

TAYplan Strategic Development Planning Authority

Action Programme Update

June 2019

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 An update to the existing Action Programme requires to be approved at least every 2 years. The attached tabled updates (Appendix 1) includes recent progress updates since the publication of the Action Programme Update (2017).

2 NEW ACTION PROGRAMME FOR THE NEW APPROVED PLAN

- 2.1 The *Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997* requires the Action Programme to be updated at least every 2 years. This would mean that the next updated during 2019.
- 2.2 As required by the *Town and Country Planning (Development Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 2008* the Action Programme has been prepared in cooperation with those parties who are responsible for delivery of the actions. This includes private companies, the four constituent Councils, Scottish Government, Key Government Agencies and the other persons (Lead Partners(s)) specified in the Action Programme.
- 2.3 A table of updates to the current Action Programme (2017) include all recent progress updates (all listed in Appendix 1).
- 2.4 The table of updates sets out the key actions required to deliver the Approved TAYplan (2017). This gives confidence to the providers and funders of the required infrastructure and services to commence early planning and timely implementation. It identifies projects/proposals, their strategic importance, phasing, timing, funding, priority, evidence of progress and the lead partners and delivery bodies that will deliver the actions. The updates on progress do not provide a comprehensive description of all activity associated with the identified actions. Instead it focuses on what has changed and progress since the last publication.

Appendix 1: Schedule of Proposed Amendments

a) Transformational Projects

Action	Progress
<p>Implement TAYplan Green Network strategy focused on: green networks in Strategic Development Areas (SDAs), green networks in Dundee and Perth core areas, key active travel networks in Carse of Gowrie and North Fife Coast</p>	<p>Update to evidence of progress column:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Replace bullet point 1 with the following: A Strategic Development Framework (SDF) for West / North West Perth which includes strategic green infrastructure, active travel routes, and open spaces guidance was agreed by Committee January 2017 as non-statutory Supplementary Guidance. Within the West / North West Perth SDF area: Bertha Park and Almond Valley sites have in principle planning permissions and masterplans in place, whilst Bertha Park has detailed permission for the first phase, and development has commenced. A wider Perth West is being considered through the LDP2 Examination. The Reporter's report and recommendations for the adopted LDP2 are expected July 19. - Amend bullet point 4: Adopted FIFEplan Local Development Plan (2017). <p>Remove the following bullet points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Notice of Intention was issued by the Scottish Ministers on 31st October 2016 to allow the appeal for Planning Permission in Principle (Planning Appeal reference: PPA-340-2104) subject to the conclusion of a legal agreement for Almond Valley mixed use development site H73. This development proposes new and enhanced paths and cycle routes to provide active travel links to Perth and Almondbank, including the enhancement of routes along the River Almond and the Lade. - In principle planning application for Bertha Park (15/01112/IPM), together with the accompanying masterplan, approved on 11 May 2016. A detailed planning application (15/01109/FLM) for the first phase of housing and commercial units approved on 8 June 2016. The proposals include areas of open space, new woodland and landscaping including new water features, and a network of paths and cycle routes to provide active travel links to Perth and Almondbank. - Work is ongoing on proposals for Perth West which will include strategic green infrastructure, active travel routes and open spaces. <p>Additional updates for evidence of progress column:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SNH are supporting Angus Council on local green network planning including a pilot workshop on Arbroath green network. - SNH have asked for the TAYplan Strategic Green Network to be included as a project for consideration in the Tay Cites Regional Transport Working Group. - Perth and Kinross Council's Green Infrastructure Supplementary Guidance identifies strategic green network linkages whilst local opportunities that can be delivered

