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ANGUS LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN ACTION PROGRAMME- 2020 UPDATE

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITIES

ABSTRACT

This report seeks approval of the updated Action Programme for the Angus Local Development Plan which details progress with the implementation of the Plan.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council:

- (i) Agree the Angus Local Development Plan Action Programme - 2020 Update for adoption, submission to Scottish Ministers and publication (**Appendix 1**)
- (ii) Delegate authority to the Service Lead Planning and Communities to make minor formatting and drafting changes if required.

2. ALIGNMENT TO ANGUS LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN/CORPORATE PLAN

- 2.1 The attached Action Programme Update supports the implementation and delivery of the objectives, strategy, policies and proposals set out in the adopted Angus Local Development Plan 2016.
- 2.2 The Development Plan contributes to the priorities in the updated Angus Council Plan 2019-2024 and the following local outcomes in the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan 2017-2030 and Locality Plans:

ECONOMY

- An inclusive and sustainable economy
- Attractive employment opportunities

PEOPLE

- Improved physical, mental and emotional health and well-being

PLACE

- An enhanced, protected and enjoyed natural and built environment
- A reduced carbon footprint
- Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Council is required under Section 21 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) to prepare an Action Programme to set out how it intends to implement the objectives of the adopted Local Development Plan.
- 3.2 The Angus Local Development Plan (ALDP) was adopted on 23 September 2016. In line with legislative requirements the first Action Programme was agreed by Angus Council at their meeting of 8 December 2016 (Report 439/16 refers) and was submitted to Scottish Ministers on 21 December 2016. The 2018 Update was agreed by Angus Council on 6 December 2018 and submitted to Scottish Ministers on 12 December that year (Report 381/18 refers).

- 3.3 The Action Programme lists the actions established in 2016 as necessary to deliver the Angus LDP strategy, policies, proposals and land allocations. It identifies who (organisation or person/ partners) is to carry out each action; and indicates the broad timescale to implement each action. It was initially prepared with input from a range of partners, including other Angus Council Services, key stakeholders, Scottish Government and other organisations/ delivery bodies specified in the document. The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) requires the Council to keep the Action Programme under review and update and republish it whenever appropriate, and in any event every 2 years.

4. PROPOSALS

- 4.1 This 2020 Update provides a snapshot of progress and current activity towards implementing the Angus Local Development Plan. It has been prepared in consultation with parties indicated as contributing to delivery of the actions, drawing on progress updates from landowners/ developers through regular monitoring activities including the housing and employment land audits and live action programme.
- 4.2 The delivery of the land use and policy strategy of the Council set out in the ALDP makes a significant contribution to the local economy and the health and wellbeing of our communities. Ensuring there is adequate land for housing secures modern mainstream and affordable homes for existing and future residents, and supports the varied local economic activity generated by housing construction; land allocated for employment uses in Montrose and Brechin enables economic objectives to be realised through Tay Cities and other investment; the protection and enhancement of the Angus environment drives tourism and related sectors of the economy as well as contributing to mitigating the effects of climate change, protecting biodiversity and long term sustainability.
- 4.3 Since the 2018 Update :
- 3 further allocated housing sites have reached completion as well as the mixed use site at Eastgate, Friockheim; 12 (mainly housing) development sites are now under construction, and a number of other allocated sites have moved to the planning application stage.
 - Employment land allocations in Montrose, Kirriemuir, and Forfar have seen new planning applications with some developments now under construction.
 - The Places for Everyone proposals in Arbroath have moved to the design and delivery stage.
 - A number of policy work areas have been progressed further, with others to be reviewed and taken forward as part of preparation of the next LDP.
- 4.4 In the period since the 2018 Update some significant changes to the planning system and in the wider policy landscape have implications for several of the policy actions identified in the ALDP at the time of adoption in 2016. Changes in the staff resource within the planning service have also impacted progress. The Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 introduced a new system of development planning with additional duties and Angus Council agreed at the meeting on 10 September 2020 to progress the next LDP for Angus under that new system (Report 221/20 refers). Greater emphasis on the need to address the impacts of climate change, the related need to protect and enhance our natural environment and embrace opportunities for clean economic growth, and the effects of the coronavirus pandemic will all shape the place Angus will become in future. This is recognised in the updated Council Plan 2019-2024. As a consequence of these changes, some of the specific policy actions considered appropriate 4 years ago will be reassessed as part of preparatory work for the new plan rather than be taken forward as previously indicated.
- 4.5 A Position Statement is being prepared which will consider the effectiveness of the development strategy, policies and proposals of the adopted ALDP as a basis for informing the early stages of preparation of the next Plan. It will include details of the levels of new development that have come forward, a review of the key changes in the policy context that have emerged since 2016 and will consider the role of the next local development plan in contributing to the Angus Council vision, strategic priorities and Local Outcomes Improvement

Plan objectives. The Position Statement will be brought before a meeting of Angus Council in Q1 2021.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The publication and submission of the Action Programme – 2020 Update may incur costs for printing. These will be contained within the Planning Revenue Budget for 2020/21. However, the Scottish Government has confirmed the requirement of the Act to send 'two copies' can be substituted by sending the document by email. There is also a requirement to place a copy in each public library.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Risks

- 6.1 The risk to the Council of not approving the Angus Local Development Plan Action Programme – 2020 Update is that Angus Council will fail to comply with a legislative/legal requirement. In addition, this could affect progress in implementing and delivering the Angus LDP strategy, policies, proposals and land allocations.

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
- Report 439/16 Angus Local Development Plan-Action Programme & Strategic Environmental Assessment Post Adoption Statement, Angus Council, 8 December 2016.
- Report 381/18 Angus Local Development Plan Action Programme – 2018 Update, Angus Council, 6 December 2018
- Angus Local Development Plan Action Programme – 2018 Update, Angus Council, December 2018

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List of Appendices:

Appendix 1: Angus Local Development Plan Action Programme – 2020 Update