

REPORT TO: DUNDEE, PERTH, ANGUS AND NORTH FIFE
STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY
JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING ON 20th MARCH 2012

REPORT ON: REVISED DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEME

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report sets out the revised Development Plan Scheme for the TAYplan Strategic Development Plan which focuses on the Strategic Development Plan examination, monitoring and the early consideration of preparing for the next Plan.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 TAYplan have published a Development Plan Scheme annually which sets out some background on the Strategic Development Planning Authority, the timescales in delivering the Plan together with the Participation Statement.
- 2.2 This report sets out the revised Development Plan Scheme to be published in March 2012. The Development Plan Scheme provides an overview of the existing and proposed Development Plans within the TAYplan area in addition to an update on the current status of TAYplan's Proposed Strategic Development Plan. The scheme sets out the authority's programme for preparing and reviewing the Strategic Development Plan and what is likely to be involved at each stage. There is no public consultation anticipated in 2012.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Joint Committee:
- a) Approve the revised Development Plan Scheme as set out in Appendix 1; and,
 - b) Remit the SDPA Manager to submit the updated version of the Development Plan Scheme to the Scottish Government.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The costs incurred from the production of the Revised Development Plan Scheme will have a minimal financial implication. All costs will be met within the existing TAYplan budget.

5.0 DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEMES

- 5.1 Section 20B of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 requires each Strategic Development Planning Authority to prepare a Development Plan Scheme and review at least annually.
- 5.2 Within the Scheme, there must be a participation statement which outlines when, how and with whom consultation on the Plans will take place and the authority's proposals for public involvement in plan preparation process. Collaborative partnership working remains a central component of delivering the Strategic Development Plan for TAYplan.
- 5.3 After the Scheme is adopted, the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 requires for copies to be published (paper and electronic), two copies sent to Scottish Ministers and copies made available for viewing in public libraries. However, there is no requirement to consult on the content of development plan schemes.

6.0 TAYplan REVISED DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEME

- 6.1 A revised Development Plan Scheme for the TAYplan SDPA is set out in Appendix 1 of this Report. The Scheme will supersede TAYplan SDPA's third Development Plan Scheme published in March 2011. In brief, the revised Scheme provides information on:
 - Who TAYplan are;
 - An overview of the Development Plan system in Scotland and within TAYplan;
 - The purpose of the Strategic Development Plan and Action Programme;
 - An updated timetable for the examination process, monitoring and further work in considering the next Plan's preparation; and,
 - A review of the Participation Statement.
- 6.2 The Scheme provides an overview of the Strategic Development Plan process to date, including a review of the examination process and anticipated timescales for a decision to be made on the first Strategic Development Plan. The Scheme also highlights forthcoming work areas around the examination process, approval and publishing of the Action Programme and the associated monitoring of this document. Further work areas, during the term of this Development Plan Scheme, surround commencing preparation of the Monitoring Statement and reporting on TAYplan's boundary change (See Report SDPA04-2012: Project Plan Update). There will also be early consideration of the research areas required in developing the next Strategic Development Plan, a review of TAYplan's website and preparatory work around a potential pre-Main Issues Report consultation stage.
- 6.3 The Revised Development Plan Scheme will be distributed to the Scottish Government, libraries, elected members, community councils and neighbouring authorities and published electronically.

7.0 PARTICIPATION STATEMENT

- 7.1 The revised Development Plan Scheme sets out that whilst TAYplan remains committed to stakeholder and public engagement, there is no scheduled consultation expected in the period to March 2013.

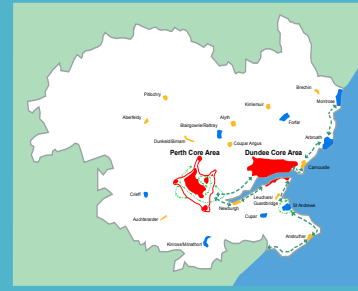
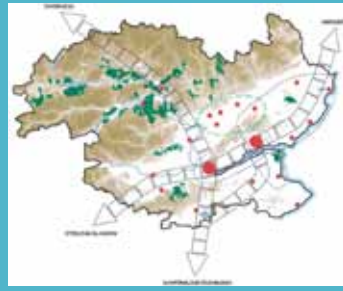
8.0 CONSULTATIONS

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

9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1 Circular 1/2009: Development Planning, Scottish Government
(<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/261030/0077887.pdf>)
- 9.2 Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006
(http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2006/17/pdfs/asp_20060017_en.pdf)
- 9.3 Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997
(<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2005/01/20576/50663>)
- 9.4 Town and Country Planning (Development Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2008/426/contents/made>)
- 9.5 Planning Advice Note 3 'Community Engagement', 2010
(<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/322754/0103851.pdf>)
- 9.6 Report SDPA04-2012: Project Plan Update, 20th March 2012.

