

**REPORT TO: DUNDEE, PERTH, ANGUS AND NORTH FIFE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING ON 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2016**

**REPORT ON: PLANNING PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK 2015/16**

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## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 This Report provides an update on TAYplan's Planning Performance Framework for 2015/16.

## **2 SUMMARY**

2.1 TAYplan has submitted the fifth annual Planning Performance Framework (Appendix 1) to the Scottish Government ahead of the 29 July 2016 deadline. It demonstrates improved performance and progress in meeting statutory deadlines for preparing the Strategic Development Plan. Feedback on this 2015/16 Framework is anticipated in October 2016.

## **3 RECOMMENDATION**

3.1 It is recommended that the Joint Committee:

- a) Note the Planning Performance Framework (Appendix 1) submitted to the Scottish Government.

## **4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no financial implications arising within this budget year.

## **5 PLANNING PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK**

5.1 The new Planning Performance Framework (Appendix 1) covers the year April 2015 to March 2016. The majority of TAYplan's work over this time has related to the Period for Representations for the Proposed Plan and the subsequent analysis of representations and governance process. The key Planning Performance Framework areas for measurement are as follows:

- Quality of outcomes
- Quality of service and engagement
- Governance
- Culture of continuous improvement

- 5.2 The Planning Performance Framework shows that TAYplan has met the performance markers relating to the preparation of the Strategic Development Plan. The timescales remain as originally established in the project plan and the Development Plan Scheme. Related material also shows how our work has developed and improved based on the measurements described in paragraph 5.1 above.
- 5.3 The actions set out last year to improve performance have been met and in some instances continue as longer term improvements. In particular this year's submission focuses on how some of the findings of the 2014 and 2015 customer surveys are being put into effect. Mention has also been made of our more effective use of electronic systems and the ongoing engagement with young people.
- 5.4 Prior to submission a benchmarking exercise was carried out in liaison with the other Strategic Development Planning Authorities. The Planning Performance Framework has been submitted ahead of the 29 July 2016 deadline. It is anticipated that feedback will be received in October 2016.

## **6 CONSULTATIONS**

- 6.1 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 Executive Director (Environment) have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

## **7 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 7.1 Planning Performance Framework Guidance 2015/16 by Heads of Planning Scotland  
<https://hopscotland.files.wordpress.com/2013/02/planning-performance-framework-guidance-version-5-mar-2016.pdf>

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