

**REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE – 12 JANUARY 2009**

**REPORT ON: DUNDEE, PERTH, ANGUS AND NORTH FIFE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY JOINT COMMITTEE**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION**

**REPORT NO: 49-2009**

## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To report the proceedings of the meeting of the Dundee, Perth, Angus and North Fife Strategic Development Planning Authority Joint Committee which was held on 25 November 2008.

## **2 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee agrees to endorse the remits of the Joint Committee.

## **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION**

- 3.1 The financial implications from this report are contained within the Planning and Transportation Budget.

## **4 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 At the last meeting of the Dundee, Perth Angus and North Fife Strategic Development Planning Authority Joint Committee the following Reports were agreed;

05/2008	Update on the setting up of the Strategic Development Planning Authority.
06/2008	Proposed Staffing and Draft Budget for the Strategic Development Planning Authority.
07/2008	Research Requirements for the Strategic Development Plan.

- 4.2 Under the Joint Committee's constitution all decisions must be referred back to the relevant committees of the Constituent Authorities for ratification. For clarity these remits are itemised in Appendix I of this report.

## **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 CONCLUSIONS**

- 6.1 The meeting of the Joint Committee has agreed a number of courses of action that require, under current procedures, to be endorsed by this Committee.

6.2 A Report in similar terms will be put before Angus, Fife and Perth and Kinross Councils for approval.

6.3 The next meeting of the Interim Joint Committee will be on 24 February 2009.

## **7 CONSULTATIONS**

7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Head of Finance and Assistant Chief Executive have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

## **8 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

05/2008 Update on the setting up of the Strategic Development Planning Authority.

06/2008 Proposed Staffing and Draft Budget for the Strategic Development Planning Authority.

07/2008 Research Requirements for the Strategic Development Plan.

Minute of the meeting of the Dundee, Perth Angus and North Fife Strategic Development Planning Authority Joint Committee of 25 November 2008.

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**APPENDIX I****REPORT 05/2008      UPDATE ON THE SETTING UP OF THE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN AUTHORITY**

There was submitted Report No 05-2008 by the Interim Strategic Development Plan Manager updating the Joint Committee on the progress being made with regard to the setting up of the Strategic Development Planning Authority.

The Joint Committee agreed to:-

- a note that the proposed boundary for the SDPA had been approved by Scottish Ministers with no changes;
- b note that the Scottish Government had agreed to release a grant of £120,000 to assist with the start-up costs of the SDPA and agreed that Dundee City Council provide written confirmation on the areas of expenditure as requested;
- c note the progress being made towards the co-location of the dedicated team with Scottish Enterprise;
- d note the progress made with regard to the recruitment of the SDPA team members;
- e note the Logo to be used for TAYplan documentation and stationery;
- f note that Dundee City Council would be the employing authority for all the staff of the SDPA;
- g agree the provision of member council support roles as set out in paragraphs 8.2 to 8.4 of the report and refer this to each constituent Council for ratification; and
- h note that the Project Plan would be updated to take account of the revised publication date for the Development Planning Regulations (January 2009 rather than October 2008).

A map of the approved boundary was circulated, and it was noted that Scottish Ministers had intimated that notwithstanding the proposed changes to the Cairngorms National Park Boundary, Scottish Ministers did not intend to make any changes to the SDPA boundary at this time.

With regard to the location of the dedicated team within Scottish Enterprise accommodation, it was reported that it was hoped to finalise details in the very near future.

**REPORT 06/2008      PROPOSED STAFFING AND DRAFT BUDGET FOR THE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY**

There was submitted Report No 06-2008 by the Interim Strategic Development Plan Manager seeking approval of the staffing arrangements and draft budget for the SDPA.

The Joint Committee agreed:-

- a that each constituent authority commit to providing at least one full time equivalent staff resource to the SDPA;
- b the draft budget for the Strategic Development Planning Authority; and
- c to refer the decisions on the additional staffing and draft budget to each constituent authority for ratification.