

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEME

DECEMBER 2022



INTRODUCTION

The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended by the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006), the Town and Country Planning (Development Planning) Regulations 2008, and the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 require planning authorities to prepare a Development Plan Scheme each year.

The Development Plan Scheme sets out the timelines for preparing the new Local Development Plan 2027, updates on planning guidance and masterplanning and includes a Participation Statement which sets out who, when and how we will consult with stakeholders.

The Scheme is reviewed annually. The process for preparing local development plans in Scotland is changing and will be informed by the final version of National Planning Framework 4 and new Development Planning Regulations which

are anticipated to be adopted by the Scottish Government by the end of 2022 and early 2023 respectively. Key changes included within the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 include the replacement of the Main Issues Report stage with a new Evidence Report and Gatecheck procedure aiming to streamline the Examination process and ensure an evidence led approach is taken in preparing the Proposed Plan.

The timelines will be reviewed and updated as work progresses on the various workstreams to support the existing LDP and to prepare the new LDP. Preparing the new Plan will involve extensive stakeholder and community engagement and the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 requires engagement with specific stakeholder groups such as young people. The Participation Statement is included as an Appendix to this Scheme.



Moray Local Development Plan 2020

The MLDP2020 was adopted on 27th July 2020. A number of Masterplans, Supplementary Guidance and additional planning guidance have been produced to support the Plan and these can be viewed at http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_133431.html

The following work will be progressed over the next 12 months to support the LDP2020 and inform the new LDP2027.

Additional Planning Policy Guidance	Q4 2022
NPF4 policy guidance / interpretation	Q1/2 2023
Mosstodloch Masterplan approved	Q3 2023
Findrassie Masterplan approved	Q3 2023
Landscape Sensitivity Study approved	Q3 2023
Lochyhill Masterplan	to be determined
Developer Obligations Supplementary Guidance updated	Q4 2023
Woodland Strategy	Q3 2023

Moray Local Development Plan 2027

The diagram below summarises the key timelines in preparing the new LDP27 which will replace the current LDP2020.

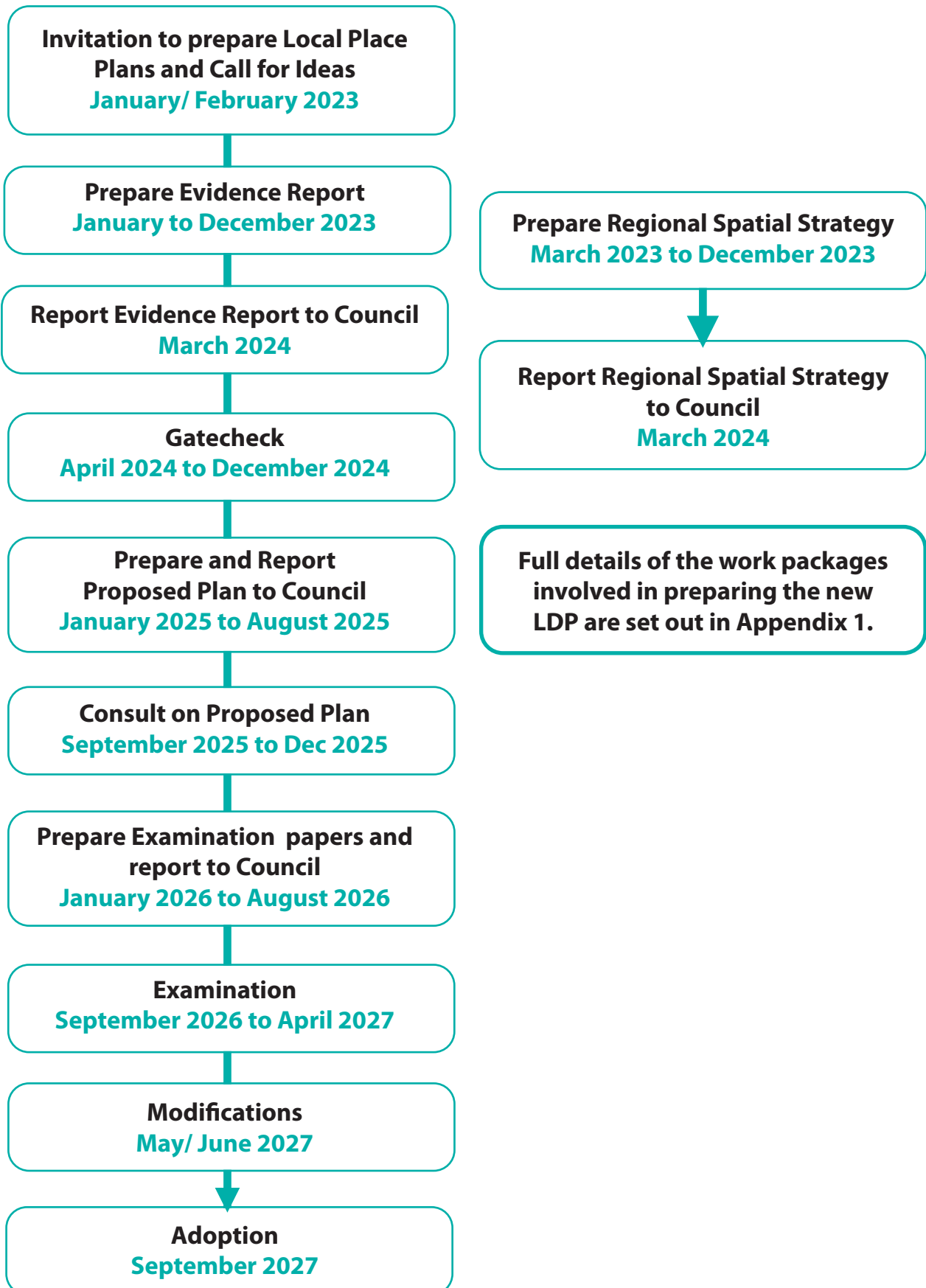
As with many planning authorities in Scotland, the early stages of the plan process were delayed due to uncertainties around the final content and timescale for implementation of the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 which received royal assent in summer 2019.

