

**REPORT TO: DUNDEE, PERTH, ANGUS AND NORTH FIFE
STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY
JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING ON 31st AUGUST 2010**

REPORT ON: SDPA PROJECT PLAN UPDATE

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Joint Committee on the progress of the preparation of the TAYplan Strategic Development Plan.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that The Joint Committee:
- a) note that the Strategic Development Plan is being delivered in line with the approved Project Plan timescales.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The financial implications of delivering the Plan over the current budget year are set out in report SDPA 07/2010 on this agenda.

4 PROJECT PLAN UPDATE

- 4.1 The project plan, as approved by The Joint Committee in August 2009 (Report SDPA 12-2009: SDPA Project Plan Update), continues to be delivered on time. There have not been, nor are there projected to be, any significant deviations from this approved project plan.
- 4.2 The consultation on the Main Issues Report is complete and an overview of this is set out in Report SDPA06-2010 to this Committee. Progress to date has been very good in delivering the Strategic Development Plan. A submission has recently been made to The Scottish Government/Royal Town Planning Institute's awards for quality in planning on the delivery of the Main Issues Report.
- 4.3 The next key stage is the preparation of the Proposed Plan, the Action Programme and other associated documents. Some further areas of research are being undertaken to look at areas of good practice in European spatial planning to assist in informing the shape of the Proposed Plan together with a full assessment of the key issues which have been raised through the consultation responses to the Main Issues Report, Environmental Report and draft Equalities and Human Rights Impact Assessment.

- 4.4 The Proposed Plan requires to focus on vision and spatial strategy. It is proposed that this will be a relatively short document focused on key strategic and/or cross boundary issues, e.g. placemaking and climate change. Members will be briefed as the drafting of the Proposed plan progresses, ahead of consideration of the Plan in February 2011.
- 4.5 The accompanying Action Programme will set out the actions required to deliver the Proposed Plan. This is a new requirement under the new Development Planning System and will be prepared with key stakeholders, e.g. Transport Scotland, Scottish Water.
- 4.6 A Habitats Regulations Assessment will be finalised in parallel with the Proposed Plan. Subject to there being no changes between the Main Issues Report and the Proposed Plan which significantly implicate the Strategic Environmental Assessment, a statement will be prepared updating the Environmental Report. The Equalities and Human Rights Impact Assessment will also be undertaken in parallel with the ongoing Plan process.
- 4.7 The next key stages in the project plan are:
- Update and undertake any further research required to inform the Proposed Plan (June-September 2010);
 - Process and consider responses to the Main Issues Report, Environmental Report and other documents (July-December 2010);
 - Prepare Proposed Plan, the Action Programme with related documents and assessments (September 2010-January 2011);
 - Joint Committee consider Proposed Plan and related documents for formal consultation period (8 week period) together with formal response to comments received to Main Issues Report consultation (14 February 2011);
 - Ratification of decisions by the four constituent Councils (by 14 March 2011);
 - Publish updated Development Plan Scheme (March 2011);
 - Publish Proposed Plan and related documents together with formal response to comments on Main Issues Report (April 2011);
 - 8 week consultation on Proposed Plan and related documents (April-June 2011);
 - Prepare note on representations/unresolved issues (August-September 2011);
 - Joint Committee consider Proposed Plan, Action Programme and related documents for submission (November 2011);
 - Submission of Proposed Plan, Action Programme and related documents to The Scottish Ministers (January 2012);
 - Examination of Proposed Plan and Ministers consideration of examination report (January 2012-March 2013);
 - The Scottish Ministers decision (March/April 2013); and,
 - Publish approved documents (April/May 2013).

Research to further inform the Proposed Plan

- 4.8 Transport modelling is being undertaken utilising national transport models. This work considers the potential implications on the strategic road network if the preferred spatial strategy were to be implemented. This will assist in preparing the Proposed Plan and the Action Programme in identifying the actions required and informing prioritisation of those related transport actions. The research is being funded by TAYplan together with partnership funding from TACTRAN and Transport Scotland.
- 4.9 MVA Consultancy has been commissioned to undertake this work under delegated powers to the TAYplan Manager. The commission is within the agreed consultancy budget.

5 CONSULTATIONS

- 5.1 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.

6 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 Report SDPA12-2009: SDPA Project Plan Update, 25th August 2009.

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