

REPORT TO: CITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - 24 SEPTEMBER 2012

REPORT ON: TAYPLAN STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF CITY DEVELOPMENT

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of the approval of TAYplan the Strategic Development Plan for Dundee City Region by Scottish Ministers

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes the approval of TAYplan by Scottish Ministers and that TAYplan now forms part of the Development Plan for Dundee.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 None.

4 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 On 8 June 2012, Scottish Ministers approved TAYplan, the Strategic Development Plan for Dundee City Region, subject to modifications recommended by the Reporters.
- 4.2 The Reporters' recommendations focused largely on text changes which put more emphasis on sustainability, rural communities, commercial centres and seek to provide greater clarification on different aspects. A new diagram was proposed for the Perth greenbelt (TAYplan provided the Reporters with an alternative on their request). Some textual changes result in the Strategic Development Area proposals having a general allocated housing requirement and text relating to St. Andrews development being removed
- 4.3 A six week period was allowed from the date of the Ministers' decision for legal challenges to be made and this resulted in one challenge relating to the St Andrews area. This challenge is currently sisted pending the outcome of a previous challenge to the Fife Structure Plan which is scheduled to be heard by the Supreme Court, nevertheless TAYplan currently remains in force as it stands. This challenge will not delay the preparation of the Dundee Local Development Plan.
- 4.4 The approved Strategic Development Plan now replaces the 3 Structure Plans for Perth & Kinross, Dundee & Angus, and Fife (for the area included within TAYplan boundary only).
- 4.5 Members should also be advised that TAYplan won the 2012 Award for Spatial Strategies from the Royal Town Planning Institute and the prestigious Silver Jubilee Cup, the top accolade for excellence in planning in the United Kingdom.

5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This Report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

There are no major issues.

6 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, the Director of Corporate Services and Head of Democratic and Legal Services have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 TAYplan Strategic Development Plan (June, 2012).
- 7.2 TAYplan Joint Committee Report:
- 7.3 Proposed Strategic Development Plan: Submission to the Scottish Ministers', 25 October 2011.
www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk
- 7.4 Circular1/2009: Development Planning, Scottish Government.
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/261030/0077887.pdf>
- 7.5 Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006.
http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2006/17/pdfs/asp_20060017_en.pdf
- 7.6 The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.
- 7.7 Town and Country Planning (Development Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 2008.

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