

**REPORT TO: PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
30 OCTOBER 2000**

REPORT ON: LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY FOR DUNDEE

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

REPORT NO: 634-2000

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report informs the Committee on the process to date of preparing a Local Transport Strategy (LTS) for Dundee, the submission of the Strategy to the Scottish Executive by the end of October 2000 and seeks Committee approval of the policy statements made in the Finalised Local Transport Strategy.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that:
- a the Committee endorses the policy statements in the Draft Local Transportation Strategy for Dundee and approves its submission to the Scottish Executive in October 2000.
 - b the Committee authorises the Director of Planning and Transportation to use the Local Transport Strategy as a basis for advancement of external funding bids and for consultation purposes with appropriate bodies.
 - c the Policies in the Local Transportation Strategy be incorporated in the review of the Local Plan.
 - d the LTS be reported to the Development Quality Committee as a material consideration.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. The advancement of the strategy objectives would involve financial expenditure, however, such works will be subject to project - specific reports to Committee for approval as required.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Local Transport Strategy addresses a number of key themes including
- efficient use of resources
 - limiting levels of pollution
 - meeting local needs locally
 - improved access to facilities
 - services and goods are not achieved at the expense of the environment and are accessible to all
 - health is protected through steps to improve and create pleasant environments.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Local Transport Strategy has social inclusion as one of its main objectives. It aims to ensure accessibility for all sectors of our community to the facilities of Dundee.

6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 The Committee will recall that a previous report on the progress of the Local Transport Strategy (LTS) on 26 June 2000 indicated that any final revisions to the strategy would be reported to the committee at its meeting on 30 October 2000.
- 6.2 While there have been a number of changes made to the original document these are mainly in the nature of improving and updating the document rather than any changes of a substantive nature to the content or strategy.
- 6.3 Copies of the finalised Strategy were sent to statutory and non-statutory consultees on 19 September 2000 for their final comments by 6 October 2000 prior to reporting to committee and final submission to the Scottish Executive. A summary of comments received and the proposed responses to them is included in Appendix I.
- 6.4 Whilst not a statutory document, the Scottish Executive will use the Local Transport Strategy as a vehicle for assessing bids for additional funds, such as the public transport fund.
- 6.5 In this respect a draft copy of the revised strategy has already been sent to the Scottish Executive in support of this years fund submission which was required by the end of August.
- 6.6 Copies of the finalised Local Transport Strategy have been placed in the Member's lounges.
- 6.7 This final version of the Local Transport Strategy will now be submitted to the Scottish Executive to comply with the stated deadline of 31 October 2000.

7 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services, Director of Corporate Planning, have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.
- 7.2 The Strategy was formulated after extensive consultation involving community and business groups and the strategy reflects a balance of the opinions received.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None.

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CONSULTEE	NATURE OF REPRESENTATION	ACTION TAKEN/CHANGES MADE TO STRATEGY
Scottish Executive	Supportive of main body of document subject to the fuller consideration that will be given to the final submitted document. Some concern over timescales highlighted – particularly related to public transport fund bids and negotiation in respect to rail services.	Targets related to issues raised have been reviewed. Public Transport Fund bids rescheduled as per advice given.
University of Dundee (Town & Regional Planning School)	Fully supportive of document and process involved.	No action required.
Scottish Landowners Federation	Supportive of Strategy	No action required.
Fife Council	No further comments made.	No action required.
Scottish Homes	Supportive of Strategy.	No action required.
Scottish House Builders Association	Concern over some elements of document. The Association believes that expansion of Dundee to the west is to be positively encouraged given the nature of employment opportunities in that location. Also wished to see more encouragement of facilities to support use of the private car in preference to the use of taxis. Also highlighted the need to consider locational policies for schools to promote sustainability.	Response (letter) sent to the Association advising of nature and scope of the Local Transport Strategy – namely a transportation policy rather than land use policy statement. To take forward the matters raised – this would be investigated in the forthcoming Structure Plan. No changes to the Strategy required.
Linlathen Developments	Concern over statements in the Strategy which indicate a presumption against further housing development to the east of the city and possible influence this may have on their landholdings in the area. Further concern that this would unduly influence the policies of the forthcoming Structure Plan.	Response (letter) sent to advise consultee that LTS is subject to a timetable set by the Scottish Executive, not Dundee City Council. Highlighted the transportation remit of the document and that recommendations provided therein do not necessarily consider the full range of issues relating to individual areas of land. Wider consideration of development land is the remit of the development plan process (Structure and Local Plans) for which Dundee City Council will invite further consultation. Strategy document subject to changes to clarify its statement indicating a need for a balance between commercial and residential development taken on a city-wide scale.
James Keiller Estates Ltd	Comments as Linlathen Developments.	As Linlathen Developments.
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Wellbank Developments	Comments as Linlathen Developments.	As Linlathen Developments
D G Coutts Associates	Comments as Linlathen Developments.	As Linlathen Developments
Dundee Green Party	Welcomed the document but was concerned about the status it had in relation to land use policy – highlighting a need to decline greenfield housing development to the east of Dundee. Wished to see promotion of rail over that of air travel and welcomed opportunities to be explored in relation to a possible interchange to the west of Dundee. Felt that targets relating to cycling are too weak as are targets related to public transport information.	Response (letter) sent to advise Party of the forthcoming Structure Plan as a vehicle for progressing land use issues. Targets relating to cycling were reviewed in light of comments and expansion of public transport information will be investigated beyond that as stated.
Cyclists Touring Club Tayside District Association	Supportive of document but was concerned over possible confusion between transport modes and measures for each. Did not consider that sufficient consideration had been given to the cycling targets.	Nature of comments discussed directly with Association. A number of changes made to text to clarify particular issues and cycling target reviewed.
Tayside Foundation for the Conservation of Resources	Felt that Strategy was unambitious in terms of public transport promotion. Also concerned that the two rounds of consultation did not afford sufficient opportunity for input into the process.	Response (letter) sent explaining extent of consultative process and reconsideration of public transport targets.
Broughty Ferry Community Council	Supportive of document, particularly the support being given to enhancement of rail services. Highlighted the need to give full support to the avoidance of further housing development to the east of the city.	No action required.
Royal Fine Art Commission for Scotland	Welcomed the content of the document but questioned the lack of comment with regard to the recent Central Waterfront Study.	No changes required – The Central Waterfront Study is at such an early stage that comment has been deferred until the next review of the Strategy when the full implications could be more adequately assessed.
Freight Transport Association	General support of document but keen to emphasise their involvement in the Freight Quality Partnership	Target altered to include Freight Transport Association in delivery of a partnership.
James Barr Chartered Surveyors	Support for document and its promotion of a more sustainable and socially inclusive transport system for the city.	No action required.
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<p>Friends of the Earth - Tayside</p>	<p>General support of the document, however was concerned over a lack of comment towards global/national environmental issues. Also objected to Air Travel comments on basis of environmental impact. Suggested a number of alternative targets which would further address environmental issues.</p>	<p>The comments raised were outwith the remit of the Local Transport Strategy in a number of areas. The inclusion of air travel in the strategy is essential to provide a balanced assessment of all transport modes. The strategy targets have been assessed with regard to its environmental objective against the other four objectives and as such no changes are to be made to this document.</p>
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