

# Report

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| Report to:       | <b>Planning Committee</b>                                      |
| Date of Meeting: | <b>28 May 2024</b>   |
| Report by:       | <b>Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)</b> |

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| Subject | <b>South Lanarkshire Development Plan Scheme 2024 and Local Development Plan 3 Update</b> |
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ seek approval of the South Lanarkshire Development Plan Scheme 2024, attached as Appendix 1 of the report
- ◆ provide an update to members on the progress that is being made in the preparation of the next Local Development Plan (SLLDP3) for South Lanarkshire

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the Committee approve the South Lanarkshire Development Plan Scheme 2024, attached as Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (2) that the update on progress being made in the preparation of the next Local Development Plan (SLLDP3) for South Lanarkshire be noted.

## 3. Development Plan Scheme

3.1. The Development Plan Scheme (DPS) is a statement setting out South Lanarkshire Council's timetable for the preparation of its Local Development Plan. Legislation requires that all planning authorities are required to publish a DPS annually which includes:-

- ◆ an explanation of what the Local Development Plan is
- ◆ a timetable for the preparation of the next South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan (SLLDP3)
- ◆ details of community engagement in the planning process and how relevant stakeholders, including residents, can get involved

3.2. The Development Plan Scheme that is presented to Members for approval has been updated to reflect work undertaken since preparation of SLLDP3 began in August 2023 and highlights the engagement work to be undertaken over the next 6 months.

## 4. Local Development Plan 3

4.1. All Scottish Local Authorities have a statutory duty to prepare a Local Development Plan for all parts of their area and in line with updated national guidance and legislation. The next generation of Local Development Plans will be place-based and presented as a series of maps, site briefs and masterplans for individual sites and localities.

- 4.2. The Local Development Plan will be a corporate document and a vehicle for the delivery of outcomes by drawing together all the Council's strategies, plans, and the objectives of the Council Plan as well of those of its partners and other stakeholders. The Act requires the LDP to take account of the Council's Community Plan.
- 4.3. The LDP will include a Delivery Programme which will set out how the Council will implement the Plan, including a list of actions required to deliver the policies and proposals and the timescales involved.
- 4.4. The Act sets out the key agencies that are to be engaged in the preparation of the Plan including NatureScot, SEPA, Scottish Water, Scottish Enterprise, NHS Lanarkshire and the Regional Transport Partnership. It also requires engagement with a range of groups including children and young people, disabled persons, Gypsies and Travellers and community councils.
- 4.5. The Participation Statement in the Development Plan Scheme has been developed to reflect these requirements and demonstrate the work on engagement to be undertaken in the next 6 months.
- 4.6. The DPS identifies an updated timetable in relation to the following stages over the next 12 months:-
- 4.7. Drafting of the Evidence Report  
The Evidence Report will be used to inform the development of the Council's land use strategy and will be the base document in identifying where new development should take place and what requirements are needed to facilitate this development. Data is being collated from a range of national, regional and local sources to support this process including Public Health Scotland, Glasgow City Region and the Local Government Improvement Service as well as internal Council Services.
- 4.8. Early Engagement  
The Evidence Report is also to be informed by the views of those affected by the Plan and involved in its delivery and, therefore, extensive early engagement is being carried out with key agencies, stakeholders, interest groups and local communities to ensure evidence gathering is collaborative and transparent.
- 4.9. The first stage of this engagement was the launch of an online survey on 1 May 2024 with a series of questions that are linked to people's views of their place and what they consider the key issues are for their area. This has been made live at: [Local Development Plan 3 \(LDP3\) - South Lanarkshire Council](#) and will be available until 30 September 2024.
- 4.10. This link is being promoted to all community councils and groups, the Citizen's Panel, and the Council online news service. Further work is being undertaken to focus on engagement with all ages, accessing children and young people through our Education Service and Community Planning, as well as our older citizens through Seniors Together.
- 4.11. Considerable discussions have already taken place to establish links with hard-to-reach groups and representatives from a range of groups representing key topic areas, including issues such as nature resilience, homelessness and climate change. To follow up on the identification of key issues, in-person workshops and group discussions will be undertaken throughout the summer months to understand where evidence gaps might arise and provide a robust baseline to demonstrate any unresolved issues prior to the Evidence Report submission.

