

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration

Planning Committee: 25 June 2014

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 2014 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** Appendix 1 contains the 2014 Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement for approval. Submission of the Plan to the Scottish Ministers for Examination is scheduled for June 2014. The 2013 Development Plan Scheme had anticipated this would occur in March 2014, but it has been delayed owing to the requirement to publish a modification to the Plan in respect of Duntiglennan Fields. It is anticipated that the Examination may take 6-9 months. A shorter Examination would allow for the new Plan to be adopted within 5 years of the adoption of the current Local Plan i.e. by March 2015.

- 4.4** The revised timetable is as follows:

- Main Issues Report – March 2012
- Publication of Proposed Plan – September 2013
- Submission of Proposed Plan to Scottish Government – June 2014
- Examination of Plan – 2014
- Plan Adoption – 2015

Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan

- 4.5** The Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan was approved in May 2012. Preparation of Strategic Development Plan 2 is now underway. The key stages for the preparation of that document are set out in the 2014 Strategic Development Plan Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement. These are:
- 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

- 4.6** The National Park Authority's Local Plan 2010-2015 was adopted in December 2011. Preparation of the new Local Development Plan for the National Park Area has commenced with the Main Issues Report out for consultation and the Councils response is the subject of a separate report to this Committee. The National Park Authority recently approved its 2014 Development Plan Scheme and the timeline for the preparation of the new Local Development Plan is indicated as:
- Main Issues Report – April 2014
 - Proposed Plan – April 2015
 - Submission of Proposed Plan to Scottish Ministers - June 2016

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 impacts on 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