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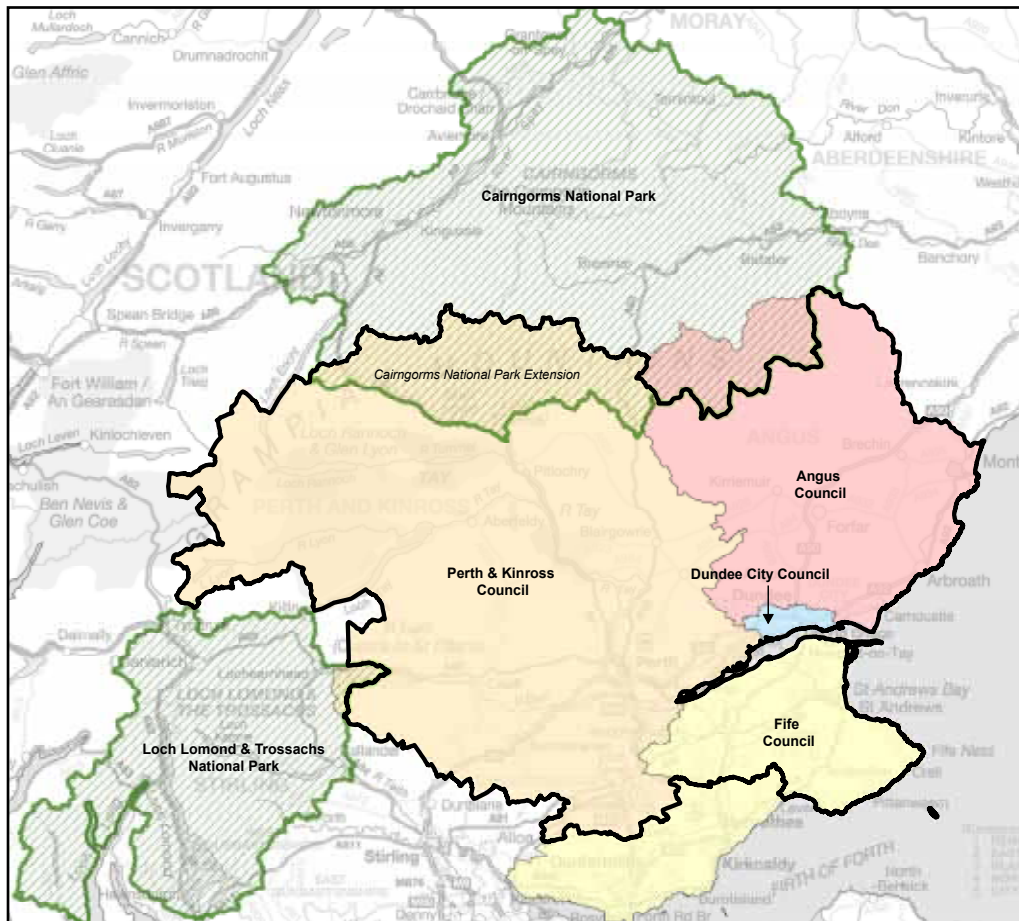
Development Plan Scheme

March 2012

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Strategic Development Planning Authority (SDPA) operates on behalf of Dundee City, Perth and Kinross, Angus and Fife Councils. The key role of the SDPA is to prepare and maintain an up to date Strategic Development Plan for the area.
- 1.2 The area covered by the Strategic Development Plan is illustrated on Map 1. This covers the local authority administrative areas of Dundee, Perth and Kinross, Angus and the north part of Fife. The approved Strategic Development Plan area however excludes the part of Angus Council within the Cairngorms National Park and the part of Perth & Kinross Council that is within the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park.

Map 1: TAYplan Boundary



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- 1.3 The TAYplan Joint Committee comprises 12 Councillors, three from each of the 4 constituent Local Authorities. The Joint Committee meets at least twice a year in TAYplan's offices. Committee Reports are available from the TAYplan website at www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk. The current chair is Cllr John Kellas (Perth & Kinross Council) and the vice-chair is Cllr David May (Angus Council).

2 The Development Plan System in Scotland

- 2.1 The Development Plan system in Scotland consists of three core statutory documents:
- (i) **The National Planning Framework for Scotland.** This is produced by the Scottish Government and sets out the Scottish Government's strategy for Scotland's spatial development, including national developments, and the priorities for that development.

