

Agenda Item No

Report No 602/99

## ANGUS COUNCIL

PLANNING AND TRANSPORT POLICY COMMITTEE  
DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

8 JUNE 1999  
17 JUNE 1999

**SUBJECT: PLANNING & TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT  
DRAFT SERVICE PLAN 1999/2000**

**REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORT**

**Abstract: This Report provides an outline of progress on the 1998/99 Service Plan for the Department and advises Members of the availability of the Draft Plan for 1999/00.**

### 1 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee:-

1. notes the terms of this Report;
2. notes the considerable progress which has been made in relation to the 1998/99 Service Plan;
3. agrees for its interest the Draft Service Plan for 1999/2000 and authorises the Director of Planning & Transport to finalise the Plan in accordance with the revised procedures for service planning by Departments of the Council.

### 2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The 1998/99 Service Plan for the Department was agreed by the respective Committees in June 1998. In January 1999 revised guidelines for service planning were agreed by the Chief Officers' Management Team. These guidelines were produced in order to ensure a more consistent approach to service planning by all Departments of the Council.
- 2.2 Progress on the 1998/99 Service Plan has been monitored and a Draft Plan for 1999/2000 prepared in accordance with the revised procedures. A copy of the Draft Service Plan for 1999/2000 has been placed in the Members' Lounge.

### 3 PROGRESS

- 3.1 Considerable progress has been made in taking forward the key actions which were included within the 1998/99 Service Plan and in addition opportunities which have arisen have been responded to successfully. Without wishing to repeat the detail in the Draft Service Plan, the following is a summary of a range of key items which have been progressed:-
  - Finalisation of Angus Local Plan and preparatory studies for review of Structure Plan.

- Contribution to Environmental Strategy and Local Agenda 21, Tay Estuary Forum, Cairngorms Partnership, local biodiversity studies and Concordat with Scottish Natural Heritage.
- Review of subsidised bus services, implementation of rural transport grant funding, successful bid for enhanced bus operation between Carnoustie and Dundee, support for CREATE and Angus Transport Forum, input to Northern Scotland Transport Partnership, renewal of travel concession passes, organisation of school transport and publication of transport information guides and timetables.
- Contribution to Community Plan, review of Assisted Area and European designations, preparation for Open Golf Championship, support for Angus Rural Partnership, input to National Parks proposals.
- Implementation of new IT system for development control and building control.
- Sustained high performance in development control including timeous determination of planning applications, success rate in appeal decisions and production of guidance, Advice Notes and Charters.
- Successful processing of Building Warrants, preparation of Technical Note and Charter on Building Control.
- Range of environmental and town centre improvements at Carnoustie, Montrose, Arbroath, Brechin, together with further studies underway for Monifieth and Arbroath.
- Contribution to Angus Environmental Trust, Paths for All, Angus Millennium Forest.
- Extension of Conservation Grants Scheme, development of Montrose Town Scheme, and successful implementation of conservation powers including preparation of Charter.

#### **4 FUTURE**

- 4.1 As with previous Service Plans the Draft 1999/2000 Plan seeks to combine challenging but achievable targets across the following six priority service areas:-
- Forward Planning;
  - Transport Policy;
  - Information;
  - Development Control;
  - Building Control;
  - Projects and Conservation.
- 4.2 Priority Objectives for 1999/2000 and Future Plans for 2000/2002 outlined in the Draft Service Plan build on and roll forward a wide range of current activities, including Departmental and corporate priorities aimed at delivering quality services further developing Best Value.

**5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this Report. Individual projects will require funding and where necessary Committee approval will be sought.

**6 CONSULTATION**

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance and Director of Law & Administration have been consulted in the preparation of this Report.

**7 CONCLUSION**

- 7.1 Considerable progress has been made across all sectors of the Department in continuously striving to achieve the overall vision to provide opportunities for the highest possible quality of life in Angus by providing for the development and transport needs of business and individuals while ensuring that the environment is protected.

**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.

AA/CGR/KW  
31 May 1999

Alex Anderson  
Director of Planning and Transport