In October 2020 the Scottish Government issued draft transitional arrangements which were further revised and indicated that if the Proposed LDP is not published by June 2022 then the new procedures would come into effect and the Plan preparation process would have to start again from the beginning.

Under the new requirements, the Scottish Government has confirmed that the target is to have new LDP's in place within 5 years of NPF4 being adopted. The timelines below reflect that target.



Key timelines in preparing the new LDP27



Participation Statement

The Council is committed to encouraging participation from as wide a range of stakeholders as possible in all Local Development Plan related activities, such as masterplans, development briefs and other guidance published throughout the lifetime of the Plan. This Participation Statement outlines how communities and stakeholders will be engaged and have the opportunity to engage, shape and inform the Local Development Plan and associated documents, in line with National Standards for Community Engagement.

The Council aims to ensure that;

- All engagement events are inclusive, open and transparent, this will be reflected in the venues we use, the documents we produce and our methods of engagement;
- Representations are fully considered and help to shape our approach and that feedback is provided to all representations received;
- We take the extra step to engage with as wide an audience as possible, reflecting the diverse nature of our community.

At the outset of the Local Development Plan process we will engage with elected members and with community councils/ associations, explaining the process, seeking views on land use matters, raising awareness of Local Place Plans and how Community Councils can help to raise awareness of the Plan.

Key agencies such as SEPA, Historic Environment Scotland, NatureScot, Scottish Forestry, Transport Scotland, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, NHS Grampian and Scottish Water will be engaged throughout the process. The Council has an infrastructure Delivery Group which includes representation from Transport Scotland, NHS Grampian, Scottish Water and officers from the Council Housing, Transportation and Planning service. The Council will continue to liaise with and consult with Homes for Scotland as an umbrella group and with its individual members.

The full Participation Statement is set out in Appendix 2.



Work package	Internal/ External	Timelines	Budget requirement	Progress on track
Development Plan Scheme	Internal	Dec 2022	No	
Participation Statement	Internal	Dec 2022	No	
Self-Build land register	Internal	Publish February/ March 2023	No	
Invitation to prepare Local Place Plans	Internal	Publish January/ February 2023	No	
Call for Ideas	Internal	Publish January/ February 2023	Advertisement	
Early engagement to inform Evidence Report (see Participation Statement)	Internal	February 2023 to September 2023	No	
20 minute approach for Moray	Internal	Agreed approach June 2023	No	
Demographics-population, migration, households, employment for ER	Internal	Review Complete October 2023	No	
Brownfield sites assessment	Internal	Report to P&RS October 2022	No	
Prepare Housing Land requirement	Internal	Complete HLR paper July 2023	No	
Town and village capacity studies	Internal	Complete studies end May 2023	No	
Review Countryside Around Town boundaries	Internal	Complete review end April 2023	No	



