



Planning Policy Committee – 15 April 2013

2013/14 Work Programme

Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is to :

- Consider the 2013/14 Work Programme for the Planning Policy and Conservation Team

Attachment(s)

Appendix 1 Proposed Work Programme

1.0 Background

1.1 As Members will be aware, whilst there are currently delays to the review of the Core Spatial Strategy and Four Towns Plan, due to the Rushden Lakes Appeal, there is still a considerable amount of work that the Planning Policy team are undertaking.

1.2 In particular Members should also note that whilst there is the delay to the formal submission of the Core Spatial Strategy and the 4 Towns Plan, there is a lot of preparatory work that needs to be undertaken including key discussions with the Committee on policy formulation, so that when the Rushden lakes appeal decision is known the Council can move speedily to undertaking the consultation on its planning document(s)

1.3 This report sets out the current key areas of work and projects that the Planning Policy and Conservation Team are already involved in, or anticipate as forthcoming for the financial year (2012/13).

1.4 It should be noted that the attached schedule is not a detailed list of all the activities within each of the headings but provides a “flavour” of the work. In addition it does not include regular tasks, such as involvement in pre-application advice, responding to planning application, appeals and enforcement work, work on tree preservation orders, conservation advice, other policy and monitoring enquiries, and responding to formal policy consultations from other local authorities.

2.0 Proposed Work Programme

2.1 Appendix 1 sets out the proposed Work Programme. More detailed information about the Four Towns Plan and Neighbourhood Plans are attached to Appendix 1 of the separate Planning Policy Report which sets out key areas of work relating to the Four Towns Plan.

3.0 Conclusion

3.1 The proposed Work Programme is presented for consideration.

4.0 Equality and Diversity Implications

4.1 There are no equality and diversity implications.

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 The lack of an up-to-date plan would potentially result in more planning appeals, with associated potential costs for the Council.

6.0 Risk Management

6.1 Delays to the preparation of the Four Towns Plan will result in the south of the District not having an up-to-date, robust detailed planning policy framework to defend against any unwanted development. However, the existing North Northamptonshire Core Spatial Strategy (adopted June 2008) does provide a strategic policy framework for this area, and a small number of “saved” policies from the 1996 District Local Plan still remain in force.

7.0 Financial Implications

7.1 None

8.0 Corporate Outcomes

8.1 The relevant Corporate Outcomes are:

- Good quality of life: Regeneration and Economic Development, Sustainable Development, High quality built environment
- Strong strategic partnerships

9.0 Recommendation

9.1 Members note current progress.
(Reason – to provide an update on progress for Members’ information)

Legal	Power: Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, Localism Act 2011				
	Other considerations: None				
Background Papers: None					
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Project	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14
Industrial/Commercial Surveys -annual monitoring report													
Carry out industrial and commercial surveys of District													
Leisure and open space Surveys-annual monitoring report													
Carry out leisure survey of District													
Monitoring Reports and Contextual Information													
Prepare monitoring data/report and information													
Islip Conservation Area -Designation													
Complete appraisal and management plan, carry out formal consultation process													
Article 4 Directions Review/Update													
Awaiting Legal advice before progress can be made and timetable re-set													
Review Programme of Conservation Area designations													
Review current programme													
Review Buildings at Risk Register													
Review BaRR to see if further action needed by ENC													
Review Tree Applications Processes/Procedures													
Review Processes/Procedures to investigate potential systems efficiencies													
King's Cliffe Meadow: Local Nature Reserve designation													
Some improvements to the site are required before Natural England will support the LNR designation. Bid prepared and submitted to seek grant funding to enable this to happen (partnered by NCC and Wildlife Trust).													

key:
development plan work
neighbourhood planning work
monitoring/work to support planning policy development

