

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**PLANNING AND TRANSPORT POLICY COMMITTEE  
POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

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**SUBJECT: DUNDEE AND ANGUS STRUCTURE PLAN PREPARATION**

**REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORT**

**Abstract: This report advises members of a general proposed programme for the replacement of the Tayside Structure Plan 1993 and seeks authority to jointly publish with Dundee City Council formal notice of intention to commence preparation of the Dundee and Angus Structure Plan.**

**1 RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee:-

1. agree to formally commence preparation of the Dundee and Angus Structure Plan jointly with Dundee City Council;
2. authorise the necessary procedure to give public notice by formal advertisement of the intention to prepare the Dundee and Angus Structure Plan;
3. agree the outline programme and timetable for preparing the Structure Plan as indicated in this report;
4. note the continuing role of the Joint Structure Plan Panel in managing progress on Structure Plan preparation.

**2 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 The Tayside Structure Plan 1993 was approved by the Secretary of State in March 1997 following a lengthy period of consideration of draft modifications to the Plan. The terms of the approval of the Plan were reported to the Committees on 24 April 1997 and 6 May 1997 respectively (report No. 493/97 refers).
- 2.2 The approved Structure Plan provides the statutory strategic land use framework for the considerable work subsequently undertaken on the Angus Local Plan; for longer term public and private sector investment; and for the promotion of development co-ordinated with major infrastructure decisions and environmental considerations. Attention should now be turned to the review, roll forward and replacement of the current Structure Plan.

### **3 PREPARATION OF DUNDEE AND ANGUS STRUCTURE PLAN**

3.1 Arrangements for managing various aspects of Structure Plan preparation utilising the Joint Structure Plan Panel, comprising elected members of Angus Council and Dundee City Council, have previously been established (report No. 948/96 to the Planning and Transport Policy Committee 28 November 1996 refers). To date, the Joint Panel has met on several occasions considering a range of issues and facilitating dialogue and progress on various areas of preparatory work.

3.2 Most recently, the Joint Panel meeting on 5 November 1999 considered matters relating to the broad content and general format of the new Plan; key issues to be addressed; and a suggested draft timetable for preparing main stages of the Plan. Together with discussions held at previous meetings of the Joint Panel, the broad proposals for preparing the Dundee and Angus Structure Plan can be summarised as:-

- The Dundee and Angus Structure Plan development strategy should be for the period up to 2016.
- A concise plan focusing on key strategic issues is required encompassing matters arising for the strategy; Living and Working; Movement and Communication; Environment and the Community.
- Main elements of the proposed programme for Plan preparation are proposed as:-

Publication of Notice of Intention to Prepare - before end of 1999;  
 Publication of Consultation Draft Plan - during 2000;  
 Submission of Finalised Plan for First Minister approval - during 2001.

### **4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The administrative and other costs involved in progressing the initial stages of the Dundee and Angus Structure Plan will be contained within the Planning and Transport Revenue Budget for 1999/2000. As work on the new Structure Plan progresses existing staff resources will increasingly need to be deployed to meet this statutory requirement. Further reports on staffing and financial resources will be prepared for consideration by Committee in due course as part of the process for securing best value in Structure Plan preparation.

### **5 CONSULTATION**

5.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance and Director of Law & Administration have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

### **6 CONCLUSION**

6.1 Structure Plans continue to be a key element in the planning system and make a major contribution to achieving the aims of sustainable development taking a long term view. Effective structure planning for the joint Dundee and Angus area requires the setting out of a long term settlement strategy supported by robust policies and proposals in a concise and readily comprehensible document.

- 6.2 In order to maintain relevant and up-to-date Structure Plan guidance it is necessary to formally commence the process to roll forward and replace the current approved Tayside Structure Plan 1993. The early stages of preparation of the new Dundee and Angus Structure Plan will be undertaken in parallel with continuing work leading to adoption of the Angus Local Plan. This is a significant commitment which will continue to require a high priority in deploying existing staff resources across an increasing range of forward planning work.

#### **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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