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	<p>through new development are highlighted in the site drawings and developer requirements of Local Development Plan 2. The current review of the Supplementary Guidance will provide further detail on settlement level opportunities for improving the network.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Angus Open Space Audit, including site surveys, analysis and mapping completed in 2017. Development of the Open Space Strategy to be incorporated into work on Angus Green and Blue Networks. <p>Work has commenced, through an initial pilot with partner stakeholders to identify and develop the green and blue networks for Angus at strategic and settlement level (Arbroath pilot) and collation of various GIS layers and data.</p> <p>Further workshops and engagement to be held 2019 with stakeholders and community representatives to look in detail at settlement level. This work will be progressed through the LDP 2021.</p> <p>(status/ % delivered) – work progressing, 0% delivered to date</p>
<p>Action 3 – Montrose Port</p>	<p>Update to evidence of progress column:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Montrose Port Authority continues to invest in the upgrading of quayside storage facilities. Recent investments include the completion of two deep water berths to allow for larger vessels and large cargoes to be handled and arrival of cruise ships. - Spine Road improvements completed 2018. <p>(status/ % delivered) – road alignment 100% complete</p>
<p>Action 4 - West/North West Perth</p>	<p>Replace the 1st bullet with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The A9/A85 improvements (Crieff Road to across the A9 dual carriageway and River Almond into Bertha Park) were completed March 2019. <p>Delete all other bullets in this section to update and simplify with the following replacement bullets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In principle planning application for Bertha Park (15/01112/IPM), together with the accompanying masterplan for: 3,000 houses, 25ha employment land, new secondary school provision and a primary school, new park and ride and compatible employment land approved May 2016. A detailed planning application (15/01109/FLM) for the first phase of housing and commercial units approved June 2016. Bertha Park School is under construction with opening expected 21st August 2019. - A Notice of Intention was issued by the Scottish Ministers on 31st October 2016 to allow the appeal for Planning