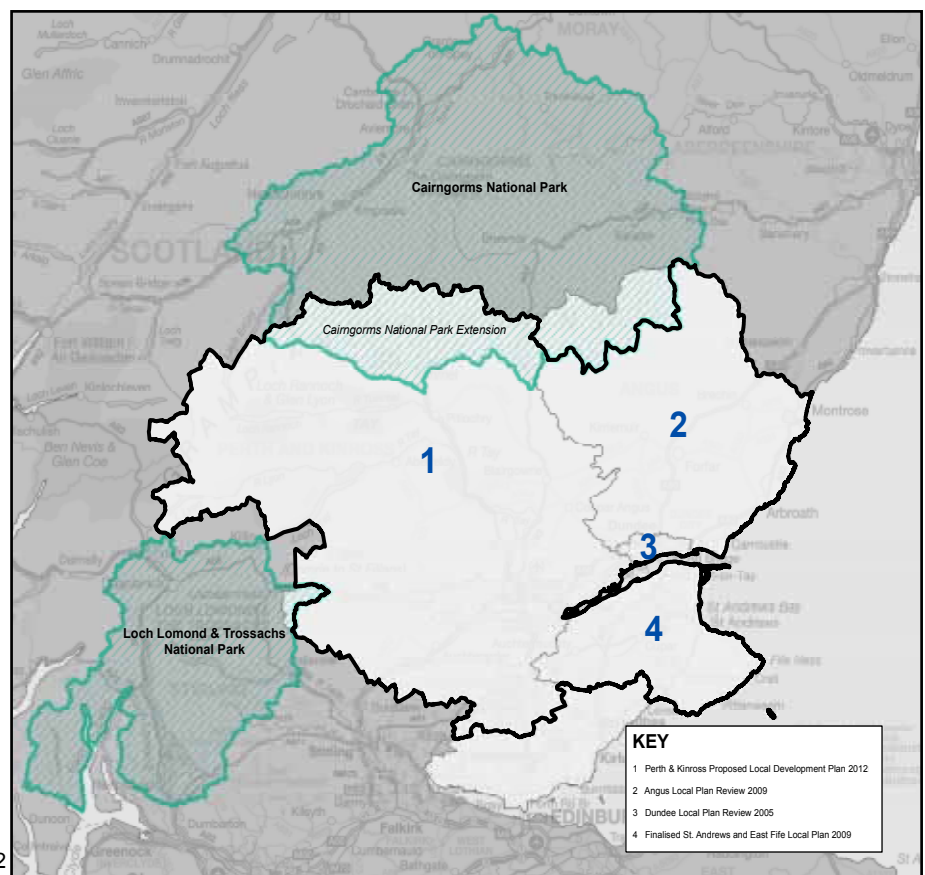
- (ii) **The Strategic Development Plan.** This is prepared by the Strategic Development Planning Authorities in Scotland's four city regions. This Plan will set out a long-term (20 years or more) development strategy indicating, in broad terms, where future development will be located and what is needed to deliver it. The Plan will be approved by Scottish Ministers.
- (iii) **The Local Development Plan.** This is prepared by all local authorities. This Plan will set out more detailed policies and proposals to guide development. The Plan, which is approved by the local authority, must generally accord with the approved Strategic Development Plan.

2.2 The Strategic Development Plan and Local Development Plans will collectively form the statutory Development Plan for the TAYplan area. In addition, Supplementary Planning Guidance on specific planning topics may be prepared and form part of the statutory Development Plan.

3 Existing and Proposed Development Plans

- 3.1 The TAYplan Strategic Development Plan, when approved, will replace the existing Dundee and Angus Structure Plan (2001-2016), the Perth and Kinross Structure Plan (2003-2020) and the Fife Structure Plan (2006-2026) relating to those parts of Fife within the TAYplan area (North Fife). The TAYplan Strategic Development Plan will cover the area as set out in Map 1.
- 3.2 The coverage of existing Local Plans within the TAYplan area is set out in Map 2. More information on current Local Development Plans and the timetables for the preparation of the Local Development Plans can be obtained on each of the constituent Councils' web sites.

