

**REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE –  
17 DECEMBER 2001**

**REPORT ON: DUNDEE AND ANGUS STRUCTURE PLAN  
FINALISED PLAN**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION**

**REPORT NO: 712-2001**

## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of the completion of the preparation of the new Dundee and Angus Structure Plan and seek approval for its submission to Scottish Ministers.

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Committee :

- a Note the successful completion of the various elements of the consultation exercise undertaken on the Draft Structure Plan, and agree the Council's responses to representations and comments received on the Draft Plan as set out in the Statement of Publicity and Consultation (Volume 1 of the Statement is circulated along with this Report and a copy of Volume 2 has been placed in the Members' Lounges).
- b Approve the form and content of the finalised Written Statement (circulated along with this Report) which identifies the land use planning strategy guiding development and change in Dundee and Angus up to 2016.
- c Approve the form and content of the Report of Survey (circulated along with this Report) which contains information supporting the basis from which the development strategy, policies and proposals of the Structure Plan have been developed, including the Dundee Western Gateway Concept Plan and Sustainability Appraisal of the Draft Structure Plan.
- d Agree that, subject to detailed editing, the Finalised Dundee and Angus Structure Plan be published for submission to Scottish Ministers and made available for public inspection and objection.
- e Note that Angus Council, as joint Structure Plan authority, has already approved the terms of the finalised Dundee and Angus Structure Plan at a meeting of the full Council on 13 December.
- f Agrees to refer the finalised Dundee and Angus Structure Plan to the Development Quality Committee as a material consideration in the determination of future planning applications.

### **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 Provision is made in the Planning and Transportation Department's 2001/2002 Revenue Budget under the Development Plan heading for the financial implications directly associated with this Report.
- 3.2 It is estimated however, that Dundee City Council's share of the printing costs for the relevant documents will be £5,000.

### **4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The Local Agenda 21 implications of this Report cover a very wide range of key themes, in particular transportation implications for new developments, issues of sustainable development; the efficient use of resources and minimising of waste and access to facilities, services, goods and people, is not achieved at the expense of the environment and accessible to all.

### **5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 No equal opportunity implications are associated with this Report.

### **6 BACKGROUND**

- 6.1 Members of the Committee may recall that in a report to the Committee on 18 December 2000, it was agreed that a Consultation Draft of the new joint Dundee and Angus Structure Plan be published for public consultation purposes. A subsequent report on 22 January 2001 outlined the arrangements for the consultation process and timescale. In addition, in a report on 30 April 2001, it was agreed to appoint specialist consultants to carry out a sustainability appraisal of the Plan.
- 6.2 The consultation exercise has now been completed, the results analysed and the Plan amended to incorporate changes where these have been considered to be appropriate. The joint Structure Plan Panel comprising members of both Dundee and Angus Councils have held two meetings to consider the changes to the text and the Plan has been finalised in a manner it is hoped is now acceptable to both authorities. The results of the Sustainability Appraisal of the Plan and recommendations for its second stage are the subject of a separate report to the Committee (708/2001).
- 6.3 The finalised Dundee and Angus Structure Plan comprises a:-
- Written Statement.
  - Report of Survey (incorporating Dundee Western Gateway Concept Plan).
  - Statement of Publicity and Consultation (Two Volumes).

**Written Statement**

- 6.4 The Written Statement incorporates changes to policies, proposals and text as a result of public consultation on the Draft Plan and further work, including the sustainability appraisal undertaken.
- 6.5 A finalised version of the Written Statement is circulated along with this Report. This sets out the long term vision for Dundee and Angus, which remains broadly unchanged from the Consultative Draft Plan, and identifies the land use planning strategy guiding development and change up to 2016. The draft finalised document continues to contain six main policy sections covering :
- Development Strategy
  - Encouraging Employment
  - Housing and Communities
  - Town Centres and Retailing
  - Transport and Travel
  - Environmental Resources

**Report of Survey (Incorporating Dundee Western Gateway Concept Plan)**

- 6.6 The Report of Survey contains information supporting the Written Statement and helps demonstrate the basis from which the development strategy, policies and proposals of the Structure Plan have been developed.
- 6.7 In addition to updating some information in the Consultative Draft and commenting on the Sustainability Appraisal, the finalised version of the Report of Survey incorporates the Dundee Western Gateway Concept Plan.
- 6.8 The finalised version of the Dundee Western Gateway Concept Plan is included in the Report of Survey. This identifies the scale, phasing and location of land release for housing and employment development in the Western Gateway, together with infrastructure and servicing issues.
- 6.9 Copies of the Report of Survey are available for inspection in the members' lounges.

**Statement of Publicity and Consultation**

- 6.10 A Report to a previous Committee Meeting on 22 January 2001 indicated that an extensive publicity and consultation exercise would be undertaken on the Draft Structure Plan. This was carried out over an eight week period from the beginning of February to the end of March 2001. The results of this exercise highlighting the main points raised, the responses to these and the changes to the Plan as a result, are contained in two supplementary documents.
- 6.11 Volume 1 - Summary of the Statement of Publicity and Consultation details the steps taken to publicise the Plan, indicates the scale and nature of the responses to the

public consultation exercise and highlights the major changes to the Draft Structure Plan resulting from consultation.

- 6.12 Volume 2 - of the Statement of Publicity and Consultation sets out the detailed schedule of the source and content of the written comments or points raised at Public Meetings and Structure Plan Forums during consultation on the Draft Structure Plan and the Council's response and decision on each representation. Both documents are available for inspection in the members' lounges.

## 7 NEXT STEPS

- 7.1 Subject to approval by the Committee, the Finalised Structure Plan will be submitted to Scottish Ministers in early 2002, at which time the Finalised Plan will be made available for public inspection and comment.

## 8 COSTS

- 8.1 The main cost implications are :-

- the costs of printing and publishing the Finalised Structure Plan documents.
- the price to be charged, where appropriate, for purchase of the documents and abstracts.

- 8.2 As with the Consultative Draft Structure Plan, the costs of printing the finalised documents will be shared equally with Angus Council. Dundee City Council's share of the costs are contained within the Planning and Transportation Department's revenue budget for 2001/2002.

- 8.3 Proposed charges for purchase of the finalised documents, based on charges for the consultative Draft Plan, are as follows :-

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| Finalised Written Statement                        | £ 5.00          |
| Finalised Report of Survey                         | £ 5.00          |
| Statement of Publicity and Consultation (Volume 1) | £ 5.00          |
| Statement of Publicity and Consultation (Volume 2) | £20.00          |
| Abstracts  | £ 0.10 per page |

## 9 CONSULTATIONS

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

**10 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

10.1 Sustainability Appraisal, CAG Consultants.

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**APPENDIX I - Stages in Producing Dundee and Angus Structure Plan**

