

REPORT TO: DUNDEE, PERTH, ANGUS AND NORTH FIFE
STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY
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REPORT ON: TAYplan DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEME

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report sets out the revised Development Plan Scheme which outlines an updated timetable for the Strategic Development Planning Authority's work and provides an overview of forthcoming opportunities for stakeholder and public engagement through a revised participation statement.

2 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Development Plan Scheme provides background information on the Strategic Development Plan, the timescales for preparation and details of proposed public participation. The current Scheme was published in October 2012 and now requires to be updated to meet legislative requirements. This Report sets out the revised Development Plan Scheme.

3 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is recommended that The Joint Committee:
- a) Approve the Development Plan Scheme (March 2013) as set out in Appendix One; and,
 - b) Delegate to the Strategic Development Planning Authority Manager to submit this Development Plan Scheme to the Scottish Government and publish.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

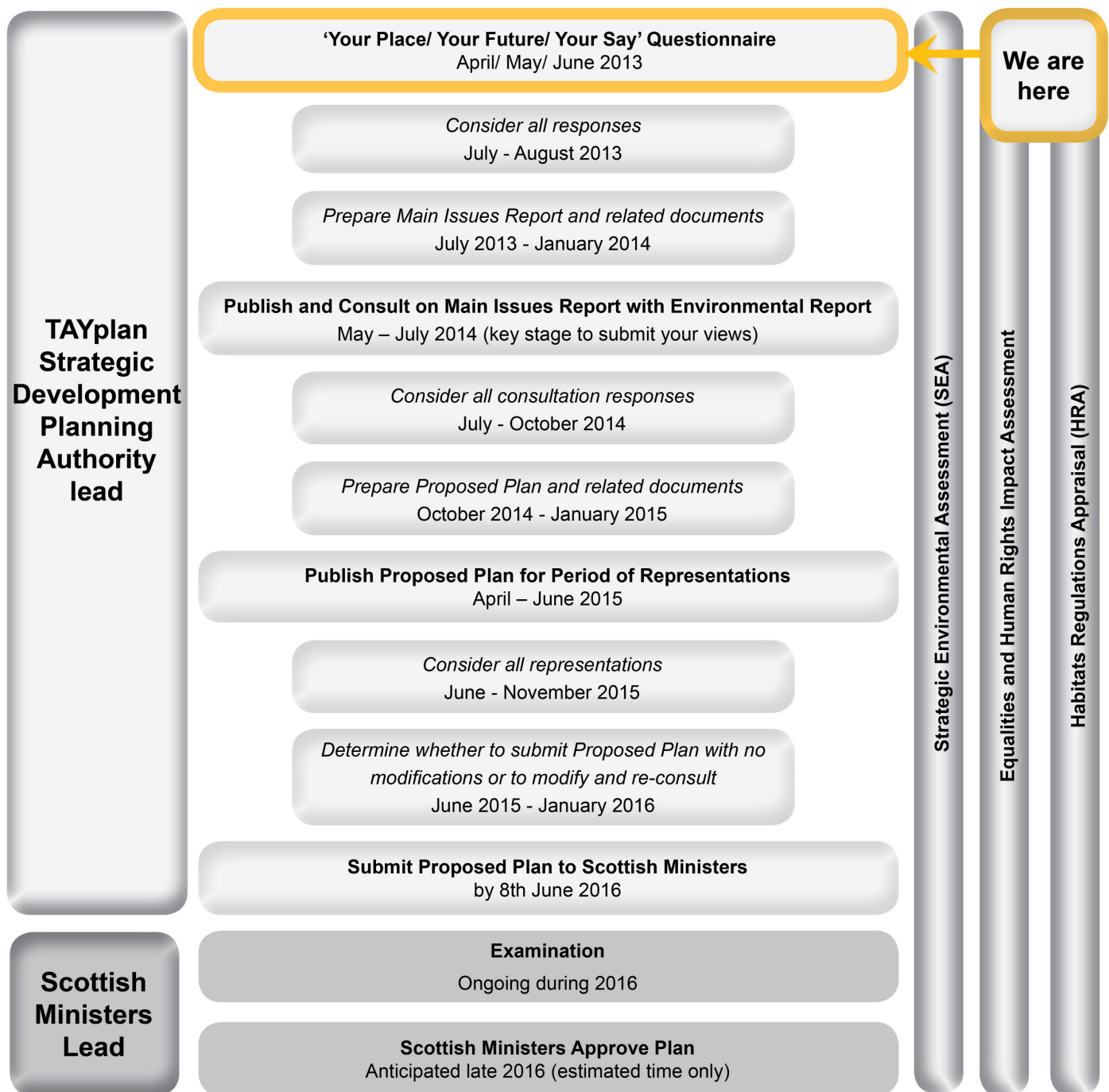
- 4.1 The costs incurred from the production of the updated Development Plan Scheme will have a minimal financial implication. All costs will be met within the existing TAYplan budget.

