

**REPORT TO: DUNDEE, PERTH, ANGUS AND NORTH FIFE**  
**STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY**  
**JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING ON 14<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2014**

**REPORT ON: TAYPLAN STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN PROJECT**  
**PLAN UPDATE**

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## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the implementation of TAYplan's approved project plan for the preparation of the next Strategic Development Plan.

## **2 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The Main Issues Report consultation and response analysis has now been completed within the project timescale. 8 Young Placemakers were recruited to act as ambassadors for planning and have now completed individual projects relating to one of the 8 Main Issues.
- 2.2 The emphasis of the TAYplan team through the autumn of 2014 and into 2015 will shift from the Main Issues Report consultation analysis to preparing the Proposed Plan.

## **3 RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 It is recommended that The Joint Committee:
- a) Note the progress to date in implementing the Project Plan.

## **4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The financial implications of delivering the Plan over the current budget year are set out in report SDPA07-2014: TAYplan Budget Update.

## **5 MAIN ISSUES REPORT CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 The TAYplan Main Issues Report Consultation started on 15 April 2014 for ten and a half weeks until 27 June 2014. The consultation sought responses to the Main Issues Report and on the accompanying Environmental Report and Equalities and Human Rights Impact Assessment. The documents were made available in council planning offices, area/access/local offices, libraries and on the internet.

- 5.2 The consultation on the Main Issues Report is now complete. There were a total 121 responses and an overview of this is set out in Report SDPA06-2014 to this Committee. The TAYplan team have read all the responses together with comments made at events and young people's input. These responses are helping shape the Proposed Plan.
- 5.3 The next key stage is the preparation of the Proposed Plan, the update of the Action Programme and other associated documents. Further areas of research and workshops have been undertaken to look at areas of good practice to assist in informing the shape of the Proposed Plan. The analysis of the key issues which have been raised through the consultation responses will also be used in shaping the Proposed Plan.

## **6 YOUNG PLACEMAKERS**

- 6.1 TAYplan recognises the importance of engaging the younger generation in planning, particularly given that the Strategic Development Plan is focusing on the next 20 years. As part of the Main Issues Report consultation, TAYplan used Planning Aid Scotland's Young Placemaker scheme to recruit 8 Young Placemakers. The Young Placemakers were from schools and further/higher education institutions across the TAYplan area.
- 6.2 The 8 Young Placemakers were trained through an Orientation Day (with TAYplan and Planning Aid Scotland) and with on-going buddy support from Planning Aid Scotland volunteers, the Young Placemakers championed active citizenship to create a stronger voice for young people in their area. The role of the Young Placemakers was to complete an individual project relating to one of the 8 Main Issues and to act as ambassadors for planning and placemaking amongst their peers through the main issues consultation events.
- 6.3 5 of the Young Placemakers met with the Minister of Local Government and Planning, Derek Mackay, at the Scottish Parliament on 19<sup>th</sup> June to share with him an overview of their projects and experience as a Young Placemaker.

## **7 YOUTH CAMP**

- 7.1 Following the successful Youth Camp in April this year involving a range of secondary schools, a day camp is proposed for June 2015. This is proposed in partnership with the University of Dundee.

## **8 ACTION PROGRAMME**

- 8.1 The Action Programme focuses on the actions required to implement the Approved Plan (2012). A review of the approach taken in TAYplan's Approved Action Programme has been completed. Work was undertaken to find different styles and what is considered to be best practise examples of Action Programmes from elsewhere in the UK, Europe and worldwide.

- 8.2 There is an on-going requirement to keep Action Programmes under review and up to date. Authorities are required to re-publish the Action Programme within 2 years after the last publishing (or re-publishing) of it. For TAYplan, a Proposed Action Programme will be published alongside the Proposed Strategic Development Plan in 2015.

## **9 SCOTTISH AWARDS FOR QUALITY IN PLANNING 2014**

- 9.1 TAYplan made two submissions to the Scottish Awards for Quality in Planning 2014. The TAYplan consultation and engagement programme has been shortlisted. This is excellent news for TAYplan and is testament to the quality of work that has been delivered by the core team with the support of the constituent Councils and the key stakeholders working closely in partnership. TAYplan attended an interview on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2014 as part of the shortlisting. The awards ceremony is on 5th November at which the TAYplan team and TAYplan Convenor will attend. The submission and interview was supported by Tactran, with the consultation feeding into help inform the refresh of the Regional Transport Strategy.