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	<p>Permission in Principle (Planning Appeal reference: PPA340-2104) for a residential development with school and community facilities. The S75 legal agreement for Almond Valley was agreed November 2017.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A charrette process and preparation of a Masterplan Framework for Perth West has supported the consideration of a larger more sustainable and deliverable site in the review of LDP2. This wider Perth West is being considered through the LDP2 Examination. The Reporter's report and recommendations for the adopted LDP2 are expected July 19. As well as informing review of the LDP the Masterplan Framework could guide developers preparing detailed masterplans to support planning application/s here. The Regional, Logistics, Fulfilment and Business Innovation Park within Perth West is a significant development opportunity that features in the Scottish Government's capital investment prospectus. Through the TAY city region deal, and subject to a robust business case, the UK Government commits to invest up to £5 million in on-site infrastructure. - Scottish Water is currently fully engaged with the key developer stakeholders at the Bertha Park development. Impact Assessments for both water and drainage have been carried out and actions are in place to support both short and long-term proposals. Plans are now in place to support the construction of a new service reservoir near the site which will serve this area, and provide benefit to development elsewhere within the Perth catchment including Perth West and Almond Valley. In addition, Scottish Water is carrying out a strategic drainage review of the city which is likely to define a preferred option to accommodate all LDP sites within the next 12 – 18 months. Tactical solutions are being implemented in the interim to ensure development continues to be enabled.
<p>Action 5 – Oudenarde</p>	<p>Delete and replace the 3rd bullet point with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The new roundabout on the A912 has been completed. Application 16/02156/AMM for erection of 159 homes on land to the south of the Oudenarde allocation has been formally called in by Scottish Government due to the proposal's potential impact on trunk road infrastructure and road safety. At the time of writing a decision has not been issued. <p>Delete the following two bullets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Construction of the private housing is programmed to commence in 2017/18. - Initial demand feasibility study undertaken. <p>Other updates to evidence of progress column:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remove reference to ongoing discussions about bringing forward allocated business land to the south of the A912 as this is not included in the approved application 02/01482/IPM." <p>Lead partner/ person(s) responsible:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amend to show Transport Scotland's responsibility limited to M9 trunk road operational safety. <p>Phasing of actions/ key deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remove reference to Business Development area and Include reference to M9 trunk road infrastructure mitigation.
Action 6 – Dundee Linlathen	<p>Update to evidence of progress column:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allocated in Dundee LDP2019 as a Principal EDA .
Action 7 – Dundee Wider Waterfront (including Claverhouse)	<p>Update to evidence of progress column:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - V&A Dundee, railway station and hotel development opened in 2018. - Development underway to construct office building at Site 6. Planning permission approved for hotel and flats on Site 6. - Planning permission approved for office building and flats on Site 2.
Action 8 – Dundee Western Gateway	<p>Update to evidence of progress column:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application 15/00410/FULM referred to on page 21 is now consented. Work is to begin on this site later this year. - Planning application for the Swallow Roundabout have also been approved by Dundee and Perth Council. Upgrade works to the roundabout are due to commence in May this year. - Construction work is well underway at Dundee Western Gateway with over 156 homes now occupied. - Dundee LDP2019 allocates land for additional 430 units and identifies potential site for new primary school. - DCC preparing a Development Framework for the area (2019). <p>Remove existing bullet points 2-6 in evidence of progress column.</p>
Action 9 – James Hutton Institute	<p>Update to lead partner/ person responsible column:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding – Tay Cities Deal in-principle funding agreed for £62m <p>Update to evidence of progress column:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The institute has identified The International Barley Hub and the Advanced Plant Growth Centre as the first projects in a phased approach to regeneration. These projects are subject to ongoing review by the SG Gateway process with IBH at stage 2 and APGC at stage 1. The site for the facility has not yet been finalised but it will be within or adjacent to the buildings already on the site. If Gateway Review is successful the building(s) could be ready for occupation within 3 years subject to funding availability. A site master plan will be progresses in Q2/3 2019. Detail design may commence in December 2019. A pre-application consultation could take place in Q3 2019. <p>The final bullet point should be replaced by the following:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Compared to the existing LDP a larger site area has been identified for E37 in the LDP2. This is currently going through Examination. Since there have been no objections to the site's new boundary, only to the developer requirements for this site, the new site boundary is likely to be adopted by the Council once the Examination is complete (expected July 2019).
Action 10 – Cupar North	<p>Update to evidence of progress column:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amend bullet point 3: Plan adopted September 2017 - Amend bullet point 4: Application still under consideration. Infrastructure requirements and viability being discussed through Scottish Government's Activating Sites initiative. - Amend bullet point 6: Planning application submitted in February 2017 for construction of 55 houses, proposed site layout for up to a further 113 houses and provision of employment land (Class 4 business) (17/00536/FULL)
Action 11 – St Andrews West & Science Park	<p>Update to evidence of progress column:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amend bullet point 4: Application agreed subject to legal agreement - 15/01823/EIA inc. 370 houses. - Amend bullet point 8: North Haugh - Planning Permission in Principle submitted for mixed use development comprising residential development (circa 900 private & affordable homes); university uses; secondary school; business & employment; retail; care home; hotel; green network; road link and associated infrastructure. - Amend bullet point 9: Construction started on new link road serving proposed school and wider SDA. Road due to be completed April 2019. Detailed planning application approved for replacement Madras Secondary School (18/00295/EIA)
Action 12 – Cupar Relief Road	<p>Update to evidence of progress column:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amend bullet point 1: 600th house currently anticipated in 2029/30 (2018 HLA) - Amend bullet point 4: Awaiting the independent verification of the transport costings for the relief road. Once this information is available it will be sent to Activating Sites Initiative to determine what contribution is due from each site.

b) Geographically Specific Actions

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Action 12 - A9 upgrading from Perth to Inverness	<p>Under phasing of Actions- Key deliverables</p> <p>Amend 1st bullet to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Kinraig to Dalraddy section has been completed. <p>Replace the 3rd bullet with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The current phase of this project is: <p>A9 Luncarty to Pass of Birnam - widening of the A9 to provide 15km of continuous dual carriageway between Inveralmond roundabout in</p>