#### 4.12. Gate Check

Once approved by Council, the Evidence Report must then be submitted to Scottish Ministers to carry out a Gate Check. This involves an assessment by a Reporter appointed by Scottish Ministers from the Division of Planning and Environmental Appeals (DPEA) on whether sufficient information has been gathered to prepare the LDP and appropriate engagement has been carried out. On being notified that there is sufficient information, the Council can move to prepare the Proposed Plan. However, the Reporter may also recommend how to improve the Evidence Report for resubmission and further assessment.

### 5. **Conclusion**

- 5.1. The Development Plan Scheme is updated annually to reflect progress being made in the review of the Local Development Plan. The current DPS timetable reflects early work undertaken to develop an evidence base and an engagement framework. It also provides a structure to meet the next milestone, which is submission to the Evidence Gate Check at the Scottish Government. The report also highlights the extensive engagement work programmed over the summer months and the survey work that is underway. This work will collate together to form early indicators for establishing the strategic land use ambitions for the Council in the next ten years.

### 6. **Employee Implications**

- 6.1. The preparation of the Local Development Plan is likely to be more resource intensive than earlier versions based on the new procedures and guidance and additional topics that are required to be covered.

### 7. **Financial Implications**

- 7.1. The costs of the preparation and production of the next Local Development Plan will be expected to be met from existing budgets. This includes the cost of the newly introduced Gate Check of the Council's Evidence Report as well as the Examination of the Proposed Plan.

### 8. **Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

- 8.1. The themes of tackling the climate and nature crises, climate mitigation and adaptation and support for sustainable developments through the application of principles of local living and 20-minute neighbourhoods will be addressed in the spatial strategy of LDP3.

### 9. **Other Implications**

- 9.1. The preparation of the Local Development Plan is a statutory requirement for the Council. Failure to have an up-to-date version carries a reputational risk and the possibility of not attracting investment into the Council area.

### 10. **Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

- 10.1. LDP3 will be subject to Equalities Impact Assessment, Child Rights and Wellbeing and a Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment.
- 10.2. Extensive engagement and consultation by the Council will be carried out as set out in the Development Plan Scheme at appendix 1.

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**20 May 2024**

**Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes**

- ◆ Good quality, suitable and sustainable places to live

**Previous References**

- ◆ Planning Committee – 8 August 2023 – South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan 3, South Lanarkshire Development Plan Scheme 2023 and Open Space Strategy

**List of Background Papers**

- ◆ Planning (Scotland) Act 2019
- ◆ Town and Country Planning (Development Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 2023
- ◆ Scottish Government Local Development planning guidance published May 2023

**Contact for Further Information**

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## **Appendix 1: South Lanarkshire Council**

### **Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement 2024**

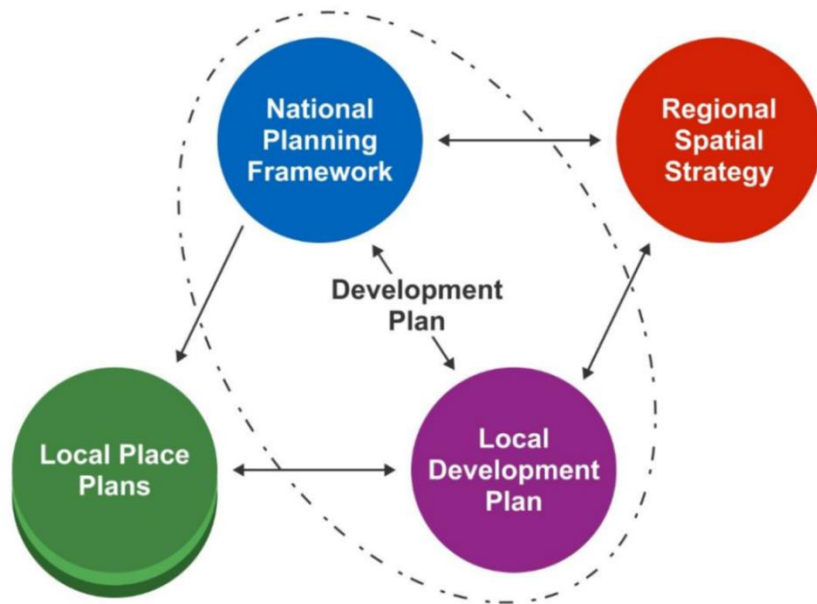
## **What is the Development Plan Scheme?**

