

ANGUS COUNCIL

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE

21 APRIL 2009

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

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

<p>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 24 February 2009.</p>

1 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee –

1. agree to ratify the decisions of the Joint Committee held on 24 February 2009 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 24 February 2009 the following reports were agreed:

01/2009	Development Planning Regulations
02/2009	Scheme of Delegation and Amendments to Minute of Agreement;
03/2009	Financial Regulations;
04/2009	Development Plan Scheme;
05/2009	Update SDPA Budget; and
06/2009	Modifications to Finalised Fife Structure 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. A copy of the Reports are available in the Members Lounge for background.
- 2.3 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 Angus Council's share of the costs for the establishment and maintenance of the Strategic Development Plan Authority for the Dundee, Perth, Angus and North Fife area is £60,000 per annum. This additional cost was dealt with through the 2009/10 budgetary process and a sum of £60,000 has been provided for within the Planning & Transport Division 2009/10 Revenue Budget.

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 the administrative, staffing and financial protocols are being established that will support the work of 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 01/2009 Development Planning Regulations, to SDPA Joint Committee 24 February 2008
- Report 02/2009 Scheme of delegation and amendments to minute of agreement, to SDPA Joint Committee 24 February 2008

- Report 03/2009 Financial Regulations, to SDPA Joint Committee 24 February 2008;
- Report 04/2009 Development Plan Scheme, to SDPA Joint Committee 24 February 2008;
- Report 05/2009 Update SDPA Budget, to SDPA Joint Committee 24 February 2008;
- Report 06/2009 Modifications to Finalised Fife Structure Plan, to SDPA Joint Committee 24 February 2008;
- Draft Minute of Dundee, Perth, Angus and North Fife Strategic Development Planning Authority Joint Committee, 24 February 2009.

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APPENDIX 1**DUNDEE, PERTH, ANGUS AND NORTH FIFE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN
AUTHORITY – JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING OF 24 FEBRUARY 2009****Report 01/2009 Development Planning Regulations**

Report No 01/2009 was submitted by the Interim Strategic Development Plan Manager advising the Joint Committee of the publication of the Development Planning Regulations 2008 by Scottish Ministers and to highlight the provisions relevant to the preparation of the Strategic Development Plan.

The Joint Committee agreed to:-

- a) note the publication and content of the Town and Country Planning (Development Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 2008;
- b) note the timescales for the Regulations coming into force; and
- c) note the Scottish Government had published a Circular on Development Planning to accompany the Regulations.

(Post meeting note: The Circular was published on 16 February 2009)

Report 02/2009 Scheme of Delegation and Amendments to Minute of Agreement

Report No 02/2009 by the Interim Strategic Development Plan Manager was submitted to the Joint Committee setting out a proposed scheme of delegation of the strategic development planning functions (subject to specified exceptions) from the Joint Committee to the Strategic Development Plan Manager and the necessary amendments to the Minute of Agreement to allow for the proposed scheme of delegation and the adoption by the Joint Committee of the financial regulations as set out in Report 03/2009 also on the agenda

The Joint Committee agreed to :-

- a) Approve the proposed scheme of delegation as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.
- b) Refer the proposed scheme of delegation to the constituent councils for ratification.
- c) Approve the proposed amendments to the Minute of Agreement as set out in Section 5 of the Report.
- d) Refer the proposed amendments to the Minute of Agreement to the constituent councils for ratification.
- e) Remit to the Clerk to prepare an appropriate Minute of Amendment for execution by the constituent councils on the amendments being duly ratified.

Report 03/2009 Financial Regulations

Report No 03/2009 by the Interim Strategic Development Plan Manager was submitted to the Joint Committee setting out the proposed financial regulations for the operation of the Joint Committee.

The Joint Committee agreed to -

- a) The adoption of the financial regulations, as set out in Appendix 1 to this report.
- b) Refer the proposed financial regulations to the constituent authorities for ratification.

With regard to paragraph 9.5 of the appendix to the report, it was agreed that it would be helpful for the constituent authorities to have an indication of the probable level of requisition to be levied in respect of the forthcoming financial year by the previous November, although the formal decision would be taken at the February meeting. It was also confirmed that officers would be involved in ongoing discussions regarding this matter throughout the period.

Report 04/2009 Development Plan Scheme

Report No 04/2009 by the Interim Strategic Development Plan Manager was submitted to the Joint Committee setting out a proposed Development Plan Scheme for the TAYplan Strategic Development Plan.

The Joint Committee agreed to:

- a) Approve the proposed Development Plan Scheme as set out in Appendix 1.
- b) Refer the proposed Development Plan Scheme to the constituent councils for ratification.

Report 05/2009 Update SDPA Budget

Report No 05/2009 by the Interim Strategic Development Plan Manager was submitted to the Joint Committee providing an update of the expenditure on the Strategic Development Plan Authority up to December 2008 and an estimate of the likely spend up to 31 March 2009.

The Joint Committee agreed to note the actual expenditure to the end of December 2008 and the projected expenditure to the end of March 2009 on the SDPA was within budget.

Report 06/2009 Modification to Finalised Fife Structure Plan

Report No 06/2009 by the Head of Development Services, Fife Council was submitted to the Joint Committee which provides an update on the position of the Finalised Fife Structure Plan for which the Scottish Government had recently released modifications for consultation.

The Joint Committee agreed to note the contents of this report on the modifications to the Finalised Fife Structure Plan.