

REPORT TO: CITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - 26 MARCH 2012

REPORT ON: DUNDEE DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEME 2012

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF CITY DEVELOPMENT

REPORT NO: 90-2012

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The report sets out the revised Development Plan Scheme for the Dundee Local Development Plan.

2 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- a approve the revised Development Plan Scheme as set out in Appendix 1;
- b refer the revised Development Plan Scheme to the Scottish Government for information; and
- c remit the Director of City Development to publish and implement the Development Plan Scheme.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no direct financial implications from the Development Plan Scheme.

4 BACKGROUND

4.1 The Planning etc (Scotland) Act 1997 requires each Planning Authority to prepare a Development Plan Scheme, and review it annually. The Development Plan Scheme is required to set out the Authority's programme for preparing and reviewing its Local Development Plan and gives a general indication of what is involved in each stage, together with dates for key stages in the process. The Development Plan Scheme must also include a "participation statement" stating the expected arrangements for consultation on the Plan preparation.

4.2 After adopting the Development Plan Scheme, the Act requires the Authority to publish it, send two copies to Scottish Ministers and place copies in public libraries. There is no requirement to consult on the content of the Development Plan Scheme or receive ministerial approval.

4.3 Revised Development Plan Scheme

4.4 The preparation of the Dundee Local Development Plan is linked by legislation to the timescales for the production of the TAYplan Strategic Development Plan. The preparation of the Dundee Local Development Plan should not progress ahead of the main stages of the TAYplan preparation process.

4.5 The TAYplan Proposed Strategic Development Plan was published in 2011 and submitted to Scottish Ministers on 1 December 2011. This allows the Dundee Local Development Plan to proceed as planned. However should any alterations be made

to The Strategic Development Plan prior to its constitution, the impacts on the Local Development Plan will require to be assessed.

4.6 The Development Plan Scheme for the Local Development Plan, as contained in the Appendix to this report, has been prepared with consideration of the progress of TAYplan. As a result the key dates for the preparation of the Local Development Plan are as follows:

- 1 publication of the proposed Local Development Plan - September 2012;
- 2 examination of proposed Local Development Plan - Summer 2013; and
- 3 adoption of Local Development Plan - Summer 2014.

4.7 In accordance with previously approved Development Plan Schemes, the Council has undertaken preparatory work in support of the Local Development Plan including the publication of a Main Issues Report and Environment Report for consultation purposes. Details of this consultation exercise were reported to the City Development Committee on 23 January 2012 (Report 12-2012).

4.8 The next stage is to consider the responses to that consultation and prepare the Proposed Plan. Publication is expected to be presented to Committee in September 2012. This date is one month later than was stated in previous Development Plan Schemes.

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 CONSULTATIONS

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

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

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APPENDIX 1

DUNDEE CITY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEME 2012

This is the fourth Development Plan Scheme published by Dundee City Council with regards to the preparation of the Dundee Local Development Plan. It contains updated information on the progress made towards preparing the Local Development Plan and amended timescales for the main stages of the Plan preparation process.

Background

The Planning etc (Scotland) Act 1997 introduced a process for the replacement of Structure Plans with Strategic Development Plans covering the four main city regions of Scotland and the replacement of Local Plans with Local Development Plans.

The Strategic Development Plan for the area is being prepared by TAYplan Strategic Development Planning Authority (SDPA), whilst Dundee City Council is responsible for preparation of the Local Development Plan.

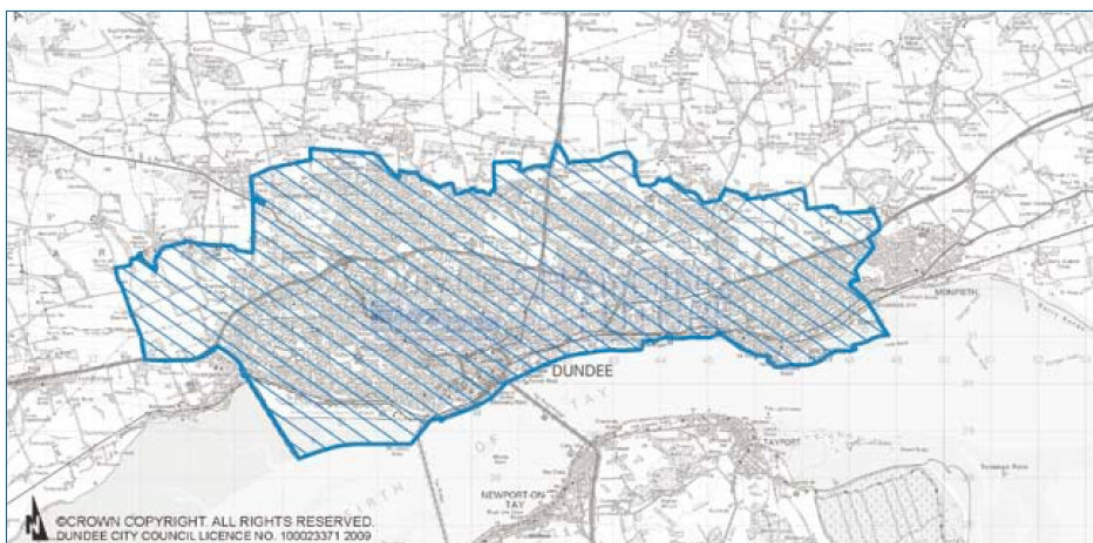
This Development Plan Scheme refers only to the Dundee Local Development Plan.

