LDP at Council for adoption		Q2 2030
	Intent to adopt LDP and submission to Scottish Government	Submit amended environmental report and agreed HRA to Scottish ministers	Q2 2030
	Adoption	Prepare and publish SEA Post-adoption statement	Q2 2030
	Delivery Programme	Delivery Programme	
	Delivery Programme at Council for approval		Q3 2030

*** Schedule 3 Forms: The preparation and submission of Schedule 3 forms is another statutory requirement for local authorities during the LDP process. They are linked to the issues brought forward during the consultation period, specifically focussing on any unresolved issues. These forms were previously known as Schedule 4s and will contain information and summaries of all unresolved issues and representations at that point in time, alongside reasonings as to why Angus Council did not modify the plan based on these representations.*