

**REPORT TO: DUNDEE, PERTH, ANGUS AND NORTH FIFE
STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY
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REPORT ON: PROJECT PLAN UPDATE

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Joint Committee on the progress of preparation of the TAYplan Strategic Development Plan (SDP) and advise on revisions to the Project Plan timeframe.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that The Joint Committee:
- a) note that the first stage in the Project Plan has been achieved with the publication of the TAYplan Development Plan Scheme on the 27th March 2009; and,
 - b) note that the timeframe for the Project Plan has been affected by the Housing Needs and Demand Assessment, in particular.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications of the changes to the Project Plan.

4 UPDATE OF PROJECT PLAN

- 4.1 The Interim Joint Committee at its meeting on the 19 August 2008 approved Report 02-2008 (The Project Plan and Organisational Structure for the Strategic Development Planning Authority). Recommendation 4 of Report 02-2008 approved the draft project plan as the basis for the SDP work, subject to periodic review.
- 4.2 The Joint Committee at its meeting on the 25 November 2008 approved Report 05-2008 (Update on the Setting Up of the SDPA). Recommendation (h) of this report noted that the Project Plan was being updated to take into account of the revised publication date for the Development Planning Regulations.

- 4.3 The Town & Country Planning (Development Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 came into force on the 28 February 2009. There were no significant changes to what had been previously planned for in the Project Plan. The Project Plan has been updated in the light of the content of these Regulations.

Development Plan Scheme

- 4.4 The first major piece of work to be carried out by the Strategic Development Planning Authority (SDPA) was the preparation and publication of the TAYplan Development Plan Scheme. The Joint Committee at its meeting on the 24th February 2009 approved Report 04/2009 (Development Plan Scheme). The Scottish Government had advised authorities that all Development Plan Schemes were to be published by the 31 March 2009. This timescale was built into the TAYplan Project Plan. This timescale has been met with publication of the TAYplan Development Plan Scheme document on 27th March 2009.

Next stages and revised timescales

- 4.5 The next stage in the Project Plan is the Awareness Raising consultation (please refer to Report SDPA07-2009 on this agenda). The timescale for this has been put back slightly to take account of the European Elections on 4th June. Consultation is proposed to commence on 8th June 2009. Whilst this is not a statutory requirement, it is important to raise awareness and understanding of the SDP.
- 4.6 The most significant area of external research to be undertaken is on the Housing Needs and Demand Assessment for the SDPA area (please refer to Report SDPA09-2009 on this agenda). This work has progressed to the procurement stage and the timescales for this have now been confirmed as end November for a final report. The output from this research is required to inform the Main Issues Report (and the Local Housing Strategies). This work was previously programmed to be completed by end July which is now not possible. This slippage is due to a number of factors, mainly related to the change over with the permanent SDPA Manager taking up post and the individual constituent Authorities progressing work on refreshing their own Housing Needs and Demand Assessments to allow the city region study to progress. This together with other smaller slippages in the Project Plan requires the programme to be put back about 4 months.
- 4.7 The Main Issues Report is now programmed to be considered by the Joint Committee in February 2010, with consultation in May 2010. The SDPA Manager will endeavour, wherever possible, to reduce this delay throughout the length of the whole project.

5 CONSULTATIONS

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

6 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 Report 02-2008: The Project Plan and Organisational Structure for the Strategic Development Planning Authority, SDPA Interim Joint Committee 19 August 2008
- 6.2 Report 05-2008 (Update on the Setting Up of the SDPA). Joint Committee 25 November 2008
- 6.3 Report 04-2009: The Development Plan Scheme, Joint Committee 24 February 2009.

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