5 UPDATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEME

- 5.1 A revised Development Plan Scheme for the TAYplan Strategic Development Planning Authority is set out in Appendix One of this Report. This will supersede TAYplan's current Development Plan Scheme published in October 2012.

- 5.2 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 this at least annually. Regulation 24 of the Development Planning Regulations 2008 requires the Development Plan Scheme to outline the proposed timetable, specifying the month the authority proposes to publish its Main Issues Report and Proposed Plan and when the plan will be submitted to Scottish Ministers. In brief, the revised Scheme provides information on:
- Progress on the Strategic Development Plan;
 - Any Supplementary Guidance;
 - The Development Plan system in Scotland; and,
 - Existing and Proposed Development Plans.
- 5.3 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. Scottish Ministers expect participation statements to contain a range of innovative techniques and activities for consulting stakeholders tailored to local circumstances and the issues being dealt with in the plan. The Participation Statement in this updated Development Plan Scheme provides information on TAYplan's overall commitment to encouraging participation. The Participation Statement also sets out a consultation programme which outlines what each stage of engagement will involve, providing detailed information on the forthcoming 'TAYplan: Your Place, Your Views – Issues, Challenges and New Projects' in April - June 2013. All timescales are based on the Strategic Development Plan project plan, approved by Joint Committee on 2nd October (SDPA09-2012-SDP Project Plan).
- 5.4 After the Scheme is adopted, the Act stipulates the requirement 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.
- 5.5 Diagram one (overleaf) illustrates the stages involved in the production of the Strategic Development Plan. TAYplan are currently at first stage which is entitled 'Your Place/ Your Future/ Your Say' questionnaire. This early stage provides the opportunity for any projects/sites of regional significance to be submitted to TAYplan so they can be considered in preparing the Main Issues Report. The Main Issues Report is a key stage and this is where resources will be focused on consulting. The Proposed Plan stage reflects what should be the Authority's final view, after which the Proposed Plan will be submitted to Scottish Ministers for approval.

Diagram One: Progress on the Strategic Development Plan
Extract from Development Plan Scheme Update – March 2013



6 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 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.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 Circular 1/2009: Development Planning, Scottish Government
(<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/261030/0077887.pdf>)
- 7.2 Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006
(http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2006/17/pdfs/asp_20060017_en.pdf)
- 7.3 Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997
(<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2005/01/20576/50663>)
- 7.4 Town and Country Planning (Development Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2008/426/contents/made>)

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Development Plan Scheme

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TAYplan Development Plan Scheme

The Dundee, Perth, Angus and North Fife Strategic Development Planning Authority

TAYplan Strategic Development Planning Authority operates on behalf of Dundee City, Perth & Kinross, Angus and Fife Councils. The key role of the Authority is to prepare and maintain an up to date Strategic Development Plan for the area.

The area covered by the Strategic Development Plan is illustrated on Map 1. This covers the local authority administrative areas of Dundee, Perth & Kinross, Angus and the north part of Fife, excluding the Cairngorms National Park and Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park areas within local authority boundaries.

In delivering the Strategic Development Plan, TAYplan is required by the Planning etc. Scotland Act 2006 to produce a Development Plan Scheme at least annually. Each of the constituent planning authorities is also required to prepare a Development Plan Scheme for their Local Development Plans. The purpose of the Development Plan Scheme is to set out the programme for preparing and reviewing the Strategic Development Plan.

