

ANGUS COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 13 SEPTEMBER 2016

STRATEGIC LANDSCAPE CAPACITY ASSESSMENT FOR SOLAR ENERGY IN ANGUS

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ABSTRACT

This report asks Committee to note the Strategic Landscape Capacity Assessment for Solar Energy in Angus which will become a material consideration in considering and determining planning applications.

1. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) notes that the Strategic Landscape Capacity Assessment For Solar Energy in Angus will be published on the Angus Council web site;
- (ii) notes that the Strategic Landscape Capacity Assessment for Solar Energy in Angus will be recognised as a material consideration in the determination of planning applications for wind energy proposals; and
- (iii) notes policy implications will be considered at an appropriate Committee in due course.

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

This report contributes to the following local outcome(s) contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2016:

- Angus is a good place to live in, work in and visit
- Our communities are developed in a sustainable manner
- Our natural and built environment is protected and enjoyed
- Our carbon footprint is reduced

3. BACKGROUND

The Action Programme of the Angus Local Development Plan 2016 includes a proposal to prepare Supplementary Guidance on Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Development (incorporating Spatial Framework for Wind Energy). This Guidance is under preparation and will contain guidance in relation to solar photovoltaic development.

4. CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 Angus Council has approved a number of commercial solar photovoltaic developments. The Strategic Landscape Capacity Assessment for Solar Energy in Angus has been produced in-house by landscape planning staff within the Planning Service.
- 4.2 The Strategic Landscape Capacity Assessment for Solar Energy in Angus is a technical report providing information on landscape capacity for solar photovoltaic energy development and the potential cumulative impact of proposals in the context of consented developments.

5. PROPOSALS

It is intended that the Strategic Landscape Capacity Assessment for Solar Energy in Angus will be recognised as a material consideration in the determination of planning applications for wind energy proposals and will inform the production of the Supplementary Guidance on Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Energy Development.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

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:

- Angus Local Development Plan 2016

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Strategic Landscape Capacity Assessment for Solar Energy in Angus