A Development Plan Scheme (DPS) is prepared and updated by the Council every year. For 2024, the DPS provides further detail on our engagement strategy and evidence gathering in preparation of our next Local Development Plan. This work will inform how our places look in the future, where new houses and places of work will be built, how services and facilities such as schools and travel will be provided and identify the places and buildings to be protected.

DPS 2024 includes the projected timetable for delivery of the different stages of the plan making process, as well as the Participation Statement which explains how and when we will ask stakeholders including local communities and key agencies to become involved.

## **What is the Development Plan for South Lanarkshire Council (SLC)?**

Development plans are important as they define how we use our land and what areas require greater protection. It also provides policy which guides decisions on applications for planning permission. The current arrangements that apply across Scotland are shown in the diagram below.



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| National Planning Framework | Scottish Government's policies and proposals for the development and use of land. Incorporates any adopted regional spatial strategy (RSS) when preparing, revising or amending the NPF   |
| Regional Spatial Strategy   | A planning authority, or authorities acting jointly, prepare long-term spatial strategies for the strategic development of an area. RSS are not part of the statutory development plan but have an important role informing future versions of the NPF and LDPs (Local Development Plans).  |
| Local Development Plans     | Councils must prepare one or more LDP for their area. It shows how local places will evolve in the future, including where development should and should not happen. It must take into account the National Planning Framework and any registered local place plan/s (LPPs) for the area the LDP covers. It should also have regard to any RSS and the Community Plan for the area it covers. |
| Local Place Plans           | LPPs are community-led plans prepared by community bodies setting out proposals for the development and use of land in their local area. It must have regard to the NPF, any LDP which covers the same area, and also any neighbourhood plan which covers the same area. LPPs are not part of the statutory development plan but have an important role to play in informing LDPs.            |

[National Planning Framework 4](#) was published and adopted by the Scottish Government on 13 February 2023. It sets out 33 national planning policies which represent the Scottish Government's long term spatial strategy for Scotland. These policies are used to assess planning applications and provide the direction for what the Council's Local Development Plan should include.

The table in **Annex 1** shows how these policies link to other national and the Council's own strategies and policies.

[South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan 2](#) was adopted in April 2021 and represents the Council's spatial policy for its area. It includes sites that are allocated for development as well as detailed policies on matters such as climate change, the green belt and rural area, housing, town centres and transport. It is accompanied by other documents including Supporting Planning Guidance covering Developer Contributions, Renewable Energy, Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure and Development at a Dwellinghouse.

Regional Spatial Strategies will look at strategic development issues – in the case of South Lanarkshire across the Glasgow City Region. Working groups associated with this joint approach that have met to explore what issues need to be addressed regionally. This will be developed in tandem with LDPs.

Local Place Plans are a new opportunity for local communities to get involved in the planning system by setting out proposals for the development and use of land in their area. Once it has been registered by the planning authority, the Planning Authority will take them into account in the preparation of the next Local Development Plan. We have now issued an invitation to communities to prepare Local Place Plans and have an online register of interest on our website: [Local Place Plans](#). For further information, you can refer to the circular [Planning circular 1/2022: Local Place Plans](#).

