



ELECTED MEMBER WORKSHOPS ON MIDLOTHIAN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2 ENGAGEMENT AND UPDATED MIDLOTHIAN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2 TIMETABLE

Report by Chief Officer Place

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to set out the dates for the upcoming elected member workshops on the Midlothian Local Development Plan 2 (MLDP2) and to provide an updated MLDP2 timetable.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting of 28 February 2023 the Committee considered a report on the National Planning Framework No.4 (NPF4) and formally launched its review of its local development plan. At its meeting of 16 May 2023 the Committee considered a report on the MLDP2 work streams and also approved an Engagement Plan.
- 2.2 Since March 2023 the Planning Service has been undertaking a wide reaching engagement programme which has included (but not limited to):
- Holding in-person drop-in events in the community;
 - Local Place Plan/Community Council engagement sessions;
 - Key agency meetings;
 - Internal officer/service meetings;
 - Online questionnaires for volunteer and community groups, landowners and developers and key agencies;
 - Meeting specialist groups such as the Gypsy/Traveller Forum and the Disabled Group Forum;
 - In-person sessions with young people held at high schools, primary schools and youth clubs;
 - In-person sessions with business representatives – Mid and East Lothian Chamber of Commerce, Midlothian Tourist Forum, Midlothian Science Zone, Midlothian Energy Ltd and Scottish Enterprise; and
 - Developer/house-builder meetings.

3 ELECTED MEMBER WORKSHOPS

- 3.1 As part of the engagement on MLDP2, it has previously been agreed that workshops with elected members be arranged. The purpose of these workshops is to inform elected members of the implications of NPF4 for Midlothian, to start capturing elected members ambitions and ideas for MLDP2 and to provide feedback on wider community engagement.
- 3.2 The first set of workshops were held in May 2023 and the next workshops are scheduled for November 2023 (invites have been issued). To maximise the opportunity for engagement with elected members, two sessions, split on a ward basis, are being held. The November set of workshops are being held at 2.00pm on 14 November 2023 for Midlothian West, Midlothian South and Penicuik Ward elected members and 2.00pm on 22 November 2023 for Dalkeith, Midlothian East and Bonnyrigg Ward elected members.
- 3.3 Further elected member workshops will be arranged in 2024 and 2025 as the MLDP2 process progresses from evidence gathering to the preparation of a draft plan (site selections and policy formulation).

4 MIDLOTHIAN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2 TIMESCALES

- 4.1 The below table sets out the latest indicative timescale for the production of the MLDP2.

Indicative Timescale for Production of MLDP2

	Key Stage	Approval Body	Timescale
1	Formal commencement of MLDP2 (<i>MLDP2 has commenced</i>)	Planning Committee	February 2023
2	Invitations to community groups to prepare Local Place Plans (LPPs) (<i>invitations issued</i>)	Planning Committee	March 2023
3	Widespread engagement to inform production of the MLDP2 Evidence Report (<i>engagement underway</i>)	Planning Committee	2023
4	Position update – update on engagement and key issues	Planning Committee	November 2023
5	Consideration of draft Local Place Plans submitted	Planning Committee	January 2024
6	Consideration of MLDP2 Evidence Report for submission to Scottish Ministers “Gate Check” ahead of Full Council	Planning Committee	14 March 2024
7	Approval of MLDP2 Evidence Report for submission to Scottish Ministers “Gate Check”	Full Council	29 March 2024
8	Consideration of finalised Local Place Plans	Planning Committee	April 2024

9	Reporting the results of/feedback from Scottish Ministers "Gate Check" of the MLDP2 Evidence Report	Planning Committee	From May 2024
10	Approval of MLDP2 Proposed Plan for publication for representations (a 12 week formal consultation period)	Full Council	March/April 2025
11	Approval of the MLDP2 Draft Delivery Programme for publication	Full Council	March/April 2025
12	Approval of MLDP2 Proposed Plan for submission to Scottish Ministers – this may include a Modification Report making changes to the Proposed Plan following representations received	Full Council	December 2025
13	Examination into unresolved issues from representations received on MLDP2 Proposed Plan	N/A	From March 2026
14	Report of Examination Received from the Reporter from the Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals (DPEA) appointed by Scottish Ministers	N/A	September 2026
15	Adoption of MLDP2	Full Council	December 2026
16	Adoption of MLDP2 Delivery Programme	Planning Committee	March 2027

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the details of the November elected member workshops and the updated indicative timescale for the production of MLDP2.

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Background Paper: The 16 May 2023 and 28 February 2023 Committee reports on NPF4 and MLDP2.