

REPORT TO: PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – 4 DECEMBER 2000

REPORT ON: UNIVERSITY OF DUNDEE – FUTURE CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT PLAN

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek the Committee's approval to work in partnership with the University of Dundee and Scottish Enterprise Tayside to guide the preparation of a plan for the future development of the University's main Campus.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to:
- a Remit the Director of Planning & Transportation to participate in the preparation of a Future Campus Development Plan.
 - b Agree that the cost of preparation of the plan be shared equally by the University of Dundee, Scottish Enterprise Tayside and the Council.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 A total sum of £30,000 has been identified as necessary for the appointment of suitable consultants. The Council's contribution to this is £10,000 with both Scottish Enterprise and the University of Dundee each contributing £10,000 to the balance. This figure will be met from the Department's 2000/01 Revenue Budget.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The need to address the key themes in Dundee 21 will be fully considered in the preparation of the plan.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The need to ensure that equal opportunities are realised will be fully considered in the preparation of the plan.

6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 The University of Dundee, Dundee City Council and Scottish Enterprise Tayside wish to appoint an external consultant to produce in written and drawn form an objective strategy for the Development of the Main Campus over the next 20 years. In order to address the future relationship between the University and its host city within the context of West Central Dundee. The future Campus Development Plan proposals will therefore form an integral part of this wider exercise and the Dundee Local Plan Review. It is therefore crucial that the Council is an equal client partner in the procurement and approval of this strategy, hence the equal sharing of the necessary costs.
- 6.2 It is envisaged that the strategy will follow the broad precepts of Sir Patrick Geddes (a former professor at the University and one of the founding fathers of town planning) in relation to sustainability and the importance of the presence of nature within an urban context.

- 6.3 The strategy is expected to be presented as a series of clearly defined guidelines within which both the maintenance and future development policies of the Campus can be accommodated. One of the key requirements of the strategy is that it must be able to influence the decision making processes of the University as well as providing the City Council and SET with a clear framework for future planning and investment. This means that the strategy has to be prepared by a neutral party who has the necessary range of specialist skills to cover the broad range of issues involved and, therefore, for these reasons it is recommended that suitable consultants be commissioned.

7 SCOPE OF THE STUDY

- 7.1 It is anticipated that the study will encompass four main areas:
- 1 Analysis of the current Campus form, condition and function.
 - 2 Examination and review of existing strategic studies.
 - 3 Consultation with all parties with a relevant interest in the future of the Campus.
 - 4 Reporting with recommendations including phasing.

8 TIMESCALE

- 8.1 Having regard to the study objectives, to the urgent need to inform current decision making and to the resources available from the client partners, it is envisaged that this study will not exceed two months in its preparation and that it should therefore be complete by the end of March 2001. A further report on the study findings will be brought to Committee in the spring of 2001.

9 CONSULTATIONS

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

10 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1 None.

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