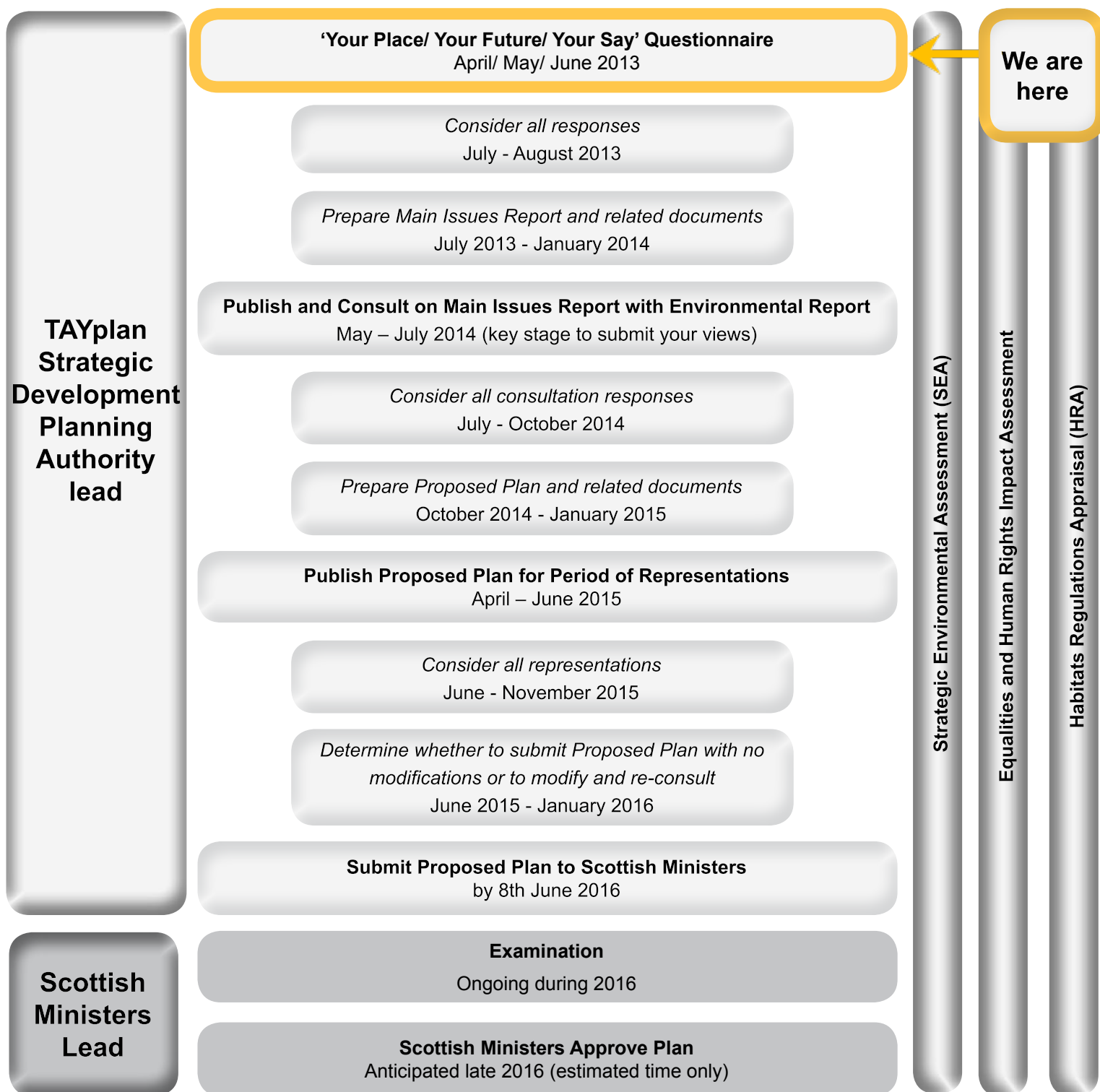


Map 1: TAYplan Boundary



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Whilst TAYplan's first Strategic Development Plan was only approved in June 2012, the process is one of continual review. The existing Plan requires to be reviewed and the subsequent Strategic Development Plan submitted to Scottish Ministers within 4 years of the approval of the existing Plan. The process of continual review is important in ensuring the Plan is kept up to date.



The Development Plan System in Scotland

The Development Plan system in Scotland consists of three core statutory documents:

i) **The National Planning Framework (NPF) 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. The Scottish Government have commenced the preparation of NPF3.

