

5 PLANNING ADVICE NOTE 65: PLANNING AND OPEN SPACE (AN191-2003)

Planning Advice Note (PAN) 65 raises the profile of open space as a planning issue by demonstrating good practice with regards to open space provision, management and maintenance. The PAN draws heavily on the "Rethinking Open Space" research, commissioned by the Executive and published in March 2001. It highlights the benefits to be gained by local authorities:

- 1 dovetailing open space planning, management and maintenance by preparing open space strategies to assist long-term decision making in place of a piecemeal and disjointed approach;
- 2 formulating locally derived open space standards to ensure that developers provide spaces of an appropriate quality in or within easy reach of new developments;
- 3 establishing firm development plan policies and clear planning briefs that set out the Council's required standard for new developments, to achieve well located, well designed, well managed and adaptable open spaces; and
- 4 forming and maintaining open space networks that provide a framework for development, enhance environmental quality, provide recreational opportunities along with sustainable travel options, and support biodiversity.

Dundee features throughout the PAN in various images and case study examples, such as the Ardler Masterplan and the Midlin Play Zone, raising the profile of the Council's pioneering approach to open space. The Committee should also note that the Finalised Draft Dundee Local Plan Review 2003 fully accords with the contents of this PAN.