## **10 SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT'S REVIEW OF STRATEGIC PLANNING**

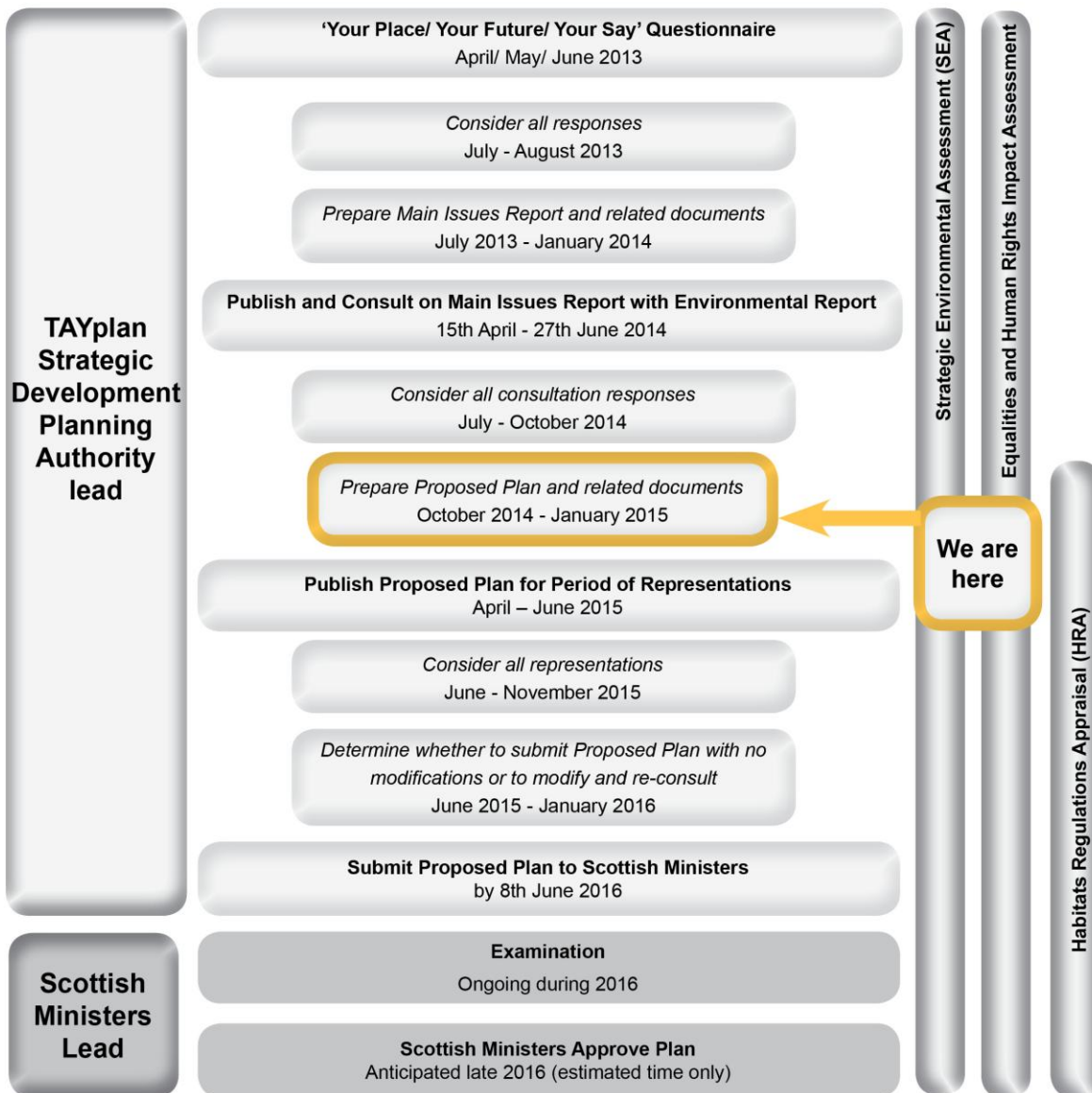
- 10.1 The Scottish Government commissioned a Review of Strategic Development Plans in 2013. Consultants undertook a comprehensive study including a number of stakeholders and a questionnaire. The consultants reported in April 2014 and thereafter the Scottish Government published their response in June (<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/planning/Development-Planning/Strategic-Planning/ReviewDocs>).
- 10.2 The purpose of the review was to consider whether the new system of Strategic Development Plans is fit for purpose, all four having completed the first round, and identify any areas for improvement in respect of process and content. The consultant's report concluded that Strategic Development Plans have a positive and important role in Scotland and a number of improvements were set out to enhance the Plans content and process. A number of these improvements are for the Scottish Government to consider. Improvements which directly relate to TAYplan have been incorporated into the action plan for the current years Planning Performance Report and will be considered before March 2015. An early improvement being implemented by TAYplan is the creation of a customer panel to consider and help shape the format, style and readability of the Proposed Plan. This will be established in October 2014.

## **11 NEXT STEPS**

- 11.1 The project plan sets out a series of important areas of work to prepare for and support the delivery of the Proposed Plan. Diagram one (overleaf) illustrates the stages involved in the production of the Strategic Development Plan. TAYplan are currently at the Proposed Plan preparation stage. This stage will also involve:
- Work on preparing TAYplan's updated Action Programme;
  - Writing the Proposed Plan;
  - Undertaking a range of graphics work for key documents;

- Review of any further work to the Strategic Environmental Assessment;
- Preparation of a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment;
- Preparation of a Habitats Regulation Appraisal;
- Updates to the Equalities Impact Assessment;
- Reviewing the Development Plan Scheme; and
- Updating background Topic Papers.

**Diagram One: Progress on the Strategic Development Plan**



## **12 CONSULTATIONS**

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

## **13 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 13.1 Circular 6/2013: Development Planning, Scottish Government  
(<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0044/00441577.pdf>)
- 13.2 Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006  
([http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2006/17/pdfs/asp\\_20060017\\_en.pdf](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2006/17/pdfs/asp_20060017_en.pdf))
- 13.3 Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997  
(<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2005/01/20576/50663>)
- 13.4 Town & Country Planning (Development Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 2008  
(<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2008/426/contents/made>)
- 13.5 Consultant's report on the Review of Strategic development Plans (April, 2014) and the Scottish Government's Response (June, 2014)  
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/planning/Development-Planning/Strategic-Planning/ReviewDocs>

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