## **The next Local Development Plan for SLC**

The Council formally agreed the preparation of the next Local Development Plan (to be known as LDP3) in summer 2023. Early engagement and evidence gathering are now underway to prepare an Evidence Report, based on the requirements published by the Scottish Government in May 2023: [Local Development Planning guidance](#). The evidence will include information and data and qualitative as well as the 'lived experience' of everyone active in the Council area. By doing this it will capture the aims and ambitions of the Council and its partners, stakeholders and communities. **Annex 2** provides further details. There are some other key assessments that need to be developed alongside the LDP, which help to inform decisions and ensure that the plan meets other legislation requirements. A list of these is provided in **Annex 3**.

Once complete the Evidence Report is submitted to Scottish Ministers for a **Gate Check**. This is to allow an assessment by an independent Reporter of whether the evidence we have produced is sufficient to let us start preparing the Local Development Plan. It will also check that that we have carried out appropriate engagement and consultation.



When we receive confirmation that the Gate Check is complete, work will start on the **Proposed Plan**. This will be map based with site briefs and masterplans to detail how sites will be developed. Sites must be deliverable and free from constraints, and we will be actively engaging with developers and key agencies to evidence this. Undeveloped sites in LDP2 will be looked at again and may be removed if they are no longer deliverable or viable or accord with the policy direction in NPF4.

A **Call for Ideas** will be carried out early on in this stage of plan preparation so that proposed ideas for any part of the plan can be submitted, including policy or suggestions for development sites.

Once the proposed plan has been prepared, we will carry out formal **consultation** of a minimum period of 12 weeks. This will include neighbour notification for anyone who owns, or leases sites or neighbouring land affected. During this period anyone can make representations to the Council either in support of the plan or if they wish to object.

After the consultation period we can **modify** the proposed plan to take account of representations made to the Council or consultation responses from key agencies.

When we cannot agree modifications then the representation is considered unresolved. When this happens, the proposed plan is submitted to Scottish Ministers for **examination** carried out by a reporter from the Department for Planning and Environmental Appeals. Once the Examination is complete the Reporter will prepare a report setting out their recommendations and any modifications they require to be made. The report will be submitted to the Council along with anyone who has made unresolved representations. The Council are to make the modifications except in limited circumstances. After this we will carry out the process for the formal **adoption** of the Plan.

## The Timetable

| Key stages   | Timetable                 | Actions  |
|--|---------------------------|--|
| Evidence gathering   | Summer 2023- Autumn 2024  | Includes: Local Place Plan register, Self-build register, Urban Capacity Study, Green Belt Review, Settlement Boundary Review, Open Space Audit, Play Sufficiency Assessment, Retail Studies, Town Centre appraisals, Vacant and Derelict Land Survey, Housing Land Audit, Employment Land Audit, Conservation Area Appraisals, Dismantled Railways Mapping. |
| Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement update | May 2024                  | We published an approved Participation Statement in late 2023. This has been updated to reflect current engagement and timetable for participation throughout 2024/25.   |
| LDP3 early engagement                                      | Summer 2023 – Winter 2024 | Comprehensive early sense check on evidence gathering to identify areas of conflict or disagreement in terms of data interpretation. Engagement requires capturing hard to reach, young people, minority groups and place-based communities to ensure we capture the lived experience.   |
| Preparation of Evidence Report                             | Winter 2024/25            | The evidence report will identify any gaps in the evidence required; our interpretation of the evidence gathered and the implications for the proposed plan; and a summary of any conflicting views on the evidence and lived experience. Approval of South Lanarkshire Council is required prior to submission for the Gate Check.                          |
| Scottish Government Gate Check                             | Spring 2025               | Submission of evidence report to Scottish Government who will appoint a Reporter to identify any unresolved issues and provide evidence base for developing strategy is robust.  |
| Strategy development for Proposed LDP3                     | Winter 2024 – Spring 2026 | Development of key strategies to support development of LDP, including Open Space Strategy, Housing Needs and Demand Assessment and Employment Land review.  |
| Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement update | May 2025                  | Updated to provide engagement strategy for developing Proposed Plan.   |