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	<p>Perth and the Pass of Birnam. Construction of the second section between Luncarty and Pass of Birnam is underway and is planned to be completed in Spring 2021.</p> <p>And the 4th bullet to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The next phase of this project is: A9 Pass of Birnam to Tay Crossing - widening of the existing A9 to provide 10.2km of continuous dual carriageway, incorporating the existing dual carriageway at Pass of Birnam
<p>Action 12 – St. Andrews West Link road</p>	<p>Update to evidence of progress column:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning application approved for Construction of link road and roundabout including associated infrastructure and landscaping from the A91 associated with St Andrews SDA (17/03467/FULL). - Construction started on the new link road serving proposed school and wider SDA. Road due to be completed April 2019.
<p>Action 13 – Rail enhancement between Edinburgh and Perth</p>	<p>Replace existing text in Phasing of Actions column with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Potential improvements to the network beyond 2019, will be considered as part of the broader rail planning process. In line with the current calendar set by the independent rail regulator, the Office of Rail and Road (ORR). The Scottish Government published its High Level Output Specification (HLOS(In July 2017 which informed its Rail Enhancements & Capital Investment Strategy for control period 6 (2019-24) published in March 2018. Any future rail investment will be based around suitable business cases being identified and sufficient resources being available to support their delivery through the established pipeline process. <p>Replace existing text in Evidence of Progress column with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Scottish Government published its High Level Output Specification (HLOS), in July 2017 which informed its Rail Enhancements & Capital Investment Strategy For control period 6 (2019-24) published in March 2018.
<p>Action 13 – Rail enhancement on the Highland Main Line between Perth and Inverness</p>	<p>Update to evidence of progress column:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - While the associated resignalling at Pitlochry and Aviemore was completed in March 2019, delay in delivery of refurbished Inter7City rolling stock will put back introduction of an hourly train on the Highland Main Line until May 2020. Travellers between Perth and Edinburgh will also then benefit from the two-hourly Inverness-Edinburgh train becoming an Inter7City calling only at Kirkcaldy and Haymarket. <p>Amend the penultimate sentence of the Evidence of progress to read. 'This phase was completed March 2019 with introduction of a new timetable programmed for December 2019.'</p> <p>Update to Phasing of Actions column:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Phase 2 completed (infrastructure ready for use) 26th March 2019, on time and under budget. This enables (i) an hourly

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	<p>service between Perth-Inverness extended to Glasgow or Edinburgh, (ii) average JT improvement of around 10 mins, (iii) more efficient freight operations. The new infrastructure will immediately provide a performance and resilience enhancement onto the route. However, due to the delayed refurbishment of High Speed Trains, service enhancements have been deferred until May 2020.</p>
<p>Action 13 – Rail service enhancement between Aberdeen and the Central Belt</p>	<p>Update to evidence of progress column:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inter7City trains made their debut in 2018 on the Aberdeen-Edinburgh route, but a number are having to be operated in unrefurbished condition pending completion of the refurbishment programme. The Revolution in Rail timetable delivered an hourly local service at Broughty Ferry and Carnoustie, two-hourly at Monifieth, in December 2018. - The Tay Estuary Rail study provides further detail on the proposed enhancements, identifying that interventions are technically and operationally feasible. Enhanced passenger service between Dundee and Aberdeen due to commence December 2018 including increased service frequency at Arbroath (south) and Montrose (north) plus additional stops at Carnoustie and Monifieth. - Aberdeen to Central Belt Team (comprising Transport Scotland, Nestrans, Tactran, ScotRail Alliance and freight and passenger rail service operators) reviewing options for double tracking the single track line at Usan and the South Esk Viaduct.
<p>Action 13 – Electrification of the Strategic Rail Network</p>	<p>Update to evidence of progress column:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is an aspiration to electrify Dunblane-Perth during 2019-24.
<p>Action 14 – Upgrading of Perth rail and bus stations and associated links to city Centre</p>	<p>Update to evidence of progress column:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Caledonian Sleeper have completed refurbishment of the north block on Perth Station as a training facility and customer lounge. Sleeper lounges have also been provided at Dundee and Leuchars Stations. <p>Add to evidence of progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Replace the 4th bullet with: LDP2 identifies a joint allocation for Perth Railway Station and the leisure PH20 proposal which will be considered at Examination. The Reporter's report and recommendations for the adopted LDP2 are expected July 19. <p>Add a new bullet as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the TAY city deal heads of terms there is a commitment that Scottish Government will invest up to £15 million in a Perth Bus and Rail Interchange project subject to detailed consideration of future plans for the rail infrastructure in and around Perth Station and completion and agreement of appropriate appraisal, business case and statutory

