

**REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
1 DECEMBER 2003**

**REPORT ON: FINALISED DUNDEE LOCAL PLAN REVIEW – OBJECTIONS TO
PRE-INQUIRY CHANGES**

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Committee of objections submitted to pre-inquiry changes to the Finalised Dundee Local Plan Review and to seek approval of responses to these objections.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that Committee
- a Approves the document entitled the “Council’s Responses to Formal Objections to Pre-Inquiry Changes to the Finalised Dundee Local Plan Review”, a copy of which has been placed in the Members’ Lounges;
 - b Notes that formal objections to the Pre-Inquiry changes that are not withdrawn will be considered alongside all other outstanding objections at the Public Local Inquiry into the Finalised Dundee Local Plan Review; and
 - c Notes the progress that has been made in respect of arrangements for the Public Local Inquiry.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The total cost of the Local Plan Public Inquiry is estimated at £100,000. This will be met from Planning and Transportation Department’s Revenue Budgets for 2003/2004 under the Development Plan heading with the balance being met from the 2004/2005 Revenue Budget – subject to availability. The £100,000 expenditure is mainly attributed to estimated Reporters costs of £35,000 and advocacy costs in the region of up to £65,000.

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 the involvement of 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 578-2003, approved by the Planning and Transportation Committee at its meeting on 29 September 2003 containing proposed Pre-Inquiry changes to the Finalised Dundee Local Plan Review.
- 6.2 These Pre-Inquiry changes were advertised on 3 October 2003 and a period of six weeks given for the submission of formal objections. At the end of this period on 14 November 2003 10 objections had been received, 8 of which wish to be heard at the Public Local Inquiry. These objections and the Council's response to them are set out in a document that has been placed in the Members' Lounges. It is worth noting that as a result of negotiations and, where appropriate, changes to the Finalised Local Plan, the Department has been successful in achieving the withdrawal of some 58 objections.
- 6.3 Arrangements are now at an advanced stage for the Public Local Inquiry to examine objections to the Finalised Dundee Local Plan Review and this is expected to commence in Spring 2004. The Planning and Transportation Department is in the process of appointing Mrs Jill Moody as the Reporter for this Inquiry. The objections to the Pre-Inquiry changes will also be considered at this Inquiry.

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

- 8.1 578-2003 Finalised Dundee Local Plan Review – Responses to Objections and Proposed Changes.

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