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Review Special Landscape Area boundaries	Internal	Complete review end April 2023	No	
Review Town Centre boundaries	Internal	Complete review end April 2023	No	
Housing Need and Demand Assessment	Internal- led by Housing	Complete by June 2023	Financed by Housing Services	
Review of action taken to support and promote construction and adaptation of housing to meet the needs of older people and disabled people	Internal	Complete by June 2023	No	
Strategic Housing Investment Plan*	Internal	Annual review	No	
Summary of the action taken by the planning authority to meet the accommodation needs of Gypsy/ Travellers and an analysis of the extent to which that action has helped meet those needs.	Internal	Complete by end October 2023	No	
Housing Land Audit 2023 & 2024	Internal	Annual reviews. Complete by end June	No	
Need for short term let control areas	Internal	Review complete by June 2023	No	
Annual Monitoring report 2023 and 2024	Internal	Annual reviews	No	



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Employment Land Audit	Internal	Annual review complete by end June	No	
Town Centre Health Checks 2023	Internal	October 2023	No	
Retail Study	External	Reported to P&RS Committee April 2022	No	Complete
Tourism development opportunities	Internal	Complete December 2023	No	
Minerals survey Demonstrate capable of meeting the 10 year landbank of construction aggregate in all market areas, existing permitted minerals reserves and relevant elements from aggregates survey	Internal	Complete by end September 2023	No	
Tourism Strategy *	Internal	Complete by end September 2023	No	
Moray Economic Strategy *	Internal	Complete by end October 2023	No	
Annual economic activity report/ Council strategy	Internal	Complete by end October 2023	No	
Business Needs survey	External	Complete by end September 2023	£20k	
Areas of inequality and socio economic performance indicators	Internal	Complete by end September 2023	January to May 2023	



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Town Centre Improvement Plans	Internal	Report to P&RS Committee October 2022	No	
Community benefits (NPF4 policy)	Internal	Community benefits report going to Nov Corporate Services Cttee. NPF4 approach to be progressed by Q1/Q2 2023	No	
Open Space Strategy	Internal	Audit complete end February 2023. Complete draft by end September 2023	No	
Carbon calculations NPF4 policy methodology	Internal	Completed by end Q1/Q2 2023	No	
Play Sufficiency Assessment	External	Commission April 2023, complete October 2023	£30k	
LBAP- priority habitats and species and site data	External	April 2023 to December 2023	£12,000	
Forestry/ Woodland & potential wider land uses and recreation	External	January 2023 to September 2023	£45k split between Moray Council, HIE and Scottish Forestry	
Conservation Area Appraisals phase 1	External	Complete April 2023	£12,000 in 22/23, potential for further appraisal work in 23/24	
National strategies relating to climate change and land use*	Internal	Complete August 2023	No	
Areas of poor air quality	Internal	Complete August 2023	No	



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Sources and scale of climate change emissions and climate risks to the region	Internal	Complete August 2023	No	
Heat mapping to inform potential for co-locating developments with high heat demand with sources of heat supply	Internal	Complete by end July 2023	No	
Rural Areas	Internal	Complete September 2023	No	
Carbon and biodiversity offsetting methodologies	Internal and External	Just Transition funding secured	Complete September 2023	
Opportunities for Aquaculture	Internal	Complete August 2023	No	
Realise full potential for electricity and heat from renewable, low carbon and zero emission sources	Internal	Complete by October 2023	No	
Areas of constraint for green energy	Internal with minor external input	Complete June 2023	Potential spend on landscape sensitivity study	
National waste management plan*	Internal	Complete June 2023	No	
Local waste data	Internal	Complete June 2023	No	
Strategic Flood Risk Assessment	Internal	September 2022 to February 2023	No	



