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PROPOSED ANGUS LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – CONSULTATION UPDATE

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ABSTRACT

This report provides the Council with an update of the overall response to the period for representation undertaken on the Proposed Angus Local Development Plan, Environmental Report and Draft Action Programme between 27 February and 30 April 2015 and seeks agreement on the next steps in the consideration and assessment of submissions.

1. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Council:

- (i) note the scale of submissions received during the period for representation;
- (ii) agree to accept late submissions up to Friday 29 May 2015; and
- (ii) agree that all submissions received, including late submissions received by 29 May 2015, are made publicly available on the Council's web site.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/COPORATE PLAN

This report does not directly contribute to the local outcomes contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013 – 2016. It will however enable Angus Council to consider the representations received and where appropriate submit unresolved issues to Scottish Ministers along with the proposed Plan and continue progress towards adoption of the Angus Local Development.

The Angus Local Development Plan will when adopted contribute to the following local outcomes contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2016:

- We have a sustainable economy with good employment opportunities;
- Angus is a good place to live in, work and visit;
- Individuals and families are involved in decisions which affect them;
- Individuals are involved in their communities;
- Our communities are safe, secure and vibrant;
- We have improved the health and wellbeing of our people and inequalities are reduced;
- Individuals are supported in their own communities with good quality services;
- Our communities are developed in a sustainable manner;
- Our natural and built environment is protected and enjoyed; and
- Our carbon footprint is reduced.

The Proposed Angus Local Development Plan sets out the development strategy for the area, and where development should be located. The document has been structured around the Community Planning Partnership's five priorities to demonstrate how the implementation of the Angus Local Development Plan will contribute towards meeting the vision and outcomes for the Angus area.

3. BACKGROUND

At their meeting of the 11 December 2014, Angus Council approved the Proposed Angus Local Development Plan, and agreed to its publication for a nine week period of representation. The Council also approved the draft Environmental Report and Transport Appraisal and agreed to their publication alongside the Proposed Angus Local Development Plan.

The Development and Enterprise Committee at their meeting of 20 January 2015 agreed a Draft Action Programme, Consultation Statement, Equalities Impact Statement, Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and Draft Habitats Regulations Appraisal Record to be published as supporting documents to the Proposed Angus LDP.

The documents were formally published on 27 February 2015 with a 9 week period for representation extending to 30 April 2015. Copies of the Proposed Plan, Environmental Report, Draft Action Programme and range of supporting documents were available to view and download from the Council's website: www.angus.gov.uk/ldpconsult. The published documents were also available for inspection at all Angus Council Libraries, ACCESS Offices, and at County Buildings and Angus House, Forfar. In addition printed copies could be purchased with CD versions available free of charge.

A number of key agencies, including the Scottish Government, SEPA and SNH, and all Angus Community Councils were consulted directly on the Proposed Plan. In addition, notification of the publication of the Proposed Plan documents was issued by letter and e-mail to around 750 consultees, including landowners, developers, agents and members of the public. Owners, lessees or occupiers of any premises on a site, or on land neighbouring a site proposed for development in the Proposed Plan were notified.

Statutory Public Notices were placed in the Dundee Courier on 27 February and 6 March 2015. This provided details of how to access the Proposed ALDP and supporting documents, the period for representation and how to submit a representation.

During the period for representation members of the Development Plan Team responded to requests to attend meetings with Inveresk Community Council and residents of Arbirlot.

4. RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSED ANGUS LDP, ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT AND DRAFT ACTION PROGRAMME

Some 170 submissions were received to the Proposed ALDP, Environmental Report and Draft Action Programme by the end of the advertised period for representation (30 April 2015). In line with the timetable included in the Angus Development Plan Scheme 2015, work is progressing on formally registering the responses received by this date, identifying individual representations and grouping them together under issues for consideration and response by Angus Council. Until this task has been completed it is not possible to indicate the range and scale of representations received on individual elements of the Proposed Plan, Environmental Report or Draft Action Programme.

The Angus Development Plan Scheme (Revised March 2015) sets out a timetable which indicates that the assessment of representations on the Proposed ALDP and supporting documents will be undertaken in the period from June to September 2015. It is intended that a Report will be brought to the September Council Meeting to agree Angus Council's response to unresolved objections and a schedule of non-notifiable modifications. Subject to full Council agreement, this would allow the Proposed Plan and Angus Councils response to unresolved objections to be submitted to Scottish Ministers by the end of October 2015.

It is anticipated that a number of late responses will be received after the end of the formal period for representation on 30 April 2015. To allow Angus Council to progress the consideration of representations and agreement on their response in line with the indicative timetable set out in the Angus DPS (Revised March 2015) it is recommended that late submissions on the Proposed LDP received up to 29 May 2015 should be accepted. In discussion with the Scottish Government/ DPEA it is considered reasonable to accept late

submissions up to this date after which Council officers commence drafting their response to unresolved objections to the Proposed ALDP. Representations received after this date will not be accepted.

In line with good practice and the procedure adopted at the Main Issues Report stage it is proposed to make all representations and supporting material publicly available on the Councils website. Agreement is sought that agree that all submissions received, including late submissions received by 29 May 2015, are made publicly available on the Council's web site.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this Report.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Risks

It is essential that work on preparation of Angus Councils response to unresolved objections commences as soon as practicable. While it is reasonable to accept submissions up to 29 May 2015, acceptance of submissions beyond this date could result in delay to the preparation and agreement of Angus Councils response and result in delay in the submission of the Proposed Plan to Scottish Ministers.

Failure to maintain progress in meeting the indicative timetable set out in the Angus Development Plan Scheme (Revised March 2015) may mean that Angus Council will not maintain up to date Development Plan coverage of Angus as required by the Scottish Government.

Any delay in the adoption of the Angus Local Development Plan could mean that development decisions in Angus would be made on an ad-hoc basis and not be plan led. It is therefore in the wider public interest to ensure that timely progression of the Angus Local Development Plan is maintained.

NOTE: The background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) which were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report are:

- Report 501/14 Proposed Angus Local Development Plan, Angus Council, 11 December 2014.
- Report 33/15 Proposed Angus Local Development Plan – Supporting Documents, Development and Enterprise Committee, 20 January 2015.
- Report 113/15 – Angus Development Plan Scheme – 6th Annual Review, Development and Enterprise Committee, 3 March 2015.
- Angus Development Plan Scheme (Revised March 2015)

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