

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL****Report by the Strategic Lead – Regulatory****Planning Committee: 30 September 2020**

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**Subject: Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement 2020****1. Purpose**

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

**2. Recommendation**

- 2.1** It is recommended that the Committee approve 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 statutory 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. The West Dunbartonshire Local Development Plan 1 (Proposed Plan) 2016 and the Local Development Plan 2 (2020) are material considerations. The National Park Authority prepares the Development Plan for the National Park area within the West Dunbartonshire Council area. At the time of writing this Committee Report, Local Development Plan 2 had been submitted to the Scottish Government for adoption. As detailed in paragraph 4.3 below, the Plan will become the adopted Plan on 23 September 2020, unless otherwise directed by the Scottish Government and will replace the West Dunbartonshire Local Plan 2010 and Local Development Plan 1: Proposed Plan (2016) on adoption.
- 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 new Local Development Plan.

## **4. Main Issues**

### West Dunbartonshire Local Plan

- 4.1** The West Dunbartonshire Local Plan, adopted in March 2010, remains the most up to date adopted Local Plan covering the West Dunbartonshire planning authority area. At the time of writing this report, the 2010 Local Plan remains a statutory part of the Development Plan and will be used in the assessment of planning applications until it is superseded by Local Development Plan 2.

### West Dunbartonshire Local Development Plan (Proposed Plan) 2016

- 4.2** The above plan remains at proposed plan stage as a Scottish Ministers Direction prevented the plan from being adopted unless the Duntiglenan Fields site in Clydebank was included as per the Examination Report. At the time of writing this report, the Proposed Plan (2016), incorporating the accepted recommended modifications of the Examination Report, is a material consideration in the determination of planning applications and will remain until superseded by Local Development Plan 2.

### West Dunbartonshire Local Development Plan 2

- 4.3** The Council agreed to adopt Local Development Plan 2 on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020. The notice of intention to adopt the Plan was publicised on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020. Local Development Plan 2 was also forwarded to the Scottish Government on the same date. Unless directed otherwise, or the time frame is extended, the Council will be able to adopt the Plan 28 days after submission to the Scottish Ministers, which would be 23 September 2020. On adoption, Local Development Plan 2 will replace the West Dunbartonshire Local Plan 2010 and Local Development Plan 1: Proposed Plan (2016). It will then form the development plan for West Dunbartonshire alongside Clydeplan.

### Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan (Clydeplan)

- 4.5** The current Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan, known as Clydeplan, was approved by Scottish Ministers on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017. Currently, the Clydeplan team are working on the Regional Spatial Strategy which is required under the new Planning (Scotland) Act 2019, which will replace Strategic Development Plans.

### Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Local Development Plan

- 4.6** The Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Local Development Plan 2017 – 2021 was adopted in December 2016 and replaces the former Local Plan (2011 - 2015).

### Planning (Scotland) Act 2019

- 4.7** The development plan scheme and participation statement requires the Council to provide a timeframe for the publication of the next Local Development Plan. The Council will prepare a new Local Development Plan 3 under the new Planning System when it has been fully implemented.

- 4.8** However, the timeframes for producing Local Development Plan 3 will not be known until the provisions of secondary legislation have been produced. Therefore, the 2020 development plan scheme and participation statement cannot provide an accurate timeframe for the production of the next Plan. Until that happens, the Council will publish the Action Programme for Local Development Plan 2; undertake preparatory work for the Evidence Report, which is the first stage in the development of a new Plan under the new system; undertake an Urban Capacity Study reviewing the land supply in West Dunbartonshire; and progress the Council's approach to Locality Place Plans.

## **5. People Implications**

- 5.1** There are no personnel issues associated with this report.

## **6. Financial and Procurement Implications**

- 6.1** There are no financial or procurement 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** The new Local Development Plan has been subject to an Equality Impact Assessment.

## **9. Environmental Sustainability**

- 9.1** A Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required.

## **10. Consultation**

- 10.1** The Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement attached at Appendix 1 sets out what consultation has been undertaken and what is still to be undertaken in the forthcoming stages of Local Development Plan 2.

## **11. Strategic Assessment**

- 11.1** Local Development Plan 2 has a strong focus on delivering regeneration, placemaking and design. It is considered to contribute to all of the Council's strategic priorities.

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**Appendices:** Appendix 1: Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement

**Background Papers:** None

**Wards Affected:** All