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River Basin Management Plans*	Internal	Complete by August 2023	No	
Buildings at risk register*	Internal	Complete by August 2023	No	
Wildland/ areas with wild land quality*	Internal	Complete by August 2023	No	
Data on peat and carbon rich soils*	Internal	Complete by August 2023	No	
Native Woodland Survey of Scotland and Ancient Woodland Inventory	Internal	Complete by August 2023	No	
Review Tree Preservation Orders	Internal	Report to P&RS Committee December 2022	No	
Review of areas designated for their local nature conservation interests	Internal	Complete by September 2022	No	
Coastal evidence and information- erosion, coastal change	Internal	Complete by August 2023	No	
Core Paths*	Internal	Complete by September 2023	No	
Landscape Sensitivity Study, details of wind turbines and solar farms and other RE infrastructure	Internal	Report to P&RS Committee Q3 2023/24	£5k	
Allotments and Food growing areas	Internal	Complete by October 2023	No	



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Sport and Recreation Strategy	TBD	TBD	TBD	
Details of infrastructure capacity and planned investments, including communications, drainage, water, energy, healthcare, education, digital and grey, green and blue infrastructure, drinking water facilities, sewerage, gas, electricity networks	Internal	Complete by September 2023	No	
Learning Estate Strategy*	Internal- Education	Assess implications by September 2023	No	
Reflect proposals from Moray Transport Strategy* Elgin Transport Strategy*	Internal	Complete by September 2023	No	
Transport Appraisal and model	External	1st stage Complete by September 2023, 2nd stage timeline to be confirmed	£250,000	
Transport evidence baseline-identify gaps	Internal	Complete by September 2023	No	
Evidence base on public transport*	Internal	Complete by September 2023	No	
Condition, use and proposals for harbours	Internal	Complete by September 2023	No	



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Travel to work patterns	Internal	Complete by September 2023	No	
Active travel networks and data	Internal	Complete by September 2023	No	
Active Travel Strategy*	Internal	Complete by September 2023	No	
Digital infrastructure and not spots, gaps in provision, investment plans	External	Complete by September 2023	No	
Data on low carbon infrastructure	Internal	Complete by September 2023	No	
Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy*	Internal	Complete by September 2023	No	
Engagement re Evidence report, Place based issues, RSS	Internal with minor external	Complete by October 2023	£5k potential facilitation	
How we have sought views	Internal	Complete by January 2023	None	
How we have invited LPP and taken account of registered LPP	Internal	Complete by January 2023	None	
Public health and well-being indicators, health issues such as obesity, mental health, heart disease	Internal	Complete by September 2023	None	
Site appraisal methodology	Internal	Complete September 2023	None	



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Evidence from impact assessments including carrying out the Equality, Fairer Assessment	Internal	At Evidence Report and Proposed Plan reporting stage	None	
Areas of prime agricultural land*	Internal	Complete July 2023	None	
High risk development areas (HSE)*	Internal	Complete July 2023	None	
Creative Scotland plans and local cultural plans*	Internal	Complete September 2023	None	
Number and range of cultural venues and facilities, including live music	Internal	Complete September 2023	None	
LOIP, Community Plan implications for LDP*	Internal	Complete September 2023	None	
Draft Evidence Report chapters sent to stakeholders. Set out any areas of dispute regarding evidence and areas of agreement	Internal	Send January 2024	None	
Report to full Council	Internal	Report to full Council March 2024	None	
Gatecheck Procedure	External-DPEA	April 2024 to December 2024	Cost of Gatecheck to be clarified by Scottish Government	



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Template for settlement statements- place based approach	Internal	March 2023	None	
Develop local policies and guidance	Internal	March 2023 to September 2023	None	
Prepare Delivery Plan	Internal	April to June 2025	None	
Draft spatial strategy	Internal	February 2023 to November 2023	None	
Report proposed plan to full Council	Internal	August 2025	None	
12 week consultation	Internal	September to end November 2025	None	
Prepare schedule 4's for Council and Examination	Internal	December 2025 to April 2026	None	
Report Schedule 4's to Council and request Examination	Internal	August 2026	None	
Reporter issues further information requests and convenes hearings if necessary	Internal	September 2026 to April 2027	None	
Reporter issues Examination report and Plan modified	External	May/ June2027	Council required to pay for cost of Examination	
Intention to adopt	Internal	July 2027	None	
Adopt Plan	Internal	September 2027	None	
Publish Delivery Programme	Internal	September 2027	None	



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Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Report	Internal	March 2023	None	
SEA Draft Environmental Report	Internal	January 2025	None	
Final Environmental Report	Internal	June 2025	None	
Publish post adoption SEA Statement	Internal	November 2027		
Habitats Regulation Assessment	Internal	June 2025	None	
Report RSS to Committee	Internal	March 2024	Potential facilitation of workshops	