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| Call for ideas and continuing engagement                   | Spring 2025  | The call for ideas will be an invitation open to everyone to propose ideas for any aspect of the new local development plan including local policy/guidance and land allocations.  |
| Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement update | May 2026     | Updated to provide stakeholder consultation timings and process.   |
| Proposed Plan consultation                                 | Spring 2026  | Proposed Plan presented to Full Council for approval.<br><br>One approved statutory consultation of minimum 12 weeks to allow any representations from stakeholders, including the public, which seek to make changes to the plan. This stage will include targeted engagement with key stakeholders and communities most affected by the proposals. |
| Modification of the Proposed Local Development Plan        | Autumn 2026  | Modifications carried out to proposed plan. The Regulations state that there is no requirement to invite comment on the Modification Report. However, this depends on whether new information has been submitted that challenges the evidence position in terms of strategy development.   |
| Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement update | May 2027     | Updated to provide Participation Statement as part of LDP Examination submission.  |
| Examination  | Winter 2026  | Council submits Proposed LDP to Scottish Government for examination of any unresolved issues. DPEA issues Examination Report providing Council with recommendations on how to resolve these issues.  |
| Adoption   | Winter 2027  | Modifications and any new material considerations incorporated into Proposed LDP and presented to Council for adoption.  |
| Post-Adoption Monitoring and Delivery Programme            | 2028 onwards | Monitoring and delivery programme for LDP established and updated regularly to identify any modifications or requirements to ensure delivery.  |

## Participation Statement

To develop the Local Development Plan (LDP3), we are asking you to share with us your thoughts and ideas of how to create successful and enjoyable places within South Lanarkshire. Our Participation Statement outlines the range of engagement we will be carrying out and who we will interact with. We aim to engage with as many people as possible to collect the information needed to reflect the strengths and opportunities that we can build upon. If it's done right, LDP3 will embody everything we've learned from you and will provide local approaches to meet these identified needs.

We would like to hear from you, and in your own words, about the things that matter to you. As part of this, we recognise you may have many different roles and interests. We believe that everyone has the right and the skillset to get involved, and by doing so you will be making a valuable contribution to the improvement and wellbeing of your area. This is your plan, and it needs to embody your views and the diverse needs of communities within South Lanarkshire. To reflect our diverse needs, we will prepare individual programmes to connect with communities. Targeted strategies to reach underrepresented groups are included in this.

The Participation Statement is a 'living' document that will regularly be updated to reflect good practice and changing circumstances. We will listen to feedback from your experience of engagement with us and we will take steps to make improvements going forward. We hope our Participation Statement helps you to feel empowered, welcomed, and that your input and lived experience of South Lanarkshire is hugely valuable to us.

### What general principles will we follow?

- The approach to engagement on LDP3 will be shaped by the principles highlighted in the [National Standards for Community Engagement](#).
- We will ensure that people with protected characteristics (including race, age, gender, sex, sexual orientation and disability) are not discriminated against, and are actively included in the engagement process.
- The contents of the draft [Effective community engagement in local development planning guidance: consultation](#) published on 24 May 2023 will be used to shape our engagement activities with local communities.
- We will also incorporate the [Planning and Building Standards Consultation Communication and Engagement Strategy 2021](#) into our engagement methods.

### **Our inclusive approach**

- We will encourage participation from as wide a range of stakeholders as possible throughout the LDP process. We want to make it as easy as possible for everyone with an interest to engage in its preparation.
- Information will be provided in accessible formats to meet the needs of our varied stakeholders. We will exchange and gather information using graphics and audio to remove the barrier for those with vision impairment or literacy and numeracy challenges. We understand that using technology won't always be the best method for everyone, and in these cases we will use alternative methods. In addition to English, we will provide the document in additional language formats.
- Engagement with children and young people, older people, disabled people and Gypsy/Travellers is a statutory requirement. We will work with the Council's Education Service as well as organisations such as the Youth Panel, Seniors Together, the Access Panel, Lanarkshire Ethnic Minorities Action Group and Minority Ethnic Carers of People Project to develop appropriate methods to engage.
- We will develop a programme with Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire to facilitate engagement with the many local voluntary groups across the Council's area.

