

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration

Planning Committee: 23 October 2013

Subject: Antonine Wall Management Plan 2014-2019

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To seek approval of the Antonine Wall World Heritage Site Management Plan for 2014-2019.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** That the Committee approve the 2014-2019 Management Plan for the Antonine Wall World Heritage Site.

3. Background

- 3.1** The Antonine Wall was inscribed as a World Heritage Site in July 2008, becoming an extension of the trans-national Frontiers of the Roman Empire World Heritage Site which includes Hadrian's Wall in England and the German Limes.
- 3.2** Inscription as a World Heritage Site brings obligations that the site will have an appropriate management structure in place. Whilst a Management Plan is not a statutory requirement, they are encouraged by national policy as best practice. The first Management Plan for the Antonine Wall covered the five-year period from nomination (2007-12).
- 3.3** West Dunbartonshire Council, along with the four other local authorities through which the Wall passes (Glasgow, East Dunbartonshire, North Lanarkshire and Falkirk) and Historic Scotland are key partners in the management of the Antonine Wall World Heritage Site. The partners, led by the Antonine Wall Co-ordinator have prepared a new Management Plan for 2014-2019.
- 3.4** The Committee considered a draft version of the new Management Plan at the Planning Committee of June 2013.
- 3.5** The Committee previously approved and adopted Supplementary Planning Guidance in relation to the Antonine Wall. The preparation of that guidance was an action of the previous Management Plan. Its status is not affected by the update of the Management Plan.

4. Main Issues

- 4.1** The finalised Management Plan is largely the same as the draft plan. The period that the Management Plan will cover has changed from 2013-2018 to 2014-2019 reflecting that final approval of the Plan which is likely to be 2014. Approval of the Management Plan is also now being sought from the other local authorities through which the Wall passes and Historic Scotland.
- 4.2** Chapters 1-3 of the Management Plan provide an introduction, the reasoning behind the requirement for the plan and details on how it has been developed. Chapter 4 considers the Antonine Wall World Heritage Site's 'Statement of Outstanding Universal Value', which defines the elements with the site which make it important and which should be protected in order to maintain its significance. Chapter 5 identifies the partners and stakeholders in the management of the Antonine Wall World Heritage Site and their roles and responsibilities. Chapter 6 reviews the delivery of the 2007-12 Management Plan, focussing on some of the achievements and the lessons learned. Chapter 7 looks forward, setting a vision and six long-term aims (to 2043) under which there are 53 objectives for the Management Plan period.
- 4.3** The 30-year vision proposed for the Antonine Wall remains the same as the draft plan as:
- "The Antonine Wall will be a World Heritage Site that is well maintained and sustainably managed to safeguard its Outstanding Universal Value; a property that is established as a world-class visitor experience; a catalyst to connect and transform communities locally, nationally and internationally; a focus to realise sustainable benefits economically, socially and environmentally for locals and visitors alike; and a resource for inspiring learning and creating opportunity for participation and discovery."
- 4.4** The six long-term aims propose to guide future decision-making relate to:
- managing, conserving and protecting the Antonine Wall World Heritage Site;
 - promoting awareness and understanding by improving physical and intellectual access;
 - realising the site's potential as an education and learning resource;
 - building partnerships, strengthening and engagement, and contributing to sustainable economic growth;
 - balancing wider environmental concerns; and
 - increasing research opportunities.
- 4.5** Under each of these six aims, key issues have been identified along with medium-term objectives (53 in total), which form the core management of the Antonine Wall World Heritage Site for the five-year period between 2014-2019.

5. People Implications

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

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1** The co-ordination and implementation of the Management Plan, which allows the Council to meet its obligations in respect of the Antonine Wall's World Heritage Site status, are currently led by the Antonine Wall Co-ordinator. This post is funded by Historic Scotland.
- 6.2** The Management Plan incorporates an Action Plan, including actions that would require funding from the Council for implementation. The Action Plan notes that implementation will be subject to resources being available.

7. Risk Analysis

- 7.1** It was not considered necessary to carry out a risk assessment in relation to this report.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 8.1** It is not considered that the report or recommendations raise any equalities issues.

9. Consultation

- 9.1** Prior to the preparation of the draft Management Plan stakeholder workshops were held in each of the 5 partner local authority areas.
- 9.2** Fourteen responses were received on the draft Management Plan from individuals and organisations. Where appropriate, changes have been made to the Management Plan and Action Plan to reflect the comments received.

10. Strategic Assessment

- 10.1** The aim and objectives of the Antonine Wall Management Plan are wide ranging and are considered to contribute across a number of the Council's Strategic Priorities including:
- improve economic growth and employability;
 - improve life chances for children and young people and
 - improve the wellbeing of communities and protect the welfare of vulnerable people.

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Appendices:	Appendix 1 – The Antonine Wall Frontiers of the Roman Empire World Heritage Site Management Plan 2014-2019.
Background Papers:	<p>Antonine Wall World Heritage Site Management Plan 2014-2019 – Environmental Report</p> <p>Antonine Wall World Heritage Site Management Plan 2014-2019 – Consultation Report and SEA Statement</p>
Wards Affected:	<p>4 – Kilpatrick</p> <p>5 – Clydebank Waterfront</p>