Participation Statement

Engagement Outcomes

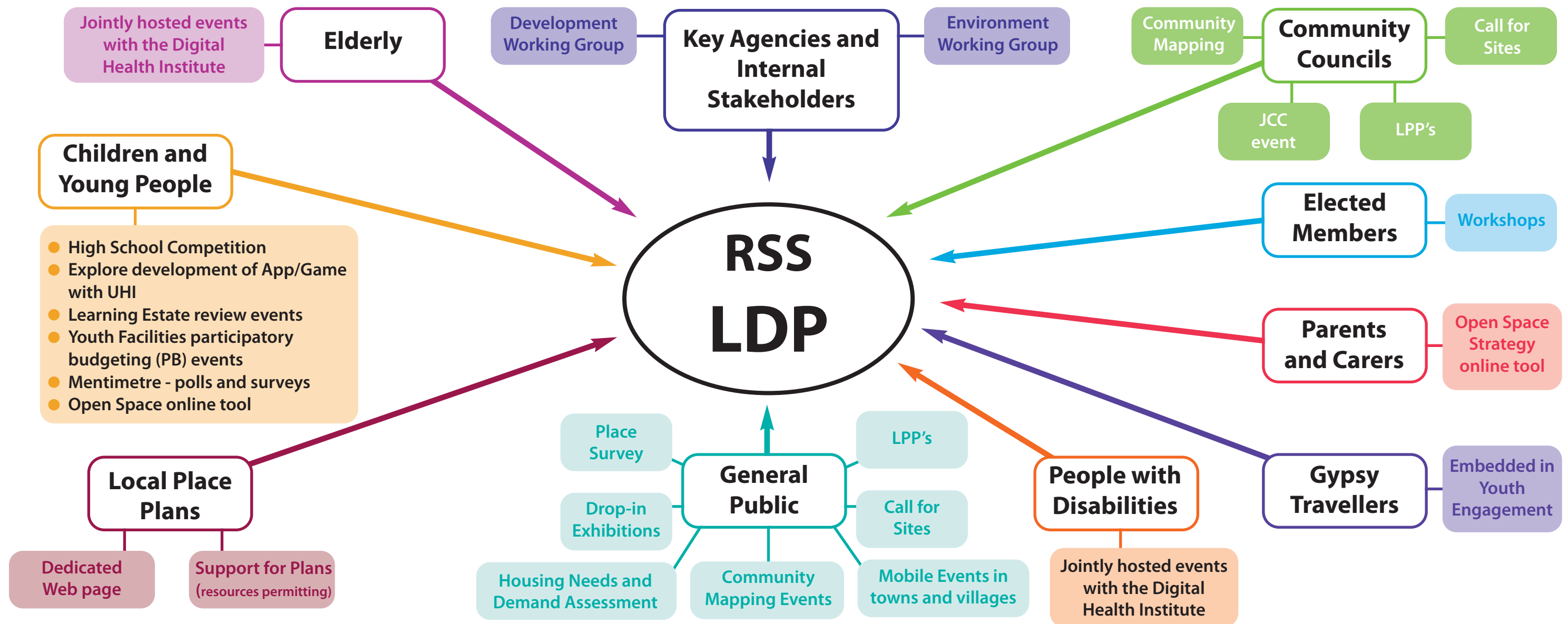
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- Early meaningful and inclusive engagement meeting National Standards for Engagement
- Youth Engagement linked to the Curriculum for Excellence
- Geographic and demographic spread of engagement
- Spatial outputs from engagement to inform “Place” based plan
- Partnership working to engage beyond Local Development Plan both locally and strategically on Moray Growth Deal, Regional Spatial Strategy and Locality Plans
- Deliver engagement through a climate change lens



Evidence Gathering and Evidence Report Stage

Now to September 2023



Methods of Engagement



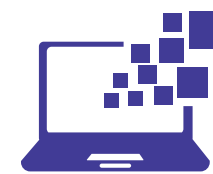
Online

- Website
- Social Media
- 'Place' Survey
- Open Space online tool



Face to face

- Drop in Exhibitions
- Mobile events
- Community Mapping
- Learning Estate Review and PB events



Technology

- Game/App development
- Mentimetre - surveys, polls, quizzes



Facilitated Sessions

- Local Place Plans
- Key Agencies and Internal Stakeholder workshops
- Elected Members workshops

What engagement we are going to undertake at each stage