### **How will we publicise engagement opportunities and provide feedback?**

We have:

- Created an online information hub: [Local Development Plan 3 \(LDP3\) - South Lanarkshire Council](#)
- Emailed a package of guidance and the survey link to all key contacts to gain initial feedback.
- Placed adverts in local newspapers and South Lanarkshire View.
- Updated the South Lanarkshire Council website.
- Issued social media announcements regarding the survey.
- Collaborated with Community Planning colleagues to identify key groups.
- Printed banners and flyers.
- Contacted representative organisations for hard-to-reach groups.
- Established links with active groups and community leaders within the council area.

## **An emphasis on good communication**

We have:

- Identified from feedback on the Participation Statement last summer an online survey as the key form of evidence gathering for engagement using a simplified form of the Place Standard. For further clarification on the survey answers we will follow up with in person workshops or individual discussions on the issues raised.
- Created an online hub to enable updates on the plan making process to be provided as well as to invite comments and suggestions.
- Identified communities who have developed Community Action Plans or indicated an interest in developing a Local Place Plan.

We will:

- Focus on topics or issues that people are most interested in.
- Where it would be advantageous to the stakeholder, we will facilitate other services to provide questionnaires and the Place Standard Tool on our behalf.
- Participate in other consultations being carried out by the Council and its partners.
- Request invites to attend events within communities and work closely with colleagues in Community Planning who have already established strong links to communities.
- Ensure that the format of communication is led by accessibility and ease of use.
- Involve communities who may be excluded from participating due to disadvantage relating to social or economic factors.

## **Ways in which we will gather information and comments include:**

We have:

- Developed a survey using a simplified form of the Place Standard Tool to ensure accessibility for all age ranges.
- Issued the survey to the Council's Citizens Panel and Peoples Panel.

We will:

- Regularly update the web pages on the process and the outcomes from engagement.
- Will hold Exhibitions and workshops over the summer months.
- Work closely with our Community Planning Partnership partners to engage with people living in communities experiencing socio-economic difficulties to gain a better understanding of their place.
- We will promote and facilitate the participation of children and young people under the age of 25 to seek views on their lived experience. Proposed methods of engagement will include the online survey to support conversations between educators/teachers and children, and capture views about play needs and opportunities in their area, including likes and dislikes about their places. We will engage through South Lanarkshire Youth Council, Youth Parliament Representatives, student representatives in higher education and the Council's Education Services.

- Seek the views of and engage with Gypsies and Travellers to help gain a perspective on their distinct planning needs. Positive engagement with Gypsies and Travelling People will be facilitated through dialogue with representative organisations and the Council's Gypsy/Traveller Liaison Officer. Attention will also be given to non-written and face-to-face on-site engagement.
- Work with groups and organisations representing disabled people and older people to establish the most suitable methods of engagement and multimedia formats to share and collect information.

### **Who can participate?**

Participation in the preparation of Local Development Plan 3 is open to everyone and inclusion will be encouraged, including (this is not an exhaustive list):

- South Lanarkshire residents and those with an interest in the area
- Landowners, developers and housing providers
- Business, industry, and tourism groups
- Elected members
- Underrepresented and minority groups
- Religious bodies and organisations
- Voluntary organisations
- Neighbouring authorities
- Rural communities

### **Other key groups:**

- Children and young people
- Disabled people
- Gypsies and Travellers, and Showpeople
- Community Councils
- Older people
- Communities experiencing socio-economic disadvantage
- Community bodies who have expressed an interest in, or have completed, a Local Place Plan.

**Key Agencies:**

The key agencies are set out in the Town and Country Planning (Development Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 as follows:

- NatureScot
- Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)
- Scottish Water
- Scottish Enterprise
- Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT)
- NHS Lanarkshire
- Historic Environment Scotland (HES)

**National and Regional agencies:**

- Transport Scotland
- Scottish Forestry
- Sport Scotland
- Architecture and Design Scotland
- Central Scotland Green Network Partnership

**A sample of topic interest groups:**

- Natural Environment and Climate
- Historic Environment
- Art, Leisure and Culture
- Active travel and transport
- Town centre and business groups
- Food growing and local living



## Mediation

The use of mediation to help build bridges between stakeholders and explore, reduce or resolve issues of dispute in development planning is highlighted in the Scottish Government - Circular 2/2021: Guidance on the promotion and use of mediation in the Scottish Planning System LINK Mediation has the potential benefits of opening up communication, improving relationships and encouraging a way to move forward from disputes, however, this does not guarantee dispute resolution or an agreement between parties.