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	processes.
<p>Action 15 - Undertake a transport appraisal for the Bridge of Earn area</p>	<p>Amend the 1st Phasing of Actions Key Deliverables bullet point as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linked to development at Oudenarde but also including improving strategic transport opportunities for the wider Perth area incorporating the Strategic Development sites to the West and North West of Perth. <p>Add to the Evidence of Progress the additional bullet point as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress will be reported on periodically and PKC Councillors will be asked to consider any submission to Transport Scotland in Spring 2020.
<p>Action 17 – Improved road/ rail connectivity including inter-modal regional rail freight facilities at Perth Harbour</p>	<p>Update to evidence of progress column:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A railfreight terminal is under construction for Highland Spring at Blackford.
<p>Action 17 – Improved road/ rail connectivity including inter-modal regional rail freight facilities at Montrose</p>	<p>Update to evidence of progress column:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Included in Tactran’s RTS Delivery Plan 2008-2023. - South Montrose project including road realignment to improve accessibility completed 2018. - Improved connectivity for North Angus included as one of the proposals in the Tay Cities deal. Initial STAG work underway for link road to connect Montrose to the A90(T). - Discussions with Network Rail regarding potential reopening of the railhead at Montrose to establish a rail freight facility at Montrose ongoing. - Position regarding Angus LDP status of the former railway goods yard unchanged.
<p>Action 19 – Growth in service at Dundee Airport</p>	<p>Remove existing bullet point in evidence of progress column.</p>
<p>Action 20 - Strategic Park and Ride/ Park and Choose facilities serving Dundee at: 1. Dundee West 2. A90 Dundee North at Forfar Road 3. A92 Dundee East at</p>	<p>Update to evidence of progress column:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A90 Dundee North at Forfar Rd • A92 Dundee east at Monifieth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Included in STPR Project 8: Serving Dundee: Invergowrie, Forfar Road, A92 and Forgan. Also included in the Tactran RTS. Funding for feasibility, option appraisal and development of robust business cases for Park & Choose facilities on the west, north and east approaches to Dundee included in Tay Cities Deal Bid- update with outcome of bid. (status/ % delivered) – 0% delivered for both identified projects

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Monifieth 4. A92 South of Tay Bridge	
Action 21 – A90 upgrade through or around Dundee	Remove 5 th bullet point in evidence of progress column.
Action 22 - A9/A94 link and associated links, including A9/A85 junction improvements and Cross Tay Link Road (CTLR) and subsequent city centre enhancements	<p>Replace the 3rd bullet with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Capital finance of £78 million has been secured in the budget and the remaining finance has been secured from Scottish Government. The Scottish Government committed £40M towards the CTLR project, on 7th January 2019. <p>Replace the 5th bullet with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Construction of phase 1 A9/A85 junction improvement and link road to Bertha Park started in October 2016 and the road opened March 2019. <p>Replace the 7th bullet with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Phase 2 will provide a third crossing over the River Tay and a link road to the north of Scone. A Design Manual for Roads and Bridges Stage 2 Report for the Cross Tay Link road was approved at a Council meeting December 2016. <p>Add an additional bullet as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The estimated programme for delivery of the CTLR is completion 2023.

c) Non-Geographically Specific Actions

Action	Progress
Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)	Update to evidence of progress column: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SEA prepared in parallel to process to prepare and adopt the Dundee Local Development Plan 2019.
Habitats Regulations Appraisal (HRA)	Update to evidence of progress column: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HRA prepared in parallel to process to prepare and adopt the Dundee Local Development Plan 2019. (Remove existing bullet point 4)
Opportunities for better coastal management will be explored by SNH, Marine Scotland and Local Authorities in the context of findings of the forthcoming National Coastal Change Assessment (NCCA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action complete. • For phase 2 of this project, Marine Scotland would wish TAYplan to take account of it in the next Strategic Development Plan or whatever version of strategic planning may be taken forward in the future (subject to the outcome of the planning Bill).

