

REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
26 AUGUST 2002

REPORT ON: DUNDEE AND ANGUS JOINT STRUCTURE PLAN PANEL
MEETING – 17 JUNE 2002

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

REPORT NO: 612-2002

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of the items that were discussed at the last meetings of the Dundee and Angus Joint Structure Plan Panel which took place on 17 June 2002 and to indicate the proposed future actions.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes and endorses the minutes of the Panel.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no financial implications directly associated with this Report.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Local Agenda 21 implications of this report cover a very wide range of key themes, in particular the transportation implications for new developments affect issues of sustainable development, the efficient use of resources and minimising of waste and access to facilities, services, goods and people is not achieved at the expense of the environment and are accessible to all.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no equal opportunity implications associated with this report.

6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 Members of the Committee are advised that the last meetings of the Dundee and Angus Joint Structure Plan Panel took place on 17 June 2002.
- 6.2 Copies of the minutes of these meetings are appended to this report for members' information. Members will recall that the text of the Finalised Joint Structure Plan was submitted to Scottish Ministers in February this year. In response to this Draft Modifications have now been received from the Scottish Executive having considered the Finalised plan and taken into account objections and representations received in respect of it.
- 6.3 Some 14 modifications have been proposed and these are outlined in detail in the Report to the Panel. It is not considered however that any of these affect the broad strategy of the Structure plan and as a result it was not recommended that any formal objection be lodged with the Scottish Executive in respect of the proposed modifications.

7 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services and Director of Corporate Planning, have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 Copies of the Papers Submitted to the Dundee and Angus Joint Structure Plan Panel on 17 June 2002.

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NOTE of MEETING of the **DUNDEE AND ANGUS STRUCTURE PLAN JOINT PANEL** held in Forfar on 17th June 2002.

Present:-

Councillors FRANK ELLIS, STEWART McGLYNN, DAVID SELFRIDGE and PETER MURPHY - Angus Council.

Councillors ROBIN PRESSWOOD, NEIL GLEN (substituting for Fiona Grant), BRUCE MACKIE and KENNETH GUILD - Dundee.

Also In Attendance:-

COLIN ROBERTSON, GORDON PYPER and NORMA LAWSON - Angus Council.

MIKE GALLOWAY, KEITH WINTER, IAIN JACK, ALEX BROWN and ANNE SINGLETON - Dundee City Council.

Councillor PRESSWOOD, Dundee City Council, in the Chair.

1 MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of this Panel of 26th November, 2001 was submitted and approved.

2 MATTERS ARISING

With reference to paragraph 5 of the minute the Director of Planning and Transportation, Dundee City Council, updated the panel on the position regarding Scottish Crop Research Institute (SCRI) - Planning Applications. He advised that SCRI had now appointed a development manager and consultants prior to the preparation of a master plan for the area south of the A90.

3 DUNDEE AND ANGUS STRUCTURE PLAN DRAFT MODIFICATIONS

There was submitted a Joint Report by the Director of Planning and Transport, Angus Council and the Director of Planning and Transportation, Dundee City Council, outlining the draft modifications to the Dundee and Angus Structure Plan proposed by the Scottish Executive, and detailing an assessment and commentary/response on the individual modifications.

It was noted that none of the proposed modifications affected the broad strategy of the structure plan and consequently, no formal objections required to be lodged in response to any of the proposed modifications, however for the purposes of clarity and consistency, some minor revisions/adjustments should be suggested.

The appropriate officers outlined the proposed revisions/adjustments and the reasons therefor, and answered questions from members of the Panel. Following discussion of the proposed response to Draft Modification 8, with regard to junctions on the A90 between Dundee and Perth, it was remitted to the officers to draft an additional commentary regarding the Council's interpretation of "new" junctions as meaning "additional".

The Panel agreed to:-

- (i) note the terms of the draft modifications proposed by the Scottish Ministers to the Dundee and Angus Structure Plan;

- (ii) recommend to each of the Councils that the commentary/response outlined in Appendix I, including representations in respect of adjustment to ten of the modifications, together with the additional commentary with regard to Draft Modification 8 outlined above, be submitted to the respective Council Committees as the basis of the formal response to the Scottish Executive.

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2000 BASED SUB-NATIONAL POPULATION PROJECTIONS COMMITTEE

There was submitted a Joint Report by the Director of Planning and Transport, Angus Council and Director of Planning and Transportation, Dundee City Council, advising the Panel of the 2000 based population projections up to 2016, which had been issued by the General Register Office for Scotland in February 2002.

During a full discussion of various employment, housing and travel issues arising from the sub-national projections, including possible implications for implementation of the Structure Plan Development Strategy, it was noted that a small decline in population was projected for Fife and for Perth and Kinross. This represented a significant change from the projected increases in population in these areas from the previous 1998 based projections.

The Panel agreed:-

- (i) to note that the 2000 based population projections include 14,123 fewer people in Dundee and Angus by 2016 than the 1998 based projections which informed the preparation of the Finalised Structure Plan;
- (ii) that the 2000 based projections further reinforce the need to continue to carefully monitor housing land supply and requirements, and highlight the need for a cautious and targeted approach to the scale, location and timing of Greenfield land release in order to tackle population decline in Dundee in particular;
- (iii) to note that Scottish Ministers have not proposed any significant changes to the strategy or policies of the Structure Plan as a result of these more recent projections;
- (iv) to note that the phasing of development in the Dundee Western Gateway up to 2011 will be the subject of more detailed guidance in the review of the Dundee Local Plan in order to avoid a proliferation of separate partly developed housing sites, including an appropriate priority to the re-use of land and buildings within the Liff Hospital estate.

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The Chair thereafter expressed his thanks to all the members and officers and expressed the hope that the Panel would continue to fulfil its role in ensuring that full and effective communications between the Councils continued during the remaining stages of the approval process for the structure plan and to assist liaison on the reviews of each Council local plans.

The panel also joined the Chair in congratulating Keith Winter on his recent appointment with South Tyneside Council and expressed their appreciation for his work on the Structure Plan.