

REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 12th JUNE 2006

REPORT ON: DUNDEE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GUIDE FOR CONSTRUCTION AND SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION PROFILE

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To advise the Committee on the contents of the Dundee Sustainable Development Guide for Construction and the Sustainable Construction Profile and to seek approval to implement this strategy.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that :-

2.1 The Dundee Sustainable Development Guide for Construction and the Sustainable Construction Profile be included on the Council website.

Copies of the Sustainable Development Guide for Construction and the Sustainable Construction Profile are available for consideration in the Members lounge.

2.2 Planning and Transportation department issues copies of the Guide and Profile to prospective Developers or refers them to the website.

2.3 The list of Developers Agents currently held by the Council are contacted and provided with copies of the Guide and Profile for future reference and use.

2.4 Any completed profiles will be logged by the Architectural Services Division and a database of sustainable initiatives proposed by Developers will be compiled.

2.5 A further report on progress will be submitted to Committee for consideration in approximately one year.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The cost of resourcing the implementation of this strategy will be met from existing Revenue budgets.

3.2 There will be no cost to prospective Developers as complying with the Guide is on a voluntary basis, however should they decide to implement any of the initiatives any costs should be offset by savings in running costs and whole life costs.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

The following Key Themes of Local Agenda 21 will be addressed :-

4.1 Resources are used efficiently and waste is minimised.

4.2 Pollution is limited to levels at which natural systems can cope.

4.3 The diversity of nature is valued and protected.

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- 4.4 Local needs are met locally.
- 4.5 Access to facilities, services, goods and people is not achieved at the expense of the environment and are accessible to all.
- 4.6 Health is protected by creating safe, clean, pleasant environments.
- 4.7 Places, spaces and objects combine meaning and beauty with utility.
- 4.8 Diversity and local district distinctiveness are valued and protected.

5.0 **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Dundee City Council's Equal Opportunities Policy and Diversity Policy will be reinforced in the Guide to ensure barrier free access to facilities for people with disabilities.

6.0 **BACKGROUND**

- 6.1 Several Local Authorities in England and two in Scotland have introduced a similar Sustainable Construction Development Guide. The Sustainable Construction Group of Dundee City Council, and the Dundee Sun City Partnership, proposed a similar Guide for Dundee to demonstrate Dundee's commitment to sustainability.
- 6.2 The Guide has had input from most of the departments in Dundee City Council, Dundee Sun City and Solar Cities Scotland, Tayside Biodiversity Group, Dundee City Council Sustainable Policy Implementation Group and Sustainable Construction Group. The model used for much of the text was that produced by Bristol City Council who were one of the first Authorities to introduce a Guide on sustainability.
- 6.3 The Guide will have no statutory powers and cannot be enforced, however it will give a clear message to prospective Developers that Dundee City Council and associated partners in Dundee Sun City would hope that sustainable issues, in their many forms, will be addressed more proactively. There is a clear commitment in Dundee City Council, Dundee University, University of Abertay, Dundee College, SCARF (Save Cash and Reduce Fuel) and Scottish Enterprise Tayside, all partners in Dundee Sun City/Solar Cities Scotland, to implement sustainable initiatives wherever possible with a view to increasing energy efficiency, reducing waste and pollution, using local materials, using renewable energy sources, reducing CO₂ emissions and the protection of the environment through biodiversity measures.
- 6.4 Prospective Developers and their Agents will be encouraged to return the Sustainable Development Profile which will enable any proposed initiatives to be recorded. This database can then be reviewed over a period of time to determine what progress has been made and any further action that requires to be considered.
- 6.5 The Profile returns will also be used to disseminate information on new initiatives to Sun City partners, contractors and agents, with a view to expanding these initiatives to further users.
- 6.6 One of the long term aims of the Dundee Sun City campaign is to increase the use of renewable energy sources, up-skill local tradesmen to fit these and, hopefully, attract a manufacturing base to Dundee. The Sustainable Development Guide for Construction, together with the Dundee Demonstration House will hopefully assist in achieving these aims.

7.0 **CONSULTATIONS**

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Director of Planning and Transportation and Sun City partners have all been consulted on the content of this report.
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8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None

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