

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE – 4 MARCH 2014**

**TAYplan MAIN ISSUES REPORT: SCOTLAND'S SusTAYnable REGION 2016 - 2036**

**REPORT BY STRATEGIC DIRECTOR - COMMUNITIES**

**ABSTRACT**

The purpose of this report is to seek ratification of the decision of the Joint Committee of the Dundee, Perth, Angus and North Fife Strategic Development Planning Authority to approve the TAYplan Main Issues Report (MIR) as a basis for consultation, having regard to and taking account of the related Environmental Report from the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and draft Equalities Impact Assessment.

**1. RECOMMENDATION(S)**

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) agrees to ratify the Joint Committee's decision to approve the Main Issues Report (MIR) as a basis for consultation and delegate the Strategic Development Plan Authority Manager to submit the Main Issues Report to the Scottish Ministers;
- (ii) has regard to and take account of the Environmental Report (published with this report as a basis for consultation) drafted by Perth & Kinross Council as the Responsible Authority and note that Perth & Kinross Council are required to publish and submit the Environmental Report;
- (iii) agrees to ratify the Joint Committee's approval of the draft Equalities Impact Assessment as a basis for consultation;
- (iv) agrees to ratify the Joint Committee's approval of the Monitoring Statement and delegate the SDPA Manager to submit to the Scottish Ministers
- (v) notes the background Topic Papers (published with this Report);
- (vi) agrees that in order to inform a consultation response from Angus Council to the published TAYplan Main Issues Report (MIR), a Member / Officer working group be established.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Infrastructure Services Committee was notified on the 21<sup>st</sup> August 2012 (Report 455/12 refers) that TAYplan – the first Strategic Development Plan for Dundee, Perth, Angus and North Fife, was approved by Scottish Ministers with modifications on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2012. TAYplan replaced the Dundee and Angus Structure Plan (approved by Ministers in 2002) and established the strategic land use planning framework for Angus.
- 2.2 Strategic Development Plan Authorities are required by Section 4(1) of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 to prepare a Strategic Development Plan and to keep the plan under review. Section 10(8) of the Act further requires that where there is a current Strategic Development Plan, a review of that plan must be submitted within four years after the date on which the current plan was approved. This means that a review of the TAYplan Strategic Development Plan must be submitted to Scottish Ministers by the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016.
- 2.3 The Main Issues Report is the first statutory stage of reviewing the current approved Strategic Development Plan. The purpose of the Main Issues Report is to set out what policies, strategy and proposals should change and provide an indication of what the preferred option for change is and any reasonable alternatives.

### **3. CURRENT POSITION**

- 3.1 The Joint Committee of the Dundee, Perth, Angus and North Fife Strategic Development Plan Authority (which includes Councillors Evans, Murray and Myles from Angus Council) at their meeting of 25 February 2014 approved Report SDPA01-2014, a copy of which is set out in [Appendix 1](#). This Joint Committee therefore approved the following documents, subject to minor changes being delegated to the Strategic Development Plan Authority Manager.
- Main Issues Report ([Appendix 2](#));
  - Draft Equalities Impact Assessment ([Appendix 3](#)); and
  - Monitoring Statement ([Appendix 4](#)).
- 3.2 The Joint Committee was also asked to have regard and take account of the draft Environmental Report (and Non Technical Summary) and to note the background Topic Papers. Strategic Environmental Assessment is a key part of the development plan process. The required Environmental Report has been prepared by Perth & Kinross Council, as the Responsible Authority.
- 3.2 Under the Joint Committee's constitution all decisions must be referred back to the relevant Committees of the Constituent Authorities for ratification. Copies of the documents detailed above are available in the Members Information Hub.
- 3.3 Public consultation on the Main Issues Report and associated documents is scheduled to take place between 15<sup>th</sup> April and 27<sup>th</sup> June of this year. This will involve a number of opportunities for organisations and the public to attend venues to discuss the MIR document and also to make comments.
- 3.4 As part of this overall consultation process, the Strategic Director - Communities will bring forward a report to an appropriate Committee summarising and commenting on the content of the MIR. The TAYplan MIR consultation response report will be based on the discussions and outcomes of the Member / Officer Group to be agreed by this committee. This group would consider and discuss the MIR and identify any issues relating to land use planning interests for Angus. The working group would comprise six Members: the three members of the Strategic Development Plan Authority Joint Committee and three others from the Development and Enterprise Committee together with relevant officers from Planning.

### **5. PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no property implications arising from this report.

### **6. RISKS**

There are no significant risks to the Council arising from this report.

### **7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

### **8. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

There are no human rights implications arising from this report.

### **9. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

The issues dealt with in this report have been the subject of consideration from an equalities perspective (as required by legislation). An equalities impact assessment is not required. It should be noted that this report seeks ratification of the Joint Committee's approval of the draft Equalities Impact Assessment as a basis for consultation.

### **10. ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN AND SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT**

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, influence

future land use planning in Angus and therefore contribute subsequently to both the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement.

#### **11. STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

There are no SEA implications for Angus Council. It should be noted that Perth & Kinross Council (as the Responsible Authority) have undertaken SEA of the TAYplan Main Issues Report and a draft Environmental Report will be published alongside the Main Issues Report for consultation.

#### **12. CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive, Head of Corporate Improvement & Finance and Head of Legal & Democratic Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

#### **13. CONCLUSION**

Publication of the Main Issues Report (MIR) and associated documentation is a significant milestone towards review of the Strategic Development Plan for the Dundee, Perth, Angus and North Fife areas. Ratification of the earlier decision taken by the Strategic Development Plan Authority Joint Committee will allow public consultation and engagement on the main issues and options which will be held between 15<sup>th</sup> April and 27<sup>th</sup> June of this year.

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**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:

- TAYplan Environmental Report (SEA) and the Non Technical Summary (both April 2014)
- TAYplan SEA Scoping Report (September 2013)
- TAYplan background technical Topic Papers (4) (April 2014)
- Draft Habitat Regulations Appraisal

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18<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

Appendix 1: Report to the TAYplan Joint Committee SDPA01-2014: TAYplan Main Issues Report: Scotland's SusTAYnable Region 2016-2036 (25<sup>th</sup> February 2014)

Appendix 2: TAYplan: Main Issues Report: Scotland's SusTAYnable Region 2016-2036 (April 2014)

Appendix 3: TAYplan Draft Equalities Impact Assessment (April 2014)

Appendix 4: TAYplan Monitoring Statement (April 2014)