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 is 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 be consistent with the approved Strategic Development Plan.

The Strategic Development Plan and Local Development Plans 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.



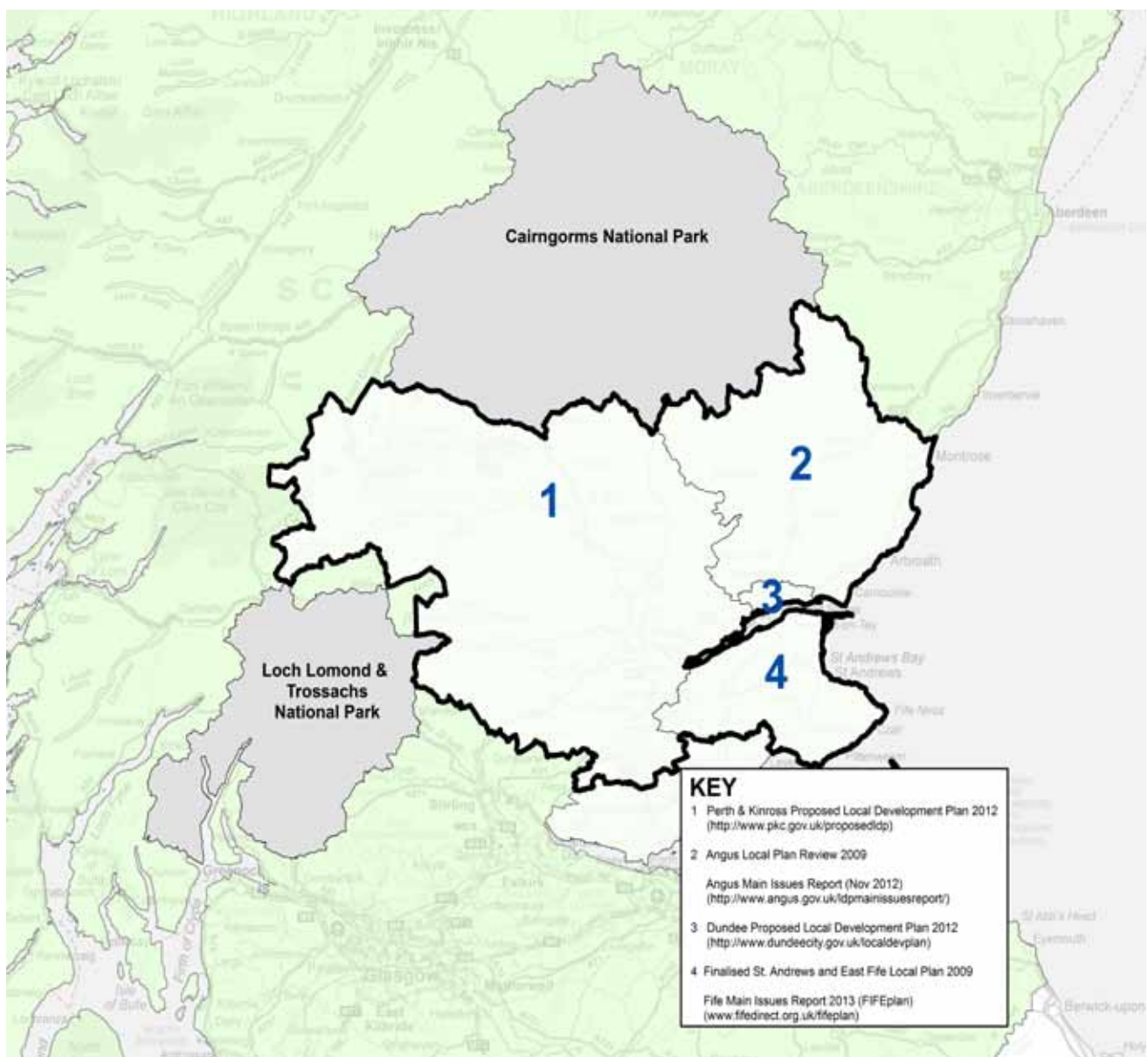
Existing and Proposed Development Plans

The TAYplan Strategic Development Plan, was approved in June 2012 and replaced 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.

