

**REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING – 18 DECEMBER 2000**

**REPORT ON: THE DUNDEE AND ANGUS JOINT STRUCTURE PLAN
CONSULTATION DRAFT**

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

REPORT NO: 740-2000

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To advise the Committee of the progress with regard to the proposed Consultation Draft of the new Dundee and Angus Joint Structure Plan.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee remits the Director of Planning and Transportation in association with the appropriate officers from Angus Council to commence a public consultation exercise on the Draft Plan and report the results as well as any proposed alterations back to Committee in approximately 6 months time.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Provision is made in the Planning and Transportation Department's 2000/2001 Revenue Budget under the Development Plan heading for the financial implications directly associated with this report.

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, the transportation implications for new developments affect 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 environment and are accessible to all.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no equal opportunity implications associated with this report.

6 BACKGROUND

6.1 Members of the Committee will recall that in a report to the Committee on 30 August 1999 it was indicated that it was expected that a Consultation Draft of the new Dundee and Angus Joint Structure Plan would be published before the end of 2000. Officers of both Dundee and Angus Councils have been working jointly on this project since the start of the year.

6.2 Progress on the form and content of the new Plan has been monitored by the Joint Structure Plan Panel which has had five meetings (November 1999 and March, June, October and December 2000) since the publication of the timetable for producing the Draft Plan. The minutes of these meetings have been reported back to the Committee for information.

6.3 At the last two meetings the overall strategy and focus for the Plan was established. The detailed wording of the chapter contents of the Draft Plan was given considerable scrutiny and a number of changes requested. These changes were endorsed by the November Panel

Meeting where it was stressed that the backing of the respective Council Committees for the Draft Plan was important.

- 6.4 The Consultation Draft represents the strategic issues confronting the new area with redrawn boundaries for the Structure Plan since the former Tayside Structure Plan was approved in 1998. In many instances there is a continuation of previous strategies reflecting the degree of success achieved in the past and the advantages of stability and continuity in the development process.
- 6.5 It should be emphasised that approval of the consultation exercise does not commit Members in any way to total endorsement of the details of the content of the Draft Plan at this stage. Indeed Members are encouraged to participate in the exercise by providing feedback on the Draft Plan on behalf of both themselves and their constituents.
- 6.6 Copies of the Draft plan are available in the Members' Lounges, however additional copies may be obtained by contacting the Director of Planning and Transportation.
- 6.7 A parallel consultation exercise will require to be carried out within the Angus Council administrative area and as many issues are of a joint nature, it is likely that there will need to be a combined exercise by officers of both Authorities in order to ensure a comprehensive presentation to consultees in both Council areas.

7 CONSULTATIONS

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

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1

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