

**REPORT TO: DUNDEE, PERTH, ANGUS AND NORTH FIFE  
STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY  
JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING ON 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2017**

**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 in delivering the Project Plan.

**2 SUMMARY**

2.1 The project plan for the second Strategic Development Plan continues to be delivered on time without any substantial change. The Strategic Development Plan continues its examination. This is expected to conclude by 8 March 2017 with plan approval anticipated in early 2017. TAYplan's has submitted an entry to the RTPi UK Awards for Planning Excellence. The Scottish Government has also fed back on TAYplan's Planning Performance Framework (2015/16).

**3 RECOMMENDATION**

3.1 It is recommended that the Joint Committee:

- a) Notes the progress to date in implementing the Project Plan and the Planning Performance Framework feedback.

**4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The financial implications of delivering the Plan over the current budget year are set out in Report SDPA03-2017: *TAYplan Budget Update*.

**5 TAYPLAN EXAMINATION HEARING AND APPROVAL PROCESS**

5.1 Following a request by Reporter's TAYplan officers attended the examination hearing on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016 in the Queens Hotel, Dundee. The hearing focused on housing supply targets and land requirements. TAYplan officers were supported by Council officers. Other invitees included Homes for Scotland and various consultants and housebuilders.

5.2 The Reporters were interested specifically in technical information for clarification purposes. They were also interested in exploring the arguments presented by respondents in their representations to the Proposed Plan; and, TAYplan's response. Reporters remain confident that they will conclude their report of recommendations to Scottish Ministers by 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

- 5.3 Upon approval by Scottish Ministers (with or without modifications) the new plan will replace the current TAYplan (2012). TAYplan will then publish the new Strategic Development Plan including any modifications. The Plan's publication will be advertised in the Courier and Press and Journal newspapers. Paper copies will be sent to Scottish Government and placed in Council planning and area/access/local offices and in public libraries (Budget Implications covered in Report *SDPA 03-2017 Budget Update*). Electronic copies will be sent to Community Councils, Key Stakeholders, adjoining authorities and others. There will be a 6 week period during which time approval of the plan can be challenged.
- 5.4 The Joint Committee must approve/adopt the accompanying Action Programme within 3 months of the approval of the Plan. A special meeting is therefore proposed for the penultimate week in June 2017.

## **6. RTPI AWARDS FOR PLANNING EXCELLENCE 2017**

- 6.1 TAYplan has submitted the Youth Camp 2016 as an entry to the RTPI Awards for Planning Excellence 2017. The submission emphasises the partnership approach to delivery and the importance of schools as a great source of enthusiasm for our work. Shortlisting is expected to be complete in early 2017.

## **7 PLANNING PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK (2015/16)**

- 7.1 TAYplan submitted the Planning Performance Framework (2015/16) on time in July 2016 (Report *SDPA 15-2016 Planning Performance Framework*). Scottish Government concluded their feedback in November 2016. This scores TAYplan green (the highest ranking) on all performance markers for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year running.

## **8 THIRD STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

- 8.1 There is considerable uncertainty over the continued preparation of Strategic Development Plans as set out in the Planning Review Consultation (SDPA Report 02-2017), however the legal duty to prepare a (third) Strategic Development Plan within 4 years of the previous Plan's approval date remains. For these reasons TAYplan officers are preparing an initial project plan and undertaking work that will be useful to the four councils and future strategic working arrangements whatever the outcome of the planning review. This is designed to put the councils in the best possible position to carry out future activities from a strong base. This work includes:
- examination of statistical evidence to support monitoring and more detailed research activity later; including housing need and demand assessment, analysis of infrastructure, should this be necessary to support future arrangements;
  - Youth engagement to build on the success of the June 2016 Youth Camp with another Youth Camp during 2017 (involving TAYplan and council officers); and,
  - Implementing actions from the Action Programme Update 2016.

## **9 CONSULTATIONS**

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

## **10 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 10.1 TAYplan Planning Performance Framework 2015/16 feedback from the Scottish Government, November 2016.  
([http://www.tayplan.co.uk/system/files\\_force/publications/PPF2015\\_16\\_DocAndFeedback.pdf?download=1](http://www.tayplan.co.uk/system/files_force/publications/PPF2015_16_DocAndFeedback.pdf?download=1))
- 10.2 Report SDPA 02-2017 Planning Review
- 10.3 Report SDPA 03-2017 Budget Update
- 10.4 Report SDPA09-2012: Project Plan Update: 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2012  
(<http://www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk/jointcommittee> )
- 10.5 Report SDPA 15-2016 Planning Performance Framework.  
(<http://www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk/jointcommittee> )
- 10.6 Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997  
(<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2005/01/20576/50663>)
- 10.7 Town & Country Planning (Development Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 2008  
(<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2008/426/contents/made>)
- 10.8 Circular 6/2013: *Development Planning*, Scottish Government  
(<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0044/00441577.pdf>)
- 10.9 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))

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