

ANGUS COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE – 20 JANUARY 2015

PROPOSED ANGUS LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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ABSTRACT

This report seeks approval of supporting documents for the Proposed Angus Local Development Plan which was approved with amendments by Angus Council on the 11th December 2014. The report also seeks agreement that the documents be published alongside the Proposed Angus Local Development Plan in February 2015, when it is subject to a period of representation.

1. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) note the amendments made to the Draft Proposed Angus Local Development Plan at the Angus Council meeting on the 11 December 2014, which enabled Angus Council to approve the document;
- (ii) agree a Draft Action Programme, Consultation Statement, Equalities Impact Statement and Draft Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and further agree to their publication alongside the Proposed Angus Local Development Plan; and
- (ii) agree a Draft Habitat Regulations Appraisal Record and note the changes made by the Head of Planning and Place under delegated authority to the Proposed Angus Local Development Plan as a result.

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 the Proposed Angus Local Development Plan to be published for a period of representation. The Proposed Angus Local Development Plan contributes 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 subject to a number of amendments, and agreed to its publication for a nine week period of representation. The amendments have been incorporated into the document in preparation for its publication, and are presented to the Committee for noting. Extracts of the Proposed ALDP are included in Appendix 1 and the amendments are shown as tracked changes to enable them to be easily identified.

The Council also approved the draft Environmental Report and Transport Appraisal and agreed to their publication alongside the Proposed Angus Local Development Plan. The Council further delegated authority to the Development and Enterprise Committee to agree a Draft Action Programme, Consultation Statement, Equalities Impact Statement and Draft Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, as well as the Draft Habitats Regulations Appraisal Record. The Head of Planning and Place was authorised to make minor changes to the Proposed Angus Local Development Plan as a result of the findings of the Draft Habitat Appraisal Record (Report 501/14 refers).

4. PROPOSALS

The following supporting documents are therefore presented to the Development and Enterprise Committee for approval:

- **Draft Action Programme.** The Council has developed an Action Programme for the Angus Local Development Plan as a means of delivering the Plan's objectives. It sets out how the Plan is to be implemented, in particular what should happen over the 2 years following the adoption of the plan. The Programme includes a list of actions required to deliver the Plan's policies, identifies who is to carry out the action and sets out the timescale for carrying out each action. The Action Programme will be published for comment alongside the Proposed Plan.
- **Draft Habitats Regulation Appraisal.** This appraisal is mandatory under the Conservation (Natural Habitats, & c.) Regulations 1994, as amended. Its purpose is to identify whether policies or proposals may have an impact on the conservation objectives and qualifying features of Special Areas of Conservation or Special Protection Areas. A Draft HRA Record for the Proposed Angus Local Development Plan has been prepared in consultation with Scottish Natural Heritage. This work has screened out a large number of policies and proposals and concluded that they are not likely to have a significant effect on any designated site. Further Appropriate Assessment work has concluded that amendments are required to be made to the Proposed Angus Local Development Plan to ensure particular policies and proposals do not have an impact on designated sites. Changes made to the Proposed ALDP as a result of the Habitats Appraisal are included in Appendix 4 of the Draft HRA Record. Although the Draft HRA Record will be published alongside the Proposed ALDP for the period of representation, it is the subject of ongoing consultation with Scottish Natural Heritage. The draft document will be submitted alongside the Proposed ALDP and any outstanding representations for examination, and will only be finalised prior to the ALDP being adopted.
- **Consultation Statement.** This document sets out the significant consultation undertaken to date, including the Main Issues Report. A substantial number of responses were received to the MIR consultation (186 individual responses giving rise to circa 860 separate comments, rising to 955 when considering late responses accepted by the Council). This statement sets out the Council's response which has informed the final contents of the Proposed Angus Local Development Plan.
- **Equalities Impact Assessment.** The Equality Act 2010 introduced a duty on public bodies to ensure that they consider the needs of all individuals in their day-to-day work – in shaping policy, in delivering services, and in relation to their own employees. The Assessment anticipates the consequences of the Proposed Angus Local Development Plan on different sections of the community (and colleagues), making sure that, as far as possible, any negative impact (discrimination) on any

group is eliminated and that opportunities for promoting equality are maximised. The assessment will be published alongside the Proposed Plan for information.

- **Draft Strategic Flood Risk Assessment.** This document provides evidence to inform the Proposed Angus Local Development Plan by identifying where flood risk is likely to be an important consideration, where new development is likely to add risk and where flood risk may need to be assessed in further detail. The document is the subject of consultation with SEPA and will be finalised taking account of any comments received. The assessment will be published alongside the Proposed Plan for information.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The publication of the Proposed Angus Local Development Plan and associated documents will incur costs associated with advertisement, postage, printing and publishing. Part of the printing and publication costs may be recouped through sales of printed copies of the documents as set out below. This excludes “statutory consultees”, including all Community Councils in Angus, who will be circulated with a copy of the Proposed Angus Local Development Plan free of charge. Printed copies of other documents could be provided at a reasonable cost to cover print, post and packaging.

- Proposed Angus Local Development Plan Written Statement (including all Proposals / Inset Maps) - £20
- Supporting documents including Environmental Report, Transport Appraisal, Draft Action Programme, Draft Habitats Regulation Appraisal, Consultation Statement, Equalities Impact Assessment and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment - £5

Further costs will be incurred as the Angus Local Development Plan progresses through public examination in 2015-16. These costs are all contained within the Planning Revenue Budget.

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 to Angus Council 11 December 2014

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List of Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Extracts of the Proposed Angus Local Development Plan showing Angus Council amendments made to the plan prior to approval on 11 December 2014.

Appendix 2 – Proposed Angus Local Development Plan Draft Action Programme

Appendix 3 – Proposed Angus Local Development Plan Draft Habitats Regulation Appraisal

Appendix 4 – Proposed Angus Local Development Plan Consultation Statement

Appendix 5 – Proposed Angus Local Development Plan Equalities Impact Assessment

Appendix 6 – Proposed Angus Local Development Plan Strategic Flood Risk Assessment