Once both Plans are completed, the Strategic Development Plan and the Local Development Plan will form the statutory Development Plan for the Dundee City Council area. In addition, Supplementary Planning Guidance on specific planning topics may be prepared and form part of the Development Plan.

The existing Local Plan is the Dundee Local Plan Review 2005. This Plan remains in force until such time as the Dundee Local Development Plan is adopted.

The area to be covered by the Dundee Local Development Plan is the entire Dundee City Council administrative area.

Dundee Local Development Plan Area



Strategic Environmental Assessment

The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 makes Strategic Environmental Assessment a legal requirement for certain plans, programmes and strategies, including the Local Development Plan.

The purpose of SEA is to provide proper consideration for the environment by ensuring that environmental issues are considered by decision makers alongside economic and social issues. This is achieved by systematically assessing the potential significant environmental effects of the Plan. The process involves a number of key stakeholders including the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Scottish Natural Heritage, and Historic Scotland.

The SEA is being undertaken in conjunction with the preparation of the Local Development Plan and the findings will be published in an Environment Report.

More information on Strategic Environmental Assessment is available from the Scottish Government Website. (<http://www.scotland.gov.uk>)

Preparing the Local Development Plan

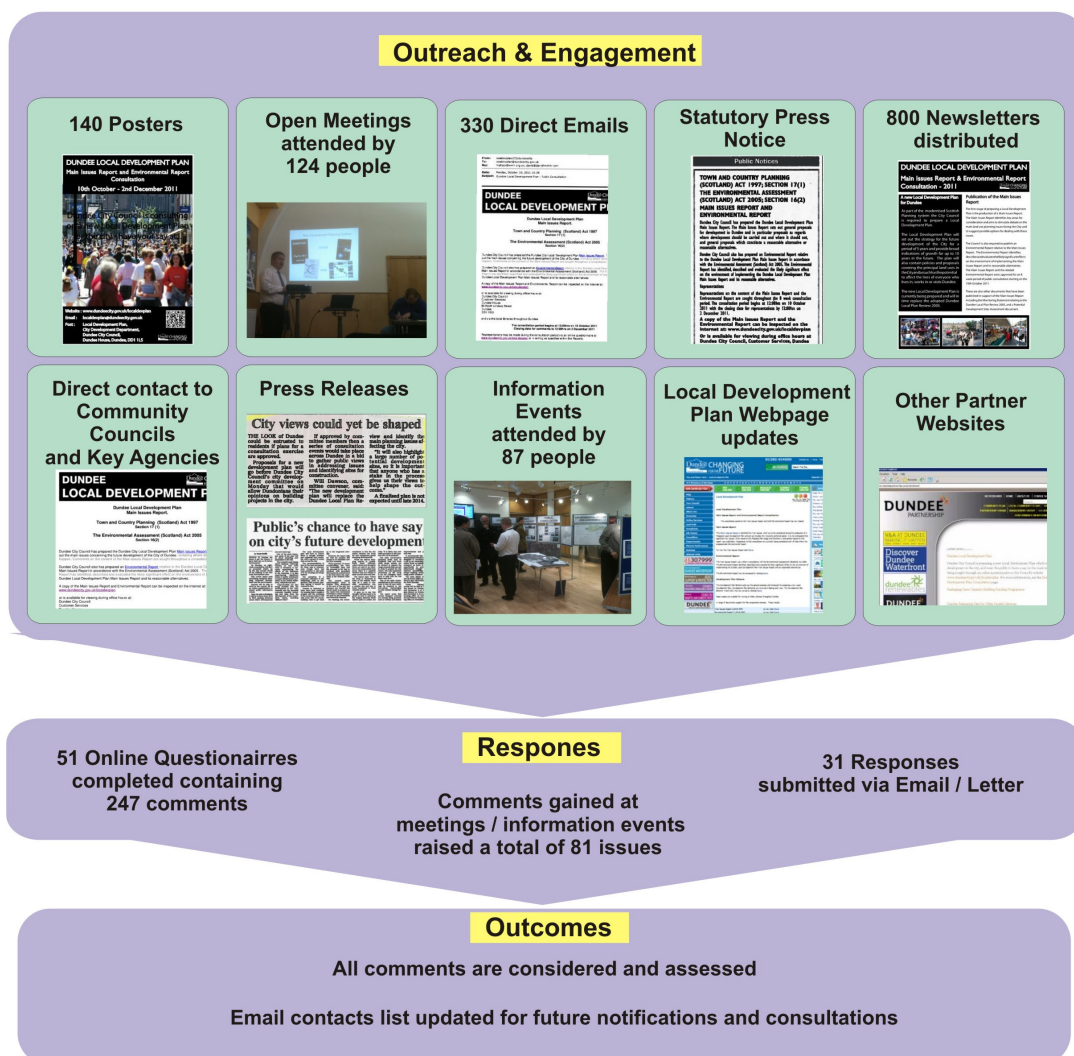
The main stages of the process to prepare and implement the Local Development Plan are:

- 1 Preparation and regular updating of a Development Plan Scheme, including Participation Statement (this document).
- 2 Preparation and Publication of a Monitoring Statement.
- 3 Preparation and Publication of a Main Issues Report and Environment Report.
- 4 Preparation and Publication of a Proposed Plan, and Proposed Action Plan.
- 5 Submission of the Proposed Plan, Action Programme and statement of conformity with the Participation Statement to Scottish Ministers.
- 6 Examination (to consider any outstanding representations).
- 7 Adoption of Plan.

Following publication of the first Development Plan Scheme in 2009, Dundee City Council has undertaken a number of stages of the Plan preparation process. This has included stages 1 to 3 as outlined above.

Starting on 10 October 2011 a consultation exercise was undertaken relative to the Main Issues Report and Environment Report. The consultation closed on 2 December 2011 and a summary of the responses was published in January 2012

Main Issues Report and Environment Report Consultation Structure



Information on the consultation and all documents associated with the Main Issues Report and Environment Report can be viewed on Dundee City Council's website at www.dundee.gov.uk/localdevplan.

Local Development Plan - Timetable

As part of the Development Plan Scheme Ministers require that Councils set out a broad timetable for the stages in the preparation of their plan.

The timescale for preparation of the Local Development Plan is linked with that of the TAYplan Strategic Development Plan. The Local Development Plan cannot progress in advance of the Strategic Development Plan. Therefore, any changes to the timings for the preparation of the Strategic Development Plan may influence those of the Local Development Plan.

The timetable below sets out the revised timings for the main stages of the Local Development Plan process.

Any alteration to timescales will be communicated via the annual Development Plan Scheme and via the website at www.dundee.gov.uk/localdevplan.

Plan Preparation Process - Estimated Timetable

Stage	Plan Preparation Process	Estimated Timetable
1	Publish Development Plan Scheme	March 2012
4	Consider representations to the Main Issues Report and Environment Report consultation and prepare Proposed Plan and Action Programme.	Ongoing during 2012
5	Publish Proposed Plan and Proposed Action Programme.	September 2012
6	Period for Representations on Proposed Plan.	Starting October 2012
7	Consider representations.	Early 2013
8	Submit Proposed Plan to Ministers. Submit Action Programme and Statement of Conformity with Participation Statement.	Mid 2013
9	Examination of Proposed Plan.	Mid 2013 to Early 2014
10	Publish Modifications and Proposed Plan.	Summer 2014
11	Planning Authority Adopts Plan Publish Action Programme.	Late 2014

Participation Statement

Dundee City Council is committed to encouraging participation with wide stakeholder and public involvement in the preparation of the Local Development Plan.

By inviting involvement at all stages of the Plan's preparation, the Council seeks to ensure that those with an interest in the area eg members of the public, businesses, key organisations and community groups, have an opportunity to contribute their views before decisions are taken. This applies equally to those who support elements of the Plan as to those who wish to make objections.

In doing so the Council will seek to ensure that:

- arrangements for participation are as open, transparent and practical as possible;
- information is provided fully and as early as possible; and

- communication is provided through appropriate and widely accessible means, in particular by use of the council's website.

The participation process will seek to involve a wide range of parties including:

- public sector groups (including key government departments and agencies)
- private sector groups (including business, retail and housing development interests)
- established community groups (including Community Councils)
- voluntary and environmental organisations
- Local Community Planning Partnerships (LCPP)*; and
- general members of the community, including younger citizens.

*The Local Community Planning Partnerships (LCPP) are a key mechanism within Dundee for engagement with the community. These Partnership groups offer full coverage of the Plan area and are supported by Communities Officers. In addition to attendance by officers and elected members from throughout Dundee City Council. LCPP's are also attended by representatives of key public and voluntary sector partners thus allowing a broader consideration and greater interpretation of issues raised.

To assist the Council in ensuring that those who want to be involved in the process are kept up-to-date on progress there is the opportunity to register contact details to receive future correspondence.

To register details - please send an e-mail to localdevplan@dundeecity.gov.uk.

General information and associated documents will be available through the web pages at www.dundeecity.gov.uk/localdevplan. Key stages of the process will additionally be advertised via email to registered persons.

Making Representations

Dundee City Council encourages everyone to make representations, both in support of the Plan and in raising representations or objections to it. This will be facilitated by email (localdevplan@dundeecity.gov.uk), via the website www.dundeecity.gov.uk/localdevplan, and in letter form.

Representations are sought in respect of all aspects of the Local Development Plan including the Environment Report.

All representations and objections will be placed on a public register and cannot be kept confidential.

Accessing Documents and Up To Date Information

Dundee City Council will make copies of the most up to date documents relating to the production of the Local Development Plan available principally through its website at www.dundee.gov.uk/localdevplan.

Contact

The main point of contact for correspondence should be:

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