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:

Existing Local Plans/ Local Development Plans within the TAYplan area



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Participation Statement

As in the first Strategic Development Plan, TAYplan is strongly committed to encouraging interest and wide stakeholder and public involvement in the preparation of the second TAYplan 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 and 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 seek changes.

In preparing the Strategic Development Plan the Scottish Government's 'National Standards for Community Engagement' will be taken into account to allow for interested parties to be involved in the process, have a say and be listened to. TAYplan will also consider different ways of consultation and will make extensive use of its website. In this context TAYplan would wish to hear from individuals, groups, schools and organisations or indeed anyone interested in the Plan as to how to effect constructive dialogue with them. If you have any suggestions as to how TAYplan can best liaise with you, please let us know.

TAYplan is aware it can be difficult to engage various sections of society and organisations in strategic planning. During last year, together with others, TAYplan produced a leaflet to assist in explaining the importance of engaging in planning at a strategic scale (<http://ads.org.uk/urbanism/features/participate-in-plan-making>).

It is likely that TAYplan will prepare Supplementary Guidance alongside the Plan review. If so, consultation will be undertaken in parallel with the Plan's process.



Below are some questions and answers around getting involved throughout the Strategic Development Plan process and an explanation of forthcoming opportunities in the consultation programme set out:

a) What does the Strategic Development Plan do and why would this interest me?

The Strategic Development Plan considers the big changes that will shape the next 20 years of our lives across Dundee City, Angus, Perth and Kinross and North Fife. The Plan identifies where new development should and should not go. It provides a strategy for new development for the first 12 years from Plan approval and a broad indication of the scale and direction of growth for the remaining 8 years. If you are interested in the future of your place, it is important for you be involved throughout the process.

b) Why engage others in preparing the Strategic Development Plan?

The planning system promotes, facilitates and regulates development in the public interest. The impact of development, much of which is irreversible, on the lives of individuals and communities can be very significant depending on its nature, scale and location. As the Plan sets the context within which new development can happen, it is important that everyone affected has an opportunity to input. A variety of groups, organisations and individuals will therefore have an interest in the Plan, and given the opportunity to influence the surroundings in which they live, invest, work, shop and play.

c) Who should get involved and why?

We welcome anyone who has a view on what is important for the future of the TAYplan area in respect of how we use our land asset to get involved in TAYplan's Strategic Development Plan. You may be a resident, business, community council, landowner, developer or have another interest. All views are important to us.

d) How does TAYplan engage?

Through the participation process TAYplan aim to target individuals, groups, organisations, schools and communities of interest using a variety of techniques. We also utilise our existing networks on the TAYplan customer database, Community Councils and Key Agencies. TAYplan's methods of engagement will/have been tailored to specific circumstances, people and locations. The consultation programme, as set out below, provides a summary of the purpose of each opportunity for engagement.



The following sets out TAYplan's consultation programme, and what each stage involves:

1. 'Your Place, Your Future, Your Say' Questionnaire: April - June 2013. There are numerous issues which are considered in how our places, landscapes and other physical assets adapt and change over time to meet the needs of the area, setting out where development should and should not go, and how that development should be delivered. Many of these issues have not changed since the first Strategic Development Plan was prepared. This initial stage is focused on what new issues or challenges have emerged or changed. Your answers to these big questions will help make the new TAYplan even better. In addition, this early stage provides the opportunity for any projects of regional significance to be submitted to TAYplan so they can be considered in preparing the Main Issues Report.

2. Main Issues Report Public Consultation: May - July 2014. To seek views of individuals/ organisations on the content of the published Main Issues Report. This will be an opportunity to submit your views on options for where development should and should not go in the TAYplan area, including the preferred development strategy. This is the main consultation stage.

3. Proposed Plan Published and Period for Representations will commence: April - June 2015. Interested parties will be able to follow the Proposed Plan's progress through Joint Committee and ratification by the four Constituent Councils. The period of representations is programmed for April - June 2015. This period provides for a phase of engagement during which interested parties can view the Plan and associated documents. This is the main stage for representations to make your views known on whether you support or seek changes to the Plan.

4. Submission of Proposed Plan to Scottish Ministers: by 8th June 2016. Prior to submission, TAYplan's Joint Committee will determine whether to submit the Proposed Plan with no modifications or to modify and re-consult.





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