

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development

Planning Committee: 5 June 2013

Subject: Development Plan Update

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To update the Committee on the progress of Development Plan preparation and to seek approval of the annual review of the Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** It is recommended that the Committee approve the 2013 review of the Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement contained in Appendix 1.

3. Background

- 3.1** The Development Plan sets out the strategy and policies for the use of land. The Development Plan for the West Dunbartonshire planning authority area currently comprises the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan and the West Dunbartonshire Local Plan. In due course the West Dunbartonshire Local Plan will be replaced by the West Dunbartonshire Local Development Plan. The National Park Authority prepares the Development Plan for the National Park area.
- 3.2** A requirement of the Development Plan process is the preparation of a Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement, and its review on an annual basis. The Development Plan Scheme sets out which development plans are in effect in the authority area and the timetable for their replacement. The Participation Statement sets out how the Council will encourage participation in the preparation of the Local Development Plan.

4. Main Issues

West Dunbartonshire Local Plan

- 4.1** The West Dunbartonshire Local Plan, adopted in March 2010, covers a period of five years and remains the relevant document against which to assess planning applications.

West Dunbartonshire Local Development Plan

- 4.2** The Main Issues Report, the first stage in preparing a new Local Development Plan for the area was issued for consultation from March to June 2012. The consultation responses were reported to Planning Committee in September 2012.
- 4.3** Appendix 1 contains the 2013 Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement for approval. Publication of the Proposed Plan is now scheduled for Autumn 2013, having originally been scheduled for March 2013. A collaborative approach has been taken to preparing the Proposed Plan which has involved 4 workshops with Elected Members and sharing drafts of the Plan text with other Council sections, the Scottish Government and Key Agencies. This approach has highlighted changes that could be made to improve the Proposed Plan. Discussions have also taken place with regard to projects in the Council's Capital Plan and how the Proposed Plan could reflect these key strategic projects. This has had an impact on anticipated timescales for the next stages of the Plan process but it is still considered possible to have the new Plan adopted within 2 years of the approval of the Strategic Development Plan (May 2014) which is an expectation of the Government and certainly within 5 years of the adoption of the current Local Plan (March 2015).
- 4.4** The revised timetable is as follows:
- Main Issues Report – March 2012
 - Publication of Proposed Plan – Autumn 2013
 - Submission of Proposed Plan to Scottish Government – Spring 2014
 - Examination of Plan – 2014
 - Plan Adoption – 2014
- 4.5** As part of any Examination of the Local Development Plan, the Reporter will consider whether consultation on the Proposed Plan was held in accordance with the Council's Participation Statement. Whilst the Participation Statement is reviewed annually, the 2013 version may be the one which the Reporter considers in relation to the Proposed Plan. It is proposed that the following methods are used to promote participation in the Proposed Plan:
- document available in Council offices and libraries
 - LDP webpage/website
 - publication notice in local newspapers
 - notification and newsletter to those who participated at Main Issues Report stage and others on the participant database
 - meetings with individuals and organisations
 - information sessions

Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan

- 4.6** The Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan was approved in May 2012. Preparation of Strategic Development Plan 2 is now underway and the 2013 Strategic Development Plan Development Plan Scheme and

Participation Statement was approved at the March 2013 Joint Committee and is now published. This outlines timescales for key stages as follows:

- Main Issues Report – January 2015
- Proposed Plan – February 2016
- Submission of Proposed Plan to Scottish Ministers – May 2016

Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Local Plan

4.7 The National Park Authority's Local Plan 2010-2015 was adopted in December 2011. The National Park Authority published their Development Plan Scheme in 2012 and the key stages outlined for the preparation of the Local Development Plan for that area are:

- Main Issues Report – February 2014
- Proposed Plan - December 2014
- Submission of Proposed Plan to Scottish Ministers - December 2015

5. People Implications

5.1 There are no personnel issues associated with this report.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

7. Risk Analysis

7.1 There are no known risks associated with this report.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

8.1 There are no equalities issues associated with this report. Equalities impact assessments are undertaken in relation to the respective development plans.

9. Consultation

9.1 The Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement attached at Appendix 1 will not be subject to consultation. Consultation will be undertaken in relation to the emerging development plans.

10. Strategic Assessment

10.1 The Local Development Plan is a wide-ranging document and touches upon all of the strategic priorities, but particularly:

- Improve economic growth and employability.
- Improve local housing and environmentally sustainable infrastructure.
- Improve the wellbeing of communities and protect the welfare of vulnerable people.

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Appendices: Appendix 1: Development Plan Scheme and Participation
Statement

Background Papers: None

Wards Affected: All