

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**3 MARCH 2009**

**SUBJECT: DUNDEE, PERTH, ANGUS AND NORTH FIFE  
STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY - UPDATE**

**REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**

**Abstract: This report sets out for ratification the remits of the Dundee, Perth, Angus and North Fife Strategic Development Plan Authority Joint Committee which was held on 25 November 2008.**

**1 RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee –

1. agree to ratify the decisions of the Joint Committee held on 25 November 2008 as set out in Appendix 1.

**2 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Dundee, Perth, Angus and North Fife Strategic Development Planning Authority Joint Committee held on 25 November 2008 the following reports were agreed:

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| 05/2008 | Update on the setting up of the Strategic Development Planning Authority;                |
| 06/2008 | Proposed staffing and draft budget for the Strategic Development Planning Authority; and |
| 07/2008 | Research requirements for the Strategic Development Plan.                                |

- 2.2 Under the Joint Committee's constitution all decisions must be referred back to the relevant Committees of the Constituent Authorities for ratification. The remits of the Joint Committee are set out in Appendix 1 of this report.

- 2.3 It should also be noted that the Convener of the Joint Committee for 2009, is held by Councillor David May, Convener of Infrastructure Services Committee, Angus Council with Councillor Kevin Keenan, Dundee City Council as Vice Convener. The next meeting of the Joint Committee is 24 February 2009.

- 2.4 This report sets out in Appendix 1 the decisions of the Joint Committee for approval by the Infrastructure Services Committee.

**3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The financial implications of the shared costs for the establishment and maintenance of the Strategic Development Plan Authority for the Dundee, Perth, Angus and North Fife area have been dealt with through the 2009/10 budgetary process and a figure

of £60,000 has been included in the provisional Planning & Transport Division Revenue budget for 2009/10.

#### **4 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no human rights implications arising directly from this report.

#### **5 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The issues dealt with in this report have been the subject of consideration from an equalities perspective (as required by legislation). An equalities impact assessment is not required.

#### **6 SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT**

- 6.1 The Strategic Development Plan (SDP) for the Dundee, Perth, Angus and North Fife (known as TAYplan) will, when prepared by the Joint Committee and approved by Scottish Ministers, set out a long term (20 years or more) view of development strategy, considering its scale and broadly where it should be located. At this stage initial work is ongoing to establish the administrative, staffing and financial protocols that will support future work in preparing the new TAYplan.

- 6.2 This report does not directly contribute to the local outcome(s) contained within the Single Outcome Agreement for Angus.

#### **7 CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Head of Finance and Head of Law & Administration have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

#### **8 CONCLUSION**

- 8.1 Progress continues to be made in establishing the Dundee, Perth, Angus and North Fife Strategic Development Plan Authority and ratification of the remits set out in this report will assist in that process.

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**NOTE**

The following 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.

- Report 05/2008 Update on the setting up of the Strategic Development Planning Authority, to SDPA Joint Committee 25 November 2008
- Report 06/2008 Proposed Staffing and Draft Budget for the Strategic Development Planning Authority, to SDPA Joint Committee 25 November 2008
- Report 07/2008 research Requirements for the Strategic Development Plan, to SDPA Joint Committee 25 November 2008
- Draft Minute of Dundee, Perth, Angus and North Fife Strategic Development Planning Authority Joint Committee, 25 November 2008.

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9 February 2009

## APPENDIX 1

**DUNDEE, PERTH, ANGUS AND NORTH FIFE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN  
AUTHORITY – JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING OF 25 NOVEMBER 2008****Report 05/2008 Update on the setting up of the Strategic Development Plan Authority**

Report No 05/2008 was submitted by the Interim Strategic Development Plan Manager updating the Joint Committee on progress being made with regard to the setting up of the Strategic Development planning Authority.

The Joint Committee agreed to:-

- a) note that the proposed boundary for the SDPA has been approved by Scottish Ministers with no changes;
- b) note that the Scottish Government had agreed to release a grant of £120,000 to assist with the start-up costs of the SDPA and agreed that Dundee City Council provide written confirmation on the areas of expenditure as requested;
- c) note the progress being made towards the co-location of the dedicated team with Scottish Enterprise;
- d) note the progress made with regards to the recruitment of the SDPA team members;
- e) note the Logo to be used for TAYplan documentation and stationary;
- f) note that that Dundee City Council would be the employing authority for all the staff of the SDPA;
- g) agree the provision of member council support roles as set out in paragraphs 8.2 to 8.4 and refer this to each constituent Council for ratification; and
- h) note the Project Plan would be updated to take account of the revised publication date for the Development Planning Regulations (January 2009 rather than October 2008).

A map of the approved boundary was circulated, and it was noted that Scottish Ministers had intimated that notwithstanding the proposed changes to the Cairngorms National Park Boundary, Scottish Ministers did not intend to make any changes to the SDPA boundary at this time.

With regard to the location of the dedicated team within Scottish enterprise accommodation, it was reported that it was hoped to finalise details in the very near future.

**Report 06/2008 Proposed staffing and draft budget for the Strategic Development Planning Authority**

Report No 06/2008 by the Interim Strategic Development Plan Manager was submitted to the Joint Committee seeking approval of the staffing arrangements and draft budget for the SDPA.

The Joint Committee agreed:-

- a) that each constituent authority commit to providing at least one full time equivalent staff resource to the SDPA.
- b) the draft budget for the Strategic Development Planning Authority.

- c) to refer the decisions on the additional staffing and draft budget to each constituent authority for ratification.

### **Report 07/2008 Research requirements for the Strategic Development Plan**

Report No 07/2008 by the Interim Strategic Development Plan Manager was submitted to the Joint Committee advising the Committee of the areas where research studies will be required to inform the preparation of the Strategic Development Plan and to note the use of consultants to carry out these studies.

The Joint Committee agreed:-

- a) note the requirement to appoint consultants to carry out studies considered necessary to inform the preparation of the Strategic Development Plan.

The Joint Committee also agreed the following dates for meetings during 2009.

- Tuesday 24 February 2009 at 11.00, City Chambers, Dundee;
- Tuesday 26 May 2009 at 11.00am, SET Offices, Dundee;
- Tuesday 25 August 2009 at 11.00am, SET offices, Dundee;
- Tuesday 24 November 2009 at 11.00am, SET Offices, Dundee.