

# ITEM No. 5

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## ANGUS COUNCIL

PLANNING AND TRANSPORT POLICY COMMITTEE

29 AUGUST 1996

### SUBJECT: PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL DRAFT EASTERN AREA LOCAL PLAN

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, TRANSPORT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Abstract:** This report advises the Committee of the publication of the draft Eastern Area Local Plan by Perth and Kinross Council and concludes that there are no financial or policy implications for the proposed Angus Local Plan.

#### 1 RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the publication of the draft Eastern Area Local Plan and advise Perth and Kinross Council that Angus Council has no objection to the document.

#### 2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Perth and Kinross Council has recently published the draft Eastern Area Local Plan for public consultation purposes with a request for comments on the document by 13 September 1996. A copy of the draft Local Plan is available for reference at the Members' Lounge, The Cross, Forfar.
- 2.2 The Plan area immediately abuts the western edge of Angus and includes the principle settlements of Coupar Angus, Blairgowrie, Meigle and Alyth as well as the immediately surrounding farm land, upland and glens area including Glenshee.
- 2.3 This report advises the Committee of the publication of a draft Local Plan and considers any implications for Angus Council.

#### 3 KEY POINTS

- 3.1 The draft Local Plan provides a policy basis to guide development over the next 5 to 10 year period for the eastern part of Perth and Kinross area. The Local Plan comprises a single publication focusing on area wide, landward and specific settlement policies and proposals. These are illustrated by use of a coloured A1 map and individual settlement insets.
- 3.2 The development strategy is based on a sustainable framework for the use of land which attempts to reconcile the conflict between the demand for development and conservation.

- 3.3 The draft Local Plan recognises the importance of the surrounding agricultural area to the local economy and also the significance of the upland area in terms of conservation and recreational opportunity. The importance of the principle settlements as market and residential towns is also noted.
- 3.4 Land allocations are made in the context of Tayside Structure Plan 1993 for residential and other uses in the principle settlements.
- 3.5 The Local Plan Strategy and principle policies appear reasonably compatible with the existing policy base for Angus. There is however a significantly different approach to rural housing proposals which is more restrictive than that currently applied to the majority of rural Angus. Despite this different approach there are no major adverse implications of the Perth and Kinross Council Draft Eastern Area Local Plan for the emerging Angus Local Plan.

#### **4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no financial implications resulting from this report.

#### **5 CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 The Director of Law and Administration and the Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

#### **6 CONCLUSION**

- 6.1 The draft Local Plan is an attractive layout and easily readable. The policies established have no major significance as far as Angus Council are concerned and the Committee are requested to note the publication of the document for information only.

#### **NOTE**

No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report.

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