

**REPORT TO: DUNDEE, PERTH, ANGUS AND NORTH FIFE
STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY
JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING ON 24th NOVEMBER 2009**

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 there is no slippage in the project plan and the Main issues Report will be presented to The Joint Committee on 16th February 2010; and,
- b) remit the Strategic Development Plan Manager to produce a draft Appropriate Assessment for TAYplan.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The financial implications of delivering the Plan over the current budget year are set out in report SDPA 14-2009 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), is being delivered on time.
- 4.2 The initial consultation has finished, the analysis of which is detailed in a separate report to this Committee (SDPA15-2009: TAYplan initial consultation – responses). Whilst the consultation commenced after the summer holiday period and was extended beyond the six weeks, this has not had any knock on impact in respect of delivering the project plan. A good response was received and all the comments have been read and summarised to assist with the production of the Main issues Report and the related background documents.

- 4.3 Work in progressing the Main Issues Report is well underway. A number of background documents are also being progressed including the Strategic Environmental Assessment and a draft "Appropriate Assessment" in terms of the duty set out in Part IVA of the Conservation (Natural Habitats, etc) Regulations 1994. As the requirement has not previously been reported to the Joint Committee it is necessary to remit to the SDPA Manager the Production of this draft. A further report will be brought before the Joint Committee on the proposals for making the full "Appropriate Assessment" under the Regulations
- 4.4 The Main Issues Report will set out the key issues and challenges facing the region, as well as setting out options on population growth, a preferred spatial strategy with any reasonable alternative(s), and a draft vision. A number of background documents will accompany the Main Issues Report.
- 4.5 The Main Issues Report will draw on existing plans and strategies, including strategic land allocations in existing Structure Plans, Single Outcome Agreements, national strategies and frameworks, and the Regional Transport Strategy. The period of the Strategic Development Plan is 2012 to 2032.
- 4.6 The city region Housing Needs and Demand Assessment, the need for and commissioning of which was subject of a report to The Joint Committee on 26th May 2009 (SDPA09-2009: Housing Need and Demand Assessment for the TAYplan Area), is progressing well. A final report is due by the end of November 2009 and will be a background report to The Joint Committee on 16th February 2010.
- 4.7 The Main Issues Report is the key stage where comments will be sought. The consultation strategy for this stage is currently being drawn up taking account of the feedback from the initial consultation stage, and the need to balance resources with the extent of the consultation (number of meetings etc). The consultation strategy will be presented to The Joint Committee on 16th February 2010.
- 4.8 A key stakeholder group is established and meeting regularly to assist in the preparation of the Main Issues Report. The group consists of: SEPA, SNH, Scottish Enterprise, Scottish Water, Transport Scotland, Historic Scotland, TACTRAN, SESTRAN, NHS Fife, NHS Tayside, Architecture + Design Scotland, Forestry Commission, and Visit Scotland.
- 4.9 The published Development Plan Scheme will be updated and presented to The Joint Committee on 16th February 2010 to reflect the agreed project plan and any other updates required. Whilst the main elements of the project plan are on the TAYplan website, an updated Development Plan Scheme will be available for the Main Issues Report consultation period commencing in May 2010.
- 4.10 Member briefings will be undertaken within each Authority during December as the Main Issues Report is being finalised through to mid January 2010.

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 SDPA 12-2009: SDPA Project Plan Update, Joint Committee 25th August 2009.
- 6.2 Report SDPA 10-2009: Project Plan Update, Joint Committee 26th May 2009.
- 6.3 Report SDPA 09-2009: Housing Need and Demand Assessment for the TAYplan Area, Joint Committee 26th May 2009.
- 6.4 Report 04-2009: The Development Plan Scheme, Joint Committee 24 February 2009.

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