**Map 2: Current Local Plan
Areas within the TAYplan Area**



4 Proposed Strategic Development Plan

- 4.1 The Proposed Plan sets the long term spatial strategy, vision and the policies and proposals to deliver this. The Plan sets out where development should and should not go and the infrastructure required to deliver the vision up to year 12 from Plan approval and a broad indication of the scale and direction of growth up to year 20.
- 4.2 TAYplan submitted the Proposed Plan and related documents to Scottish Ministers on 1st December 2011 and thereafter Scottish Ministers commenced an examination of the Plan. The examination is to independently test the issues arising from the representations made on the Proposed Strategic Development Plan. It will focus on the issues raised rather than every individual representation. The Plan will be published after the Ministers approval (anticipated during summer 2012). Further information on TAYplan's examination can be found on: <http://www.dpea.scotland.gov.uk/CaseDetails.aspx?id=qJ14349>.
- 4.3 As soon as possible after Scottish Ministers approval of the Strategic Development Plan, TAYplan will publish the Plan, send 2 copies to Scottish Ministers and place copies in local libraries. Notification of approval and publishing will be advertised in local newspapers and those who made representations on the Plan will be notified.



5 Proposed Action Programme

- 5.1 This programme accompanies the Proposed Plan and sets the Plan's aspirations and the actions required to deliver the vision and spatial strategy. All organisations with a responsibility for actions are consulted.
- 5.2 The Action Programme will be adopted and published within 3 months of the Proposed Plan being approved by Scottish Minister. The Action Programme will be monitored regularly and reviewed every 2 years. The Proposed Action Programme (October 2011), submitted to Scottish Ministers, was agreed by all Government Key Agencies.

6 Delivering the Plan through Collaborative Partnership Working

- 6.1 TAYplan has delivered the first Proposed Plan through working in collaboration with a number of public sector partners. TAYplan's Key Stakeholder group comprises 13 public sector agencies.

TAYplan considers collaborative working to be central to the Strategic Development Plan process. Gaining respect and trust has been and continues to be central in working together.



7 Timetable for Strategic Development Planning Authority

- 7.1 A Project Plan is being produced for the preparation of the second Strategic Development Plan. The timetable is set out below from February 2012 to March 2013 for key areas of work. The Development Plan Scheme is required to be published at least annually and any changes to the timetable will be addressed at this time. Regular updates are provided through the TAYplan website (www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk).

Strategic Development Plan Process	Actions to be taken	Key Dates
Examination and Approval	Work around the examination of the Strategic Development Plan will continue on request by the Directorate of Planning and Environmental Appeals (DPEA).	March – August 2012 (anticipated)
Action Programme	The Action Programme will be reviewed and published following approval of the Strategic Development Plan. Thereafter, monitoring of the Action Programme will be undertaken, following consideration and confirmation of the approach to monitoring.	Ongoing
Monitoring Statement	Consider scope, indicators and approach, undertake monitoring and commence preparation of the Monitoring Statement.	April 2012 – ongoing in 2013
Boundary Change	Prepare report and justification to amend the TAYplan boundary to reflect the new Cairngorms National Park boundary. Report to Joint Committee in October 2012 and thereafter seek Scottish Ministers approval.	August – December 2012
Early consideration of the next Strategic Development Plan	Research areas will be considered and a research programme will be reported to Joint Committee in October 2012.	May – October 2012
Improvements to TAYplan's website	Customer feedback sought through online questionnaire. Website reviewed.	March – June 2012
Potential pre-Main Issues Report Consultation Stage	Establish whether stage is required and if so carry out preparatory work. Report to Joint Committee in October 2012 and if required Feb/ March 2013.	Sept 2012 – ongoing through 2013

8 Communication Plan including the Participation Statement

- 8.1 The Strategic Development Planning Authority remains strongly committed to encouraging interest and wide stakeholder and public involvement in the preparation of the Strategic Development Plan. No consultation by TAYplan is expected in the period to March 2013 given that the Proposed Plan is being considered by Scottish Ministers. TAYplan's website (www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk) will be kept up-to-date with any changes to this. The website is the main focus for TAYplan's communication with specific news articles released to local newspapers uploaded.

9 Accessing Documents

- 9.1 The Strategic Development Planning Authority will make copies of the most up-to-date documents relating to the production of the Strategic Development Plan available principally through its website www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk. Many of these documents are also be available to inspect at an office of each of the constituent planning authorities and libraries.

10 Registering with TAYplan

- 10.1 To register your interest with TAYplan, keep informed of progress and consultations; please visit the website at www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk where a link to the making representations portal can be found. Online instructions will be available with a detailed guide.

11 Contacts

- 11.1 The main point of contact for correspondence is:

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- 11.2 Links to Constituent Council Websites

- www.dundeecity.gov.uk/localplan
- www.pkc.gov.uk
- www.angus.gov.uk/localplan
- www.fife.gov.uk/localplan

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