

REPORT TO: PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – 2 DECEMBER 2002

REPORT ON: UNIVERSITY OF DUNDEE CAMPUS PLAN

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise members of the outcome of the Campus Plan study for Dundee University and to seek agreement that its findings be used as the basis for the future development of the campus area.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to;
- a Note the contents of the University of Dundee Campus Plan and endorse the development vision contained therein.
 - b Agree that the principal contents and findings of the Plan should be the basis for the future development of the Campus.
 - c Remit the Director of Planning & Transportation to incorporate the Campus Plan into the Dundee Local Plan Review as supplementary guidance.
 - d Commend the Campus Plan to the Development Quality Committee as a material consideration for development control purposes.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the endorsement of this Plan.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The successful development of Dundee University Campus will help to contribute to the viability and vitality of the city and the distinctive character of the West End will be enhanced and thereby assist in addressing a key theme of Dundee 21 in that "Places, spaces and objects should combine meaning and beauty with utility".

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Provision for pedestrians and access for the disabled will be an important issue for the Campus Plan in the development of the University.

6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 At its meeting on 4 December 2000, the Planning & Transportation Committee agreed to jointly commission a Campus Plan in partnership with the University of Dundee and Scottish Enterprise Tayside. The purpose of the Plan was to inform the decision making processes of the University as well as provide the Council and SET with a clear framework for future planning and investment.
- 6.2 Page and Park Architects were appointed as external consultants to undertake the study and they undertook an examination and analysis of the current Campus and existing proposals

and strategies. They also consulted widely with all relevant parties on the future of the Campus and prepared a report on their findings and set out a vision for the future development of the area.

6.3 The main components of the Plan (copies of which are available in the members lounges) are;

- To focus any future expansion proposals on the northern edge of the existing Campus in order to present a new image to the Hawkhill Bypass.
- The improvement of the existing frontages to Perth Road, but to step-back from pursuing any expansion of the main Campus southwards into the railyards.
- To create a new heart within the existing Campus by forming a major new green linear space which physically links the various faculties within the University.
- The creation of improved links between the Campus and the surrounding areas, particularly to the north, south and east.

6.4 With regard to the interface of the Campus with the development of the railyards south of Perth Road, it should be noted that contrary to some recent expressions of concern, there is no intention of developing the floral gardens at Seabraes and that these will remain as public open space.

6.5 The University Court have approved the Campus Plan and are now looking to implement it by way of short, mid and long term proposals as part of their future capital programmes. In order to underline its importance in the future development of the Campus, it is considered important that the Council also approve the Plan and build it into their own statutory planning process.

7 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 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.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 Report 719-2000 refers.

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