

TAYplan Strategic Development Planning Authority April 2010 Newsletter

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1 What is TAYplan?

TAYplan is the new Strategic Development Planning Authority (SDPA) for Angus, Dundee City, Perth & Kinross and North Fife. The key role of the SDPA is to prepare and maintain an up to date Strategic Development Plan for the area. This process will involve engagement and consultation with a number of key stakeholder organisations and the wider community.

2 What is a Strategic Development Plan?

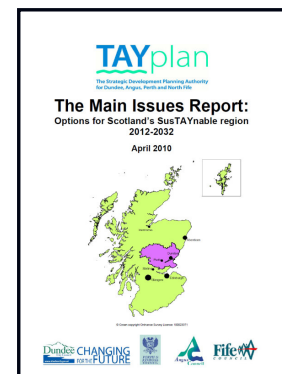
When approved, the Strategic Development Plan will replace the existing approved Dundee and Angus Structure Plan 2002, the Perth & Kinross Structure Plan 2003 and the Fife Structure Plan 2009. The Plan will include a vision statement, a broad statement of how the development of the area should occur together with a spatial strategy which proposes the development and use of land in the TAYplan region. It will provide a locational strategy for new development up to year 12 from plan approval and a broad indication of the scale and direction of growth up to year 20.

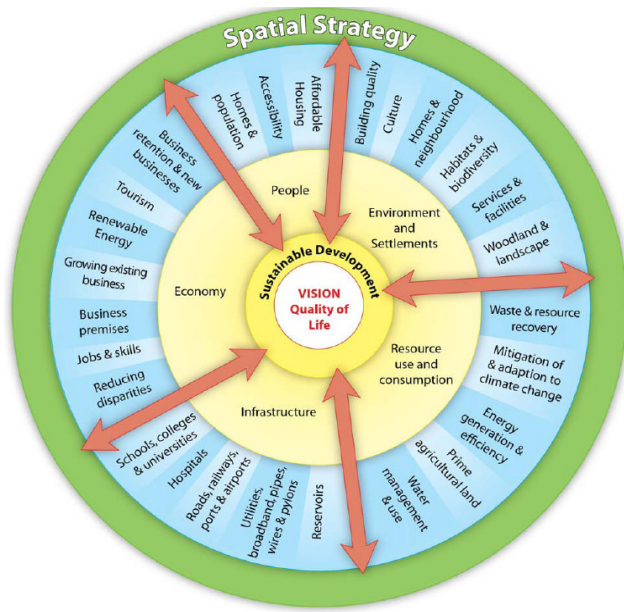
The Plan will set the context for local councils to produce their Local Development Plans.

3 Consultation on the Main Issues Report: Options for Scotland's SusTAYnable Region 2012-2032

The Main Issues Report considers the big changes that will shape the next 20 years of our lives. It focuses on the key issues for the Proposed Plan (next stage) which cannot easily be dealt with at local level and are best considered at a city region level.

The Main Issues Report is not a draft Plan. It presents options including the preferred scale of growth and where development should and should not be up to year 12 (2012-2024) and a broad indication of the scale and direction of growth up to year 20 (2024-2032). It asks for your views on these and other issues. Some challenges are about implementing national responses to these issues. Engagement is more effective at this stage because the options are still open; they are less so later in the Plan process.





The structure of the Main Issues Report is focused around a draft vision which reflects what we want the region to be like; the Strategic Development Plan will be about achieving the Vision. We live in a region with huge potential to provide better quality places and a better quality of life.

A proposed Vision has been developed working with key stakeholders.

Our vision is of TAYplan as a sustainable region which is beautiful, vibrant, clean and green where the regeneration and growth of Dundee city region has made it a great place for people to live, work, invest and visit that does not create an unacceptable burden on the planet.

The Main Issues Report is the first stage in preparing the Strategic Development Plan under the new planning system. The consultation representations will help to shape the Proposed Plan (next stage). TAYplan will seek views from individuals/organisations on the key issues which the region faces for the future and the possible and preferred options for dealing with these issues. Alongside the Main Issues Report, there will be a number of other documents on which we will seek views; including the Environmental Report of the Strategic Environmental Assessment.

4 How can I get more information on the consultation?

Public Information Events will be held across the TAYplan area to explain the Main Issues Report and accompanying documents. Consultation begins on 12 April and runs for 12 weeks until 2 July 2010. Come along to one of our Information Events all taking place from **2.00 - 8.00pm** to learn more.

