

**REPORT TO: DUNDEE, PERTH, ANGUS AND NORTH FIFE
STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY
JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING ON 16th FEBRUARY 2011**

REPORT ON: PROPOSED ACTION PROGRAMME

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report sets out the Proposed Action Programme (Appendix One) which accompanies the Proposed Strategic Development Plan. The purpose of the report is to seek approval of the Proposed Action Programme.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 The Proposed Action Programme is a new legal requirement and requires to be submitted alongside the Proposed Plan. The action programme has been prepared in parallel with the Proposed Plan and sets out the aspirations behind the Plan and the actions required to deliver the spatial strategy. The majority of actions relate to new infrastructure provision which is required to deliver the spatial strategy.

2.2 TAYplan is required to consult and consider the views of the Key Stakeholders/Agencies, The Scottish Ministers, and anyone specified in person in the programme. Comments will be sought on the Proposed Action Programme during the period of representations on the Proposed Plan (6th June-1st August 2011). The Scottish Government, Key Stakeholders/Agencies and those named persons (Lead Partners(s)) views have been sought and regard has been had to these in preparing this programme.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 It is recommended that The Joint Committee:

- a) approve the Proposed Action Programme (Appendix One);
- b) request that the four constituent Councils ratify the above decision (a);
- c) delegate the SDPA Manager to undertake the Proposed Action Programme period of representations in line with the statutory requirements; and,
- d) delegate the SDPA Manager to report back to The Joint Committee in October 2011 on the representations received to the Proposed Action Programme.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Proposed Action Programme will result in financial expenditure being incurred primarily on printing, other costs are incorporated within the Proposed Plan consultation and advertising costs (Report 01-2011: Proposed Strategic Development Plan).

5.0 PROPOSED STRATEGIC ACTION PROGRAMME

- 5.1 Action Programmes supporting Development Plans are a new requirement under the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006. A Proposed Action Programme has been prepared in parallel with the Proposed Plan. This is the first time an Action Programme has been prepared and the layout, scope and content has been discussed and influenced by other such programmes, e.g. NPF2 Action Programme.
- 5.2 The purpose of the programme is to set out the aspirations behind the Plan and the actions required to deliver the spatial strategy. These actions predominantly relate to the provision of new infrastructure. The Strategic Development Planning Authority in preparing an action programme is required to list the actions required to deliver each of the policies and proposals, name the person who is to carry out each action (identified as the Lead Partner(s)) with other delivery bodies also identified, and the timescales for conclusion of each action. In compiling the programme the Strategic Development Planning Authority requires to seek and have regard to the views of The Scottish Ministers and any person specified (Lead Partners(s)) by name when compiling the action programme.
- 5.3 In compiling the Proposed Action Programme views have been sought and regard has been had to comments from officers of the 4 Constituent Councils, Key Agencies and the other persons (Lead Partners(s)).
- 5.4 Actions at a national level are identified as these too are very important to the delivery of the vision set out in the Proposed Plan. To ensure the timely and efficient delivery of the Plan it is important to identify the infrastructure that is required as early as possible to give confidence to the providers and funders to commence early planning and timely implementation.
- 5.5 The programme sets out:
- Project/proposal – The Action;
 - Policy/Proposal to which it relates in the Proposed Plan;
 - Description and strategic fit;
 - Phasing;
 - Deliverability/Timing (1st 12 years or 2nd 8 years);
 - Lead Partner/Person Responsible and other delivery bodies, identifying the plans and strategies the action is to be delivered through;
 - Priority of Actions (high/medium/low); and,
 - Evidence and progress.

- 5.6 The Proposed Action Programme does not seek to identify more site specific proposals than those contained within the Proposed Plan itself. A number of the proposals are contained within the existing Regional Transport Strategies and The Scottish Government's Strategic Transport Policy Review.
- 5.7 The programme also identifies actions arising from the Strategic Environmental assessment and the Appropriate Assessment (through the Habitats Regulations Appraisal) for specific areas of more detailed assessment to be undertaken through Local Development Plans.
- 5.8 Representations will be sought on the Proposed Action Programme to ensure that any interested party has the opportunity to object or support, including those named persons within the programme.
- 5.9 The Proposed Action Programme requires to be adopted by the Strategic Development Planning Authority within 3 months of the Strategic Development Plan being approved by Ministers. Within this period the Action Programme will be updated. The programme requires to be updated at least bi-annually to identify the progress which is being made to delivering the spatial strategy.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 The Treasurer and Clerk to TAYplan, the Director of Infrastructure Services, Angus Council, The Director of City Development, Dundee City Council, The Head of Development Services, Fife Council and the Executive Director (Environment), Perth & Kinross Council have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 SDPA Report 01-2011: Proposed Strategic Development Plan 2012-2032, 16th February 2011.
- 7.2 Circular1/2009: Development Planning, Scottish Government.
- 7.3 Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006.
- 7.4 The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.
- 7.5 Town and Country Planning (Development Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 2008.

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