

Appendix 2

Draft Delivery Agreement - Officer Recommended Changes

The following appendix considers and recommends further amendments where they are required to address matters of accuracy and implementation, and where they offer clarity and enhance their meaning and understanding.

The following also sets out further recommended amendments to the timetable arising from the receipt of the letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs, Lesley Griffiths AM dated the 29th March 2018. This letter followed the earlier invitation to Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire and Ceredigion County Councils to give consideration to the preparation of a Joint Revised Local Development Plan (LDP).

In referencing the above letter, regard has been had to the requirement for a prescribed timetable of no more than 3.5 years from formal commencement of the process, with allowance for a single slippage period of 3 months. It should be noted that the Cabinet Secretary makes it clear that she is not minded to agree to any further extensions to the Delivery Agreement (DA) beyond the initial agreement.

Chapter 2. The Timetable

In light of the reference to the Cabinet Secretary's letter above, and the requirement to amend the Revised LDP Timetable to reflect no more than a 3.5 year preparatory process, it is consequently recommended that the timetable for Plan preparation be revised as set out in figure 1 below. It should be noted the 3.5 year preparatory process commences with the WG approval of the DA, anticipated as July 2018.

It should be noted that this will form the amended Appendix 1 within the final DA.

It is further recommended that consequential changes be made as required within the relevant sections of the DA to reflect the changes to the timetable (notably Table 2 – Timetable – Key Stages and Appendix 2: Timetable and Community Involvement).

For ease of reference, the main changes include:

- Extension to the Candidate Site Stage (and consequential changes to the publication of Candidate Sites) as outlined in the main report.

- Removal of the Focused Changes Stage from the timetable. In this respect the Focused Changes are not a statutory part of the Plan making process, indeed they may not in themselves be required. The inclusion of this stage within the Draft DA was in the interests of completeness. It is also noted that the three month slippage period identified above would suffice in terms of any requirement to undertake focused changes.
- Removal of the initial stages which preceded the consultation on the Draft DA from the timetable.
- Amendments to timetable to reflect the amended adoption date.
- Rationalisation of the Examination period, including a recognition of the August recess in scheduling the proposed adoption date for the Revised LDP.
- Consequential amended date for the Adoption of the Revised Carmarthenshire LDP November/December 2021.

It should be noted that no representations were received which directly to the content of the DA timetable.

Paragraph 2.2.7

Recommended that the list in relation to the staff resources set out within para 2.2.7 be amended to read as follows. This reflects the Council's commitment to resourcing the preparation of the Revised LDP:

'LDP Team

Head of Planning (5%)

Forward Planning Manager (60%)

Forward Planning Officer (x5) (70%)

Sustainability and Ecology Support Officer (Policy) (70%)

Monitoring and Implementation Officer (30%)

Graphic Design and Technical Support Officer (70%)

Technical Assistant (75%)

Forward Planning Assistant (75%)'

