

Extract from Draft Minute

STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY WOODHILL HOUSE, ABERDEEN FRIDAY, 3 DECEMBER, 2010

Present: Councillor Argyle, Chairperson; Councillors Cox, Dean, Hunter, Merson, Pratt, Stewart, Webster and West (as substitute for Councillor Cormie).

Apologies: Councillors Boulton and Cormie.

Officers: **Strategic Development Plan Team;**
Strategic Development Plan Manager and Senior Planner.
Aberdeen City Council;
Head of Planning and Sustainable Development.
Aberdeenshire Council
