

**REPORT TO: DUNDEE, PERTH, ANGUS AND NORTH FIFE
STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY
JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING ON 6th OCTOBER 2015**

REPORT ON: TAYPLAN PROGRESS REPORT

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Joint Committee on the progress of TAYplan's work, recent shortlisting for Scottish Award for Quality in Planning award within the Development Plans category, and recent Youth Camp event.

2 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The project plan continues to be delivered on time without any substantial change. The period for representations on the Proposed Strategic Development Plan ended on 3rd July. Work is ongoing on analysing and considering these responses. The Joint Committee in late 2015/early 2016 will consider whether the Proposed Plan should be submitted to the Scottish Ministers without any modifications or modified. After submission, an examination of the Plan would follow. TAYplan has been shortlisted for Scottish Award for Quality in Planning award within the Development Plans category and made a presentation to a panel of judges in June 2015. The winner will be announced at the award ceremony in November 2015. In partnership with University of Dundee and with support from Planning Aid Scotland, TAYplan's Youth Camp took place in June 2015. It involved secondary school pupils participating in a range of planning related activities, the main project was the fun creation of a site design within Dundee Waterfront area created in Minecraft.

3 RECOMMENDATION

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

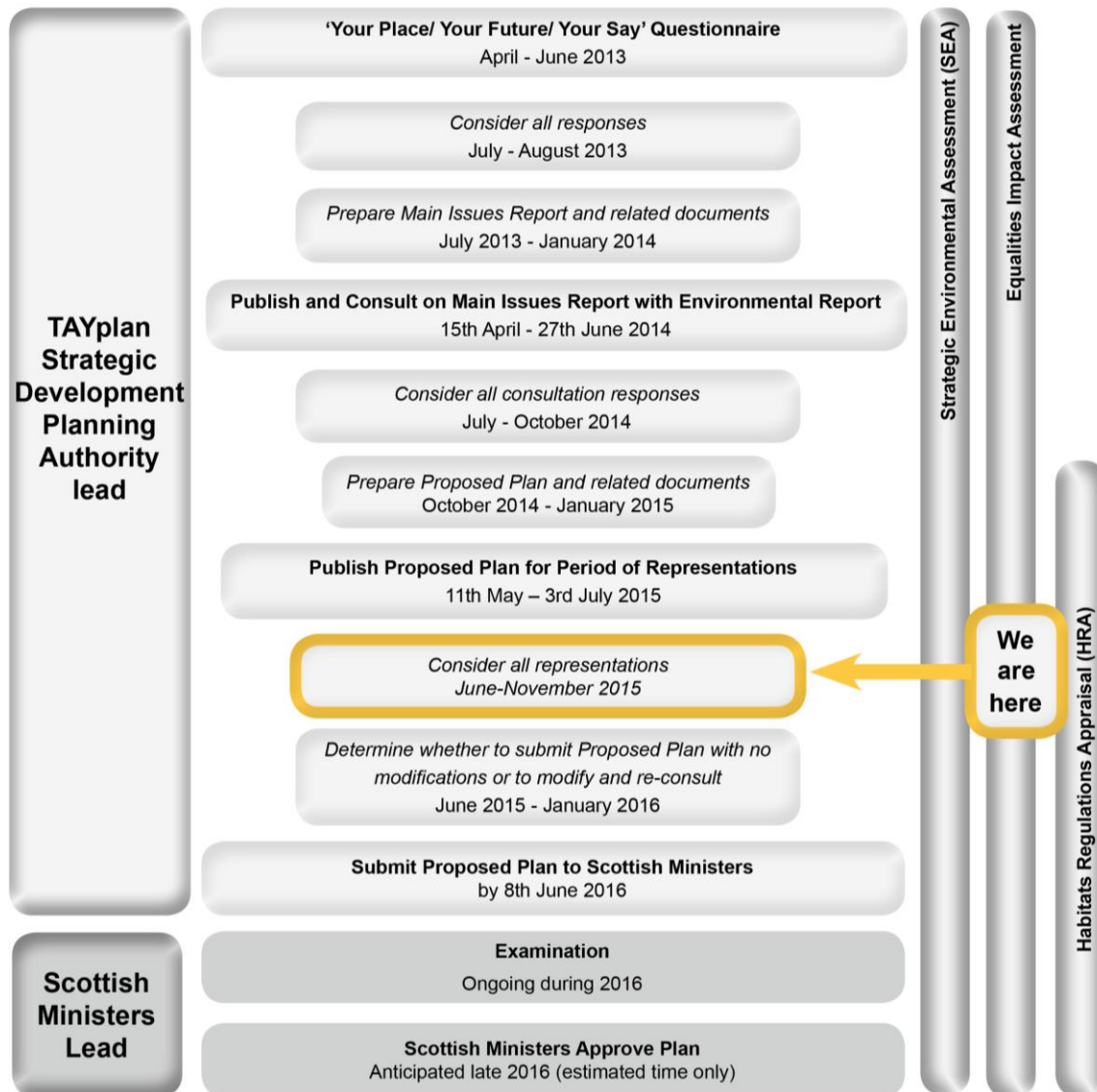
4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The financial implications of delivering the Plan over the current budget year are set out in Report SDPA09-2015: TAYplan Budget Update.

