

ANGUS COUNCIL

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PROPOSED ANGUS LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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ABSTRACT

This report seeks approval of supporting documents to the Proposed Angus Local Development Plan. Approval of the documents will allow submission of the Proposed Angus Local Development Plan and the Council's response to the unresolved issues to the Scottish Ministers for Examination as agreed by Angus Council on the 10 September 2015.

1. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Council:

- (i) agree the responses to the representations received on the Proposed Angus Local Development Plan Environmental Report (Appendix 1);
- (ii) agree the responses to the representations received on the Proposed Angus Local Development Plan Draft Action Programme (Appendix 2);
- (iii) agree the Proposed Angus Local Development Plan – Housing Background Paper and Proposed Angus Local Development Plan – Carnoustie Employment Land Timeline Background Paper (Appendix 3 and 4);
- (iv) agree the amended schedule of Non-Notifiable modifications to the Proposed Angus Local Development Plan (Appendix 5)
- (v) agree the Statement of Conformity with the Participation Statement (Appendix 6);
- (vi) authorise the Head of Planning and Place to make changes to the format, appearance and technical details of the documents agreed prior to submission; and
- (vii) note that the Proposed Angus Local Development Plan, Schedule 4 documents, Schedule of Non-Notifiable Modifications and associated documents will be submitted to the Scottish Ministers by the 6 November 2015.

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

2.1 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 Plan.

2.2 The Angus Local Development Plan when adopted will 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.

2.3 The Proposed Angus Local Development Plan establishes the development strategy for the area, and sets out the nature, scale and location of development. 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 10 September 2015, Angus Council agreed the responses to the representations received on the Proposed Angus Local Development Plan during the Period of Representation on the document which ran from 27 February to the 30 April 2015. At that meeting Angus Council also approved the submission of the Proposed Plan, Schedule 4 documents, Schedule of Non-Notifiable Modifications and other associated documents together with the unresolved issues to Scottish Ministers for examination. Angus Council also agreed that additional evidence, further supporting documents and responses to the representations received on the Environmental Report and Draft Action Programme should be brought before the Council for agreement prior to submission (Report 346/15 refers).

4. PROPOSALS

The following supporting documents are therefore presented to Angus Council for approval:

- **Schedule of representations to the Proposed Angus Local Development Plan Environmental Report and Angus Council responses.** Five submissions were received during the Period of Representation relating to the Environmental Report, resulting in 48 individual representations of which 33 were comments (69%) and 15 were objections (31%). The objections mainly relate to detailed comment on consistency in the assessment of individual sites; and amendment sought to policy wording regarding requirement for Flood Risk Assessment. Any changes proposed to the Environmental Report as a result of representations and detailed in the schedule will be made to the document prior to submission.
- **Schedule of representations to the Proposed Angus Local Development Plan Draft Action Programme and Angus Council responses.** Four submissions were received during the Period of Representation relating to the Draft Action Programme, resulting in 16 individual representations, 1 of which was a comment, and 15 were objections. The objections generally sought amendments to the document to include organisations as partners in certain actions, although certain objections required an action relating to heat mapping. Additional comments received from SEPA following the period of representation sought to include them as partners in certain actions and sought to recognise the additional work required to ensure proposed cemetery extensions do not adversely impact on the water environment. Additional changes are proposed to the Action Plan in response to representations on the Proposed Plan. These are also included in this schedule for completeness. Any changes proposed to the Action Programme as a result of representations and detailed in the schedule will be made to the document prior to submission.
- **Proposed Angus Local Development Plan – Housing Background Paper.** This background paper has been prepared to provide information and clarity to the appointed Examination Reporter(s). The paper explains the approach to the scale and distribution of housing set out in the Proposed Angus Local Development Plan.
- **Proposed Angus Local Development Plan – Carnoustie Employment Land Timeline Background Paper.** This background paper has been prepared to provide information and clarity to the appointed Examination Reporter(s). The paper explains how the employment land allocation(s) have changed since the Angus Local Plan (2000) to the Proposed Angus Local Development Plan (February 2015)

- **Schedule of further Non-Notifiable Modifications.** A schedule of Non-Notifiable Modifications was agreed by Angus Council at their meeting of 10 September 2015 (Report 3346/15 refers). In finalising the Schedule 4 documents and in dealing with representations made on the Environmental Report, a number of Non-Notifiable Modifications have been amended and further Non-Notifiable modifications require approval. The complete schedule has been provided.
- **Statement of Conformity with the Participation Statement.** This document is required to be submitted alongside the Proposed Plan and Unresolved Issues by Part 2 Section 18(4) (a) (i) and Section 19 (4) of the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006. The Statement must outline the extent to which the authority has consulted with and involved the wider public in preparing the Proposed Local Development Plan and show how this consultation conforms with the intentions outlined in the Participation Statement contained in the Angus Development Plan Scheme current when the Proposed Angus Local Development Plan was published and subject to the period for representation.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 At their meeting on the 10 September, Angus Council agreed to submit the Proposed Local Development Plan and associated documents together with the unresolved issues to the Scottish Ministers for Examination (Report 346/15 refers). There will be costs involved in the Examination process as a result of the DPEA appointing independent Reporter(s) to examine the plan. These costs are all contained within the Planning Revenue Budget.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS (IF APPLICABLE)

Risks

- 6.1 Failure to maintain progress in meeting the indicative timetable set out in the Angus Development Plan Scheme (Revised March 2015) will mean that Angus Council does not maintain up to date Development Plan coverage of Angus as required by the Scottish Government.
- 6.2 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. Additionally any delay that would result in the TAYplan Strategic Development Plan review being adopted prior to the adoption of the Angus Local Development Plan could render the plan out-of-date.

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 346/15 Proposed Angus Local Development Plan, Angus Council 10 September 2015.
- Angus Development Plan Scheme (Revised March 2014)
- Angus Development Plan Scheme (Revised March 2015)

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List of Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Schedule of Representations and Angus Council Responses to the Proposed Angus Local Development Plan Environmental Report

Appendix 2 – Schedule of Representations and Angus Council Responses to the Proposed Angus Local Development Plan Draft Action Programme

Appendix 3 – Proposed Angus Local Development Plan – Housing Background Paper

Appendix 4 – Proposed Angus Local Development Plan – Carnoustie Employment Land Timeline
Background Paper

Appendix 5 – Schedule of further Non-Notifiable Modifications

Appendix 6 – Statement of Conformity with Participation Statement.