

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

REPORT ON: TAYPLAN PROGRESS REPORT

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To update the Joint Committee on the progress of the second Proposed Strategic Development Plan.

2 SUMMARY

2.1 Following approval by the Joint Committee in February 2016 the Proposed Strategic Development Plan was submitted to Scottish Ministers on 7 June 2016 – before the 4 year legal deadline. The examination commenced on 13 June 2016. TAYplan has commenced research activity and is working with partners on material for the next plan review. TAYplan has also continued its youth engagement programme during June 2016 and submitted the annual Planning Performance Framework to Scottish Ministers in July 2016.

3 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 It is recommended that the Joint Committee:

a) Note the contents of this report.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The key financial implication is the estimated £20,000 payment for the examination in public of the Proposed Strategic Development Plan (*total estimated cost of £40,000 of which half is met by TAYplan and half by Scottish Government*). This cost is contained in the budget estimates for the 2016/17 period (see Report SDPA 13-2016 *Budget Update*). This is also described in Report SDPA 09-2016 *Examination Update*.

5 PROJECT PLAN UPDATE

5.1 TAYplan has now completed all work in the project plan for the second Strategic Development Plan. Following member endorsement in February 2016 the Proposed Plan was submitted to Scottish Ministers on 7 June 2016; ahead of the four year statutory deadline.

- 5.2 The examination commenced on 13 June 2016 with the appointment of Reporters by Scottish Ministers. The examination continues with approval by Scottish Ministers anticipated by March 2017 (See Report *SDPA 10-2016 Examination* for more detail on the examination progress).

6 THIRD STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

- 6.1 TAYplan has a legal duty to prepare and submit a new Strategic Development Plan to Scottish Ministers within four years of the current plan's approval date. Although the Independent Panel has made recommendations to Scottish Ministers regarding Strategic Development Plans (See Report *SDPA 15-2016 Planning Review*), there is no ministerial position at present and TAYplan's statutory responsibilities remain in place.
- 6.2 Work has commenced on the research programme and project planning for the third Strategic Development Plan. This has provided an opportunity to consider the research needs for the next plan review. The emphasis is on carrying out work which is useful to TAYplan, the four Councils and other organisations.
- 6.3 The work will support monitoring, identifying any new issues and exploring actions necessary to bring about positive change. This is an opportunity to reinforce existing partnerships and to forge new ones to develop consensus around action. Joint thinking is also going on with the City Deal team who are now co-located with the TAYplan team *Budget*).

7 YOUTH ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME

- 7.1 This year the programme was jointly run by officers from TAYplan, the four councils and the University of Dundee. This helped the councils develop their own relationships with schools and reinforces those made by TAYplan already. It has also demonstrated that with such a partnership we are jointly capable of delivering this kind of activity for a comparatively low resource input.
- 7.2 This also helps to inspire the next generation of active citizens. Some may be interested in planning or related careers, some may enjoy the practical application of geography into real life planning; and, all will be in a better position to understand, participate and influence how their place changes in the future.
- 7.3 Officers visited over 400 pupils from 10 secondary schools (March-April 2016). Four pupils from each school then attended the youth camp event, held at Dundee University on 16 June 2016.
- 7.4 With an active learning theme, the morning explored the factors that make places good. Working in groups the young people explored how people's needs change over time and how places need to respond; including how to overcome problems and technological change. They also assessed places they know using the Scottish Government's Place Standard Tool.

- 7.5 In the afternoon each school group was given a blank map to design a sustainable place. To do this they put into practice the thinking from the morning and considered the land uses, infrastructure and access issues for their place.
- 7.6 Councillor Tom Gray (TAYplan Convenor) and Bill Lindsay (Fife Council) judged the places created by the participants. The winners, Morgan Academy, and the runners up, Baldragon Academy, have the opportunity of work experience with TAYplan and the four councils. This took place in late September 2016.
- 7.7 The event feedback was positive and helpful. Teaching staff in attendance welcomed the session and some blocked time in their diaries for next year!
- 7.8 A report of the Youth Camp event is attached to this Report at Appendix 1. A short film has also been made by TAYplan and the University of Dundee, which can be seen by visiting youtube at the weblink below:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yHgoPeiqFps&feature=youtu.be>
- 7.9 The TAYplan Steering Group has agreed to continue this work to maintain links with the schools and enable young people to learn about planning and actively participate in both strategic and local planning matters.
- 7.10 TAYplan's work with young people has also been recognised in an exhibition of work from around Scotland at the Venice Architectural Biennale during May 2016. The exhibition is now touring Scotland and will at Westward Works in Dundee from 18 to 27 November 2016 as part of the Year of Architecture and Design celebrations.

8 PLANNING PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK (2015/16)

- 8.1 TAYplan has completed the annual Planning Performance Framework for the financial year 2015/16. This was submitted to Scottish Ministers ahead of the 30 July 2016 deadline. *Report SDPA 15-2016 Planning Performance Framework* contains more details.

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

10 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1 Report SDPA 10-2016 *Examination*
- 10.2 Report SDPA 13-2016 *Budget Update*
- 10.3 Report SDPA 15-2016 *Planning Performance Framework*
- 10.4 TAYplan Youth Camp Report
(http://www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk/system/files_force/publications/Youth%20Camp%20Report_final.pdf?download=1)
- 10.5 TAYplan Youth Camp Film
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yHqoPeiqFps&feature=youtu.be>)
- 10.6 Venice Architectural Biennale Film
(<https://youtu.be/CRhd-5vSmDo>)
- 10.7 Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997
(<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2005/01/20576/50663>)
- 10.8 Town & Country Planning (Development Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 2008
(<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2008/426/contents/made>)
- 10.9 Circular 6/2013: *Development Planning*, Scottish Government
(<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0044/00441577.pdf>)
- 10.10 Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006
(http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2006/17/pdfs/asp_20060017_en.pdf)

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