5 PROJECT PLAN UPDATE

- 5.1 The project plan, as updated by the Joint Committee in October 2012 (Report SDPA09-2012: Project Plan Update), continues to be delivered on time. There have not been any delays in preparing the Proposed Plan and all the related assessments and documents.

5.2 TAYplan has completed a period of representations, and comments were received on the Proposed Plan, as well as the Action Programme and Equalities Impact Assessment. Work is currently underway considering these representations in order determine whether to submit the Proposed Plan with no modifications, or to modify and re-consult.



5.3 Consideration Report SDPA07: Consultation overview: TAYplan Proposed Strategic Development Plan sets out more details on the responses received. The next key stages in the project plan are outlined below:

- Overview of representations received, grouped into key issues (July-November 2015);
- Prepare note on representations/unresolved issues (September-late 2015/early 2016);

- Joint Committee consider Proposed Plan and related documents for submission (late 2015/early 2016);
- Joint Committee consider Proposed Action Programme (late 2015/early 2016);
- Submission of Proposed Plan, Proposed Action Programme, Environmental Report, Habitat Regulation Assessment and related documents to the Scottish Ministers (by early June 2016);
- Examination of Proposed Plan and thereafter Ministers consideration of examination report and decision (Ongoing mid-late 2016);
- Approval of Plan (anticipated by end December 2016);
- Publish approved documents (within 3 months of the Scottish Minister's decision); and,
- Adopt Action Programme and publish within 3 months of the Strategic Development Plan being approved.

6 SCOTTISH AWARD FOR QUALITY IN PLANNING

- 6.1 A submission to the Scottish Awards for Quality in Planning 2015 was made for the Proposed Strategic Development Plan. The team did a presentation in June to a panel of judges. The award ceremony will be in November when the winners will be announced.
- 6.2 The submission focused on the key areas of improvement and good practice in preparing the 2nd Plan. This includes better integrating health, active travel and green networks into the Plan's policies and proposals. In addition a new style and a more readable format has been developed to assist more people in engaging with how their place should change and investors looking to make critical decisions on where to invest. TAYplan has developed this through the layout, use of language and in developing graphics which focus on the importance of place, both through topographical mapping and through the use of photographs and sketches.

7 YOUTH CAMP 2015

- 7.1 The one-day Youth Camp was a partnership project with the University of Dundee and provided school pupils with the opportunity to influence places where they live, study and work by taking part in exciting interactive workshops and digital visualisation projects using Minecraft (a computer design game about breaking and placing blocks).
- 7.2 Prior to the Youth Camp, school visits were carried out to each of the interested schools to provide an overview of what the day will involve and encourage young people, with an interest in their place, to come forward an express and interest in attending. Over 900 young people attended these visits in total.
- 7.3 The event was aimed at S3-S4 young people with an interest in Geography and Modern Studies, and the schools selected up to 5 pupils to make a team for the day. The Youth Camp gave the young people a fun opportunity to use Minecraft in developing a vision for Dundee Waterfront.

- 7.4 The young people were encouraged to consider issues of place and ‘think like a planner’ as well as some justifications as to why they chose these designs so they could discuss them later in the day.
- 7.5 In the evening a showcase took place at the University of Dundee which allowed each of the teams to present their designs to an audience including their teachers, University staff, Town and Regional Planning students and each other. Allowing them an opportunity to talk through their design and explain why they chose to create what they did.
- 7.6 The judging panel for the showcase comprised of Professor Rob Duck (Dean of School of Environment), Chris Van Der Kuyl (4J studios, Dundee), Councillor Will Dawson (Dundee City Council and TAYplan Joint Committee), Allan Watt (Dundee Waterfront Coordinator) and Lucy Thomson (Young Placemaker). A report regarding the Youth Camp 2015 has been published and is available at <http://www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk/news/693>

8 CONSULTATIONS

- 8.1 The Treasurer and Clerk to TAYplan, the Director of Communities Directorate, Angus Council, Executive 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.

9 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1 Circular 6/2013: Development Planning, Scottish Government (<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0044/00441577.pdf>)
- 9.2 Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 (http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2006/17/pdfs/asp_20060017_en.pdf)
- 9.3 Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2005/01/20576/50663>)
- 9.4 Town & Country Planning (Development Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2008/426/contents/made>)