It is a voluntary process and can be facilitated either by an impartial third party or through 'informal mediation' where planners and other relevant stakeholders take a mediation-style / facilitatory approach in their work. We will have regard to any requests for the use of [mediation](#) through the consultation process of the Participation Statement. Where the Council has been requested to enter into mediation during the local development plan process, each case will be considered on its individual merits.

## Annex 1

### Sustainable places

| NPF4 Policies   | Key Scottish Government links  | Council Plans/Strategies  |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tackling the climate and nature crises</li> <li>2. Climate mitigation and adaptation</li> <li>3. Biodiversity</li> <li>4. Natural places</li> <li>5. Soils</li> <li>6. Forestry, woodland and trees</li> <li>7. Historic assets and places</li> <li>8. Green belts</li> <li>9. Brownfield land, vacant and derelict land and empty buildings</li> <li>10. Coastal development</li> <li>11. Energy</li> <li>12. Zero waste</li> <li>13. Sustainable transport</li> </ol> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land Use – getting the best from our land: strategy 2021 – 2026</li> <li>• Making things last: a circular economy strategy for Scotland</li> <li>• Scotland’s Energy Strategy</li> <li>• Scotland’s Environment Strategy</li> <li>• Scotland’s Forestry Strategy</li> <li>• Scottish Biodiversity Strategy</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Plan – Connect</li> <li>• Community Plan</li> <li>• Various neighbourhood plans</li> <li>• Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy</li> <li>• Carbon Management Plan</li> <li>• Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (under preparation)</li> <li>• Biodiversity Strategy</li> <li>• Glasgow and Clyde Valley Forestry and Woodland Strategy</li> <li>• Local Transport Strategy (under review)</li> <li>• Park and Ride Strategy</li> <li>• Various active travel studies</li> </ul> |

### Liveable Places

| NPF4 Policies  | Key Scottish Government links   | Council Plans/Strategies  |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14. Design, quality and place</li> <li>15. Local living and 20-minute neighbourhoods</li> <li>16. Quality homes</li> <li>17. Rural homes</li> <li>18. Infrastructure first</li> <li>19. Heat and cooling</li> </ol> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Connected Scotland</li> <li>• A Healthier Future: Scotland’s diet and healthy weight delivery plan</li> <li>• Cleaner Air for Scotland 2</li> <li>• Creating Places</li> <li>• Culture Strategy</li> <li>• Heat in Buildings Strategy Housing to 2040</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Housing Strategy</li> <li>• Food Strategy</li> <li>• Air Quality Strategy (under preparation)</li> </ul> |

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| <p>20. Blue and green infrastructure<br/> 21. Play, recreation and sport<br/> 22. Flood risk and water management<br/> 23. Health and Safety<br/> 24. Digital infrastructure</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning Estate Strategy/Learning Estate Investment Programme</li> <li>• Public Health Priorities for Scotland</li> <li>• Remote, Rural and Islands Housing Action</li> <li>• Scotland's Population Strategy</li> </ul> |  |
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### Productive Places

| NPF4 Policies  | Key Scottish Government links   | Council Plans/Strategies  |
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| <p>25. Community wealth building<br/> 26. Business and industry<br/> 27. City, town, local and commercial centres<br/> 28. Retail<br/> 29. Rural development<br/> 30. Tourism<br/> 31. Culture and creativity<br/> 32. Aquaculture<br/> 33. Minerals</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Strategy for Economic Transformation</li> <li>• Retail Strategy for Scotland</li> <li>• Report of the City Centre Recovery Taskforce</li> <li>• Scottish land rights and responsibilities statement</li> <li>• Town Centre Action Plan 2</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic Strategy</li> <li>• Community Wealth Building Strategy</li> <li>• Social Enterprise Strategy</li> <li>• Tourism Strategy</li> <li>• Various town centre strategies</li> </ul> |

## Annex 2

### Matters to be addressed in the LDP3 Evidence Report

- The principal physical, cultural, economic, social, built heritage and environmental characteristics of the district;
- The principal purposes for which the land is used;
- The size, composition, health and distribution of the population of the district;
- The housing needs of the population of the area, including the needs of persons undertaking further and higher education, older people, disabled people;
- The availability of land in the district for housing, including for older people and disabled people;
- The desirability of allocating land for the purposes of resettlement;
- The health needs of the population of the district and the likely effects of development and use of land on those health needs;
- The education needs of the population of the district and the likely effects of development and use of land on those education needs;
- The extent to which there are rural areas within the district in relation to which there has been a substantial decline in population;
- The capacity of education services in the district;
- The desirability of maintaining an appropriate number and range of cultural venues and facilities (including in particular, but not limited to, live music venues) in the district;
- The infrastructure of the district (including communications, transport and drainage systems, systems for the supply of water and energy, and health care and education facilities); [the reference to energy includes land available for the development and use of facilities for renewable sources of energy.
- How that infrastructure is used; and
- Any change which the planning authority thinks may occur in relation to any of the matters mentioned above

### The Evidence Report must also set out the following:

- A summary of the action taken by the planning authority to support and promote the construction and adaptation of housing to meet the housing needs of older people and disabled people in the authority's area, and analysis of the extent to which the action has helped to meet those needs.
- A summary of the action taken by the planning authority to meet the accommodation needs of Gypsy/Travellers in the authority's area, and an analysis of the extent to which that action has helped to meet those needs.
- How the authority has invited local communities to prepare LPPs, and what assistance they have provided.

## Annex 3

### Additional Assessments

Other impact assessments are required to be carried out alongside the plan preparation process. The assessments include:

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| <b>Strategic Environmental Assessment</b> | This is a statutory requirement to ensure the environment is a primary consideration when preparing the plan and that the environmental and sustainability implications of the emerging plan and its proposals are assessed. It allows a better understanding of the environmental context and sets out the steps to avoid, mitigate or reduce significant adverse impacts, or indeed enhance any positive ones. SEA will be based on the Council's State of the Environment report. A link to the 2021 version is here, <a href="#">South Lanarkshire State of the Environment Report 2021</a> , however, it is expected that the updated 2023 version will be available during the Evidence Report stage. Scoping of the Evidence Report will be done in tandem with the scoping report for the SEA. |
| <b>Habitats Regulations Assessment</b>    | This is a statutory requirement to consider the potential impacts of the proposed plan on internationally important wildlife sites. The HRA will be done as we consider the ideas presented to us during the preparation of the proposed plan as well as any sites carried forward from LDP2. Any policy content in LDP3 will also be subject to HRA assessment.   |
| <b>Equalities Impact Assessment</b>       | This ensures that a wide range of people are involved in shaping their places during the plan making process. The Participation Statement is a key document in this regard. In addition, the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child means young people are actively encouraged to play a part. We will ensure children and young people are fully and appropriately engaged as described in the Participation Statement.   |
| <b>Public Sector Equality Duty</b>        | This is intended to ensure the Council seeks to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between persons who share a protected characteristic.  |
| <b>Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment</b>    | This places a legal responsibility on the Council to consider how they can reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage when making strategic decisions so that we make better policy decisions and deliver fairer outcomes. Key issues include low income, low wealth and area deprivation. It will be important to engage with relevant communities to understand the issues faced.  |

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| <b>Health Impact Assessment</b> | Health impact assessment (HIA) considers the potential, and sometimes unintended, effects a policy, strategy or service plan may have on the health of a population. It is particularly useful for considering effects on vulnerable or disadvantaged groups. HIA considers the socioeconomic determinants of health and how they influence health outcomes. Evidence from research, data and the experience of stakeholders is used to inform the assessment. |
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