

**REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
29 SEPTEMBER 2003**

**REPORT ON: FINALISED DUNDEE LOCAL PLAN REVIEW – RESPONSE TO
OBJECTIONS AND PROPOSED CHANGES**

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek the Committee's approval of responses to formal objections received to the Finalised Dundee Local Plan Review, and where appropriate, proposed changes to the Local Plan.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
- a approve the document entitled the "Council's Responses to Formal Objections Received to the Finalised Dundee Local Plan Review", a copy of which has been placed in the Members' Lounges;
 - b approves the document entitled "Proposed Changes to the Finalised Dundee Local Plan Review", a copy of which has also been placed in the Members' Lounges;
 - c remit the Director of Planning and Transportation to make arrangements to advertise the proposed changes to the Finalised Local Plan; and
 - d notes that formal objections received to Proposed Changes will be considered alongside all other outstanding objections at the Public Local Inquiry into the Finalised Dundee Local Plan Review.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Provision is made within the Planning and Transportation Department's 2003/2004 Revenue Budget under the Development Plan heading for the financial implications directly associated with future stages in the Local Plan preparation process, including the Public Local Inquiry to consider objections.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Dundee Local Plan Review is a vitally important document for the identification and progression of the City Council's aims and objectives on a wide range of economic, social and environmental issues. The advancement of the Dundee Local Plan Review will positively influence, to a greater or lesser extent, the achievement of virtually all of the key themes identified in Dundee 21.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Dundee Local Plan Review represents a major land use planning document through which the City Council can advance many of its corporate strategies. In taking forward the Local Plan Review, regard has been had to the need to promote equality of opportunity.
- 5.2 In addition, in making arrangements for involving stakeholders in the Local Plan preparation process, positive efforts have been made to encourage the participation of groups and individuals that represent minority interests.

6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 Reference is made to Report 527/2003, approved by the Council's Planning and Transportation Committee at its meeting on 25 August 2003. A supporting document to this Report summarised the formal objections that have been received to the Finalised Dundee Local Plan Review. The Report sought the Committee's approval to negotiate with objectors where appropriate with a view to seeking the withdrawal of objections.
- 6.2 The document summarising the objections that have been received to the Finalised Local Plan has now been expanded to include responses to objections and recommendations as to how particular matters should be advanced. A copy of this document entitled "Council's Responses to Formal objections Received to the Finalised Dundee Local Plan Review" has been placed in the Members' Lounges. In certain instances, it is recommended that changes be made to the Plan following negotiations in response to objections. A separate document containing only the proposed changes to the Local Plan has also been placed in the Members' Lounges.
- 6.3 In addition to changes as a result of formal objections, a limited number of other changes are proposed. If approved by the Planning and Transportation Committee, all changes require to be advertised and formal objections invited. Whilst it is hoped that the changes that respond to formal objections to the Finalised Plan will result in the withdrawal of objections, it is possible that further objections will be submitted. All objections to proposed changes will be considered at the Public Local Inquiry that is being set up to consider outstanding objections to the Finalised Plan.
- 6.4 Officers from the Council have met with the Scottish Executive Inquiry Reporters Unit to progress arrangements for the Public Local Inquiry. Taking all factors into account, it is anticipated that the Inquiry will take place in Spring 2004.

7 CONSULTATIONS

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

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 527-2003 Finalised Dundee Local Plan Review – Objections and Public Local Inquiry.

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