Location	Venue	Date	Location	Venue	Date
Dundee	Enterprise House, Greenmarket	4 May	Montrose	Library	24 May
Crieff	Library (Community Campus)	5 May	Pitlochry	Fishers Hotel	25 May
Cupar	County Hall, County Building	12 May	Kinross	Loch Leven Community Campus	27 May
Arbroath	Harbour Visitor Centre	17 May	Forfar	Library	2 June
St Andrews	Town Hall, Queens Gardens	18 May	Blairgowrie	Town Hall	3 June
Perth	AK Bell Library	20 May	Dundee	Enterprise House, Greenmarket	8 June

The events will include display stands providing information about the Main Issues Report, the approach TAYplan is taking in its production and ultimately what this means for the city region. A number of personnel from TAYplan and the four Local Authorities will be on hand to answer questions. In addition, there will be a number of static information displays at the various libraries, local authority central buildings and Universities throughout the consultation period. Adverts will be placed in the Courier and Press & Journal together with radio advertising, poster and leaflet distribution, and press releases to local papers.

Copies of all documents are available in libraries/access offices/area offices throughout the TAYplan area for reference and at Council Offices (Planning). Further information can also be obtained from the TAYplan website www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk.

5 How can I respond to the Consultation?

TAYplan is strongly committed to encouraging interest and wide stakeholder and public involvement in the preparation of the first Strategic Development Plan. By encouraging consultation at all stages of the Plan's preparation, TAYplan seeks to ensure that those with an interest in the area e.g. members of the public, businesses, key organisations, students, community groups, have an opportunity to contribute their views before decisions are taken. This applies as much to those who support the plan as to those who want to make objections.

Consultation responses are encouraged through an online questionnaire. To take part in this and make your views known please register your details by visiting the Consultation Portal at: <http://tayplan-sdpa-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal>. You can save your response and return to them before submitting. An online demonstration will also be available on the website to assist you. If you are unable to access online please contact us on 01382 307180 and we will provide a paper copy of the questionnaire.

6 Timetable for producing the Strategic Development Plan

The diagram below illustrates where we are in the process and the next stages. The comments received on the Main Issues Report will help to shape the Proposed Plan, which will be produced over the next year and published for consultation in May 2011. Unlike the Main Issues Report, the Proposed Plan is where we set out what we think the Strategic Development Plan should be like, including any proposals, and ask what you think of it.



7 Development Plan Scheme

The second Development Plan Scheme is now available on our website at www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk. This scheme provides an update on the progress we have made towards publishing the Strategic Development Plan and the amended timescales for its completion. The Scheme is updated on an annual basis or more frequent if there are changes to the Plan programme.

8 Research Studies and Reports

A number of research studies and reports, commissioned or undertaken by TAYplan, have been concluded. The Housing Needs and Demand Assessment (HNDA), undertaken by Arneil Johnston; a public sector housing and facilities consultancy has informed the Main Issues Report. The HNDA is a strategic assessment of housing need and demand to help inform local housing strategies and development plans.

A retail study was also carried out by Roderick MacLean Associates Ltd. The study sets out the retail profile of the TAYplan area, indicating the trends, pressures and main opportunities, leading to advice and recommendations on where the strategic retail policy framework should focus in the future.

A Strategic Environmental Assessment has been undertaken in parallel with the Main Issues Report. The purpose of this assessment is to provide proper consideration for the environment by ensuring that environmental issues are considered by decision makers alongside economic and social issues. The process involves regular liaison with Scottish Natural Heritage, Scottish Environmental Protection Agency and Historic Scotland in particular. Comments are being sought on the Environmental Report from this assessment.

The Monitoring Statement, which shows key data and statistics about what has been happening in the region over the last few years has been issued. The information it provides helps us to understand the issues that face the region for the future.

A draft Equalities and Human Rights Impact Assessment has been undertaken on the Main Issues Report and comments are sought on this.

9 Publications

All publications produced and commissioned by TAYplan are available to be downloaded in PDF format free of charge from our website at www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk. Alternatively, hard copies of the publications can be purchased at a nominal fee – please contact us to arrange. The publications list is updated online, as and when new documents are made available.

10 Contact Us

Online

Go to www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk. For the Main Issues Report consultation click on the Limehouse portal. Here you can register your details and view the consultation and supporting documents. You can also save your response and return to them before submitting them.

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If you would like to be kept informed of TAYplan progress and take part in consultations events, please register your details by visiting the Consultation Portal at: <http://tayplan-sdpa-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal>. Alternatively, please call us on 01382 307180 and we will arrange registration on your behalf.

