

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

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

Planning Committee: 5 December 2012

Subject: Stirling Local Development Plan - Proposed Plan

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To inform the Committee of the publication of the Stirling Local Development Plan Proposed Plan, Supplementary Guidance, Action Plan and supporting documents and to seek approval of the Council's response.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** It is recommended that the Committee approve Appendix 1 as the Council's response to Stirling Council's Proposed Local Development Plan and Supplementary Guidance.

3. Background

- 3.1** Preparation of Stirling's Local Development Plan has reached the Proposed Plan stage. The Proposed Plan was approved by Stirling Council on 26th September 2012 and the period for making representations to the Plan runs until 10th December 2012. Thirty-five Supplementary Guidance documents have been produced to accompany the Plan.

4. Main Issues

- 4.1** The Stirling Local Development Plan Proposed Plan and proposed Supplementary Guidance documents have been considered with regard to matters of potential interest or concern to the West Dunbartonshire area. The Council's proposed representation to these documents is set out in Appendix 1 and is outlined below.

Local Landscape Areas

- 4.2** The boundary between the Stirling Local Development Plan area and West Dunbartonshire runs through the Kilpatrick Hills, between Dumbarton Muir in West Dunbartonshire and the Cameron and Stockie Muirs in Stirling. Primary Policy 9 of Stirling's Proposed Plan on managing landscape change states that: "The integrity, character and special qualities of key areas of nationally and locally valued landscapes will be protected. Elsewhere, landscape and visual impacts will be important considerations in determining all proposals for development and land use change". Supplementary Guidance on Protecting

Special Landscapes supports this policy by providing locations and citations for designated landscapes which identify the special qualities, sensitivities to change, development guidance and landscape enhancement potential for these areas.

- 4.3** The West Dunbartonshire Local Development Plan Main Issues Report, approved by Committee in March 2012, included the preferred option that the Kilpatrick Hills be identified as a Local Landscape Area. Scottish Natural Heritage is working with East and West Dunbartonshire Councils to produce a 'statement of importance' for the Kilpatrick Hills and to confirm the boundary of the Local Landscape Areas in each Council's respective Local Development Plans.
- 4.4** Within the Supplementary Guidance on Protecting Special Landscapes, Stirling Council does not make reference to the Kilpatrick Hills. The landscape area within Stirling, including Aucheneden Hill and the Whangie forms part of same character unit and shares the same key landscape qualities as the Kilpatrick Hills within West and East Dunbartonshire. Stirling Council should recognise the value of the Kilpatrick Hills in the Supplementary Guidance and commit to future work to consider identifying the parts of the Kilpatrick Hills within the Stirling Local Development Plan area as part of a wider Local Landscape Area. This would establish a consistent, cross boundary recognition of the importance of the Kilpatrick Hills.

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** No risk analysis has been undertaken.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 8.1** Stirling Council has the responsibility for undertaking an Equality Impact Assessment of its Local Development Plan.

9. Consultation

- 9.1** Representations on the Stirling Local Development Plan Proposed Plan and Proposed Supplementary Guidance can be made by any group or individual before 10th December 2012.

10. Strategic Assessment

10.1 This report is not considered to impact on the Council's strategic priorities.

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Appendices:	<p>Appendix 1 – Stirling Local Development Plan: West Dunbartonshire Comments</p>
Background Papers:	<p>Stirling Local Development Plan – Proposed Plan Proposed Supplementary Guidance SG27 – Protecting Special Landscapes</p>
Wards Affected:	<p>All.</p>