

**REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
28 AUGUST 2000**

REPORT ON: LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENT OF AREA WEST OF DUNDEE

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The strategy set out in the Tayside Structure Plan is to pursue expansion to the west of Dundee. The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee that a Landscape Assessment of the area west of Dundee is being undertaken within the context of the emerging Dundee and Angus Structure Plan and the forthcoming review of the Dundee Local Plan.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- i note the interim conclusions of the Landscape Assessment, in particular that capacity exists, in landscape terms, to absorb development of the scale and type envisaged in the Structure Plan in this area; and
- ii remit the Director of Planning and Transportation to utilise the results of the Landscape Assessment to inform the preparation of the Dundee and Angus Structure Plan and the review of the Dundee Local Plan.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 No financial implications arise for the City Council as a direct result of this report.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Landscape Assessment has been undertaken to ensure that development to the west of Dundee has due regard to protecting the environment.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no equal opportunity implications associated with this report.

6 BACKGROUND

6.1 The strategy set out in the Tayside Structure Plan 1993 is to pursue expansion to the west of Dundee, involving a combination of housing and employment initiatives, supported by a comprehensive transport infrastructure.

6.2 In progressing this, detailed investigation has been undertaken to ensure that development west of Dundee is capable of implementation in infrastructure terms and that capacity exists in the landscape to satisfactorily absorb the scale and type of development envisaged in the Structure Plan.

6.3 In respect of the latter point, the Landscape Design Team of this Council's Leisure and Parks Department has been commissioned to undertake a landscape assessment. The methodology adopted for this assessment comprises two principal stages, survey and

analysis, and proposals. The survey and analysis stage is now largely complete and as such, it is considered an appropriate time to bring forward this interim report.

- 6.4 From the outset of the process, emphasis has been placed on the need for visual presentation of the information gathered and analysis undertaken. The presentation boards will be on display in the City Chambers prior to the Committee meeting. An interim report giving further background on the methodology adopted and general conclusions has also been prepared and copies have been placed in the Member's Lounge.
- 6.5 In progressing the assessment there has been close co-operation with Angus Council and a presentation made to the Structure Plan Panel. Scottish Natural Heritage have also been briefed on the process and have welcomed the approach being adopted.
- 6.6 Attention will now focus on the proposals aspect of the assessment. This will include the establishment of a development concept, proposals for surface water management and details of planting framework for the area. Clearly, this stage considers the detail rather than broad principles of development in this area, and therefore will inform the forthcoming review of the Dundee Local Plan rather than the Dundee and Angus Structure Plan.

7 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services, Director of Corporate Planning and Director of Leisure and Parks, have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None.

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