

Infrastructure Delivery Plan

1 Summary

- 1.1. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) (Annex 1) outlines the infrastructure identified to support the delivery of the Local Plan and our 2030 Vision. It identifies critical, important, desirable, and local priority infrastructure. This revised Plan provides an up-to-date list of these items of infrastructure.

Recommendation that you:	a. note the contents of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (Annex 1)
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2. Background

- 2.1. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) was noted by Members in March 2019 as part of the evidence base to support Examination of the Local Plan. Given the levels of development and therefore infrastructure needs to support new development proposals are small compared to many other areas of the country, there has been little need to update the infrastructure delivery plan. However, as it has now been five years since it was published, and we have two new Unitary Authorities it is good timing to bring this new list back to Members.
- 2.2. The IDP supports the implementation of Policy 08: Infrastructure and Developer Contributions as it provides the evidence of the infrastructure projects. The IDP is a 'live' document meaning it will be reviewed regularly to ensure existing projects within the Plan remain up to date and any new infrastructure required is added to the list. The IDP for the Lake District identifies planned infrastructure improvements and deficiencies in existing provisions. The IDP also assists with enabling the Authority and unitary authorities to identify possible mechanisms to support and deliver the infrastructure required.
- 2.3. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) requires local plans to include strategic policies which set out the strategy for growth in the area to meet local needs and objectives, and to make sufficient provision for the delivery of new infrastructure.
- 2.4. The IDP is an aspirational document and considers a wide range of infrastructure projects, therefore for some infrastructure projects the level of detail is limited and may not ever be delivered. Some of these projects will need planning permission to be delivered.
- 2.5. IDPs can consider a range of infrastructure suitable to the needs and aspirations of the area being considered. This Plan covers the following types of infrastructure:
- Public transport
 - Sustainable transport infrastructure
 - Public rights of way
 - Play areas
 - Public realm
 - Digital infrastructure
 - Biodiversity
 - Flood prevention and management
 - Highways

- 2.6. The IDP sets out what is required for the future, where and when it is needed, who is responsible for its provision and how it will be funded. Prioritisation of infrastructure has also been assessed and identified in five categories: critical, important, desirable, local priority and strategic.
- 2.7. Infrastructure and services are provided by many different organisations. The IDP includes not only infrastructure schemes to be provided by the Authority, unitary authorities and other responsible public and private sector partners. Some infrastructure may be secured through developer contributions during the planning application process.
- 2.8. A number of infrastructure projects have been removed from the list as they have now been delivered. Some examples include the West Cumbria Pipeline and the replacement vehicular bridge at Pooley Bridge.

3. Policy Context

- 3.1. Local Plan Policy 08: Infrastructure and Developer Contributions references the IDP stating that it should be used to assess the type of infrastructure towards which contributions may be sought.
- 3.2. The NPPF's description of sustainable development includes 'identifying and coordinating the provision of infrastructure' as an economic objective. The NPPF also outlines that infrastructure provision is essential to the delivery of social and environmental objectives, for example through community facilities and green infrastructure. Therefore, infrastructure provision is essential to the delivery of sustainable development.

4. Options

- 4.1.
 - a) Members agree the recommendation to note the contents of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.
 - b) Members propose an alternative approach.

5. Proposals

- 5.1. Option a) is recommended. It is important we update the IDP to ensure that the IDP remains a live document to be used when assessing infrastructure needs and allocating funding.

6. Stakeholder Consultation

- 6.1. Stakeholder consultation with Westmorland and Furness Council, Cumberland Council and relevant LDNPA colleagues has taken place to ensure the infrastructure delivery plan includes pipeline projects and the most up-to-date funding information.

7. Demonstrating Best Value

- a) Challenged – we are challenging ourselves to ensure the IDP is effective, in line with the NPPF and is kept up to date.
- b) Compared – we have compared our approach to updating the IDP with the unitary authorities, other National Parks and local authorities.

- c) Consulted – stakeholder engagement with neighbouring authorities was held to update the IDP (Annex 1). The IDP has been updated based on the current information and costs available for assessing infrastructure requirements. These have been identified by the Authority and other external partners.
- d) Compete – not relevant.

8. Finance Considerations

- 8.1. There are no significant financial issues arising from this report.

9. Risk

Risk	Consequence	Controls Required
We do not keep an up to date IDP	The IDP would not reflect current infrastructure requirements in the Lake District and therefore opportunities for delivery are missed.	Review of IDP at regular intervals.

10. Legal Considerations

- 10.1. There are no legal considerations of relevance to this report.

11. Human Resources

- 11.1. The recommendation will not have a significant impact on staff resources.

12. Diversity Implications

- 12.1. There are no diversity implications arising from this report.

13. Sustainability

- 13.1. The Local Plan encourages and supports sustainable development. The IDP is a live Local Plan evidence base document that identifies infrastructure deficiencies and planned improvements that contribute to achieving the vision of the Local Plan.

Background Papers
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Annex 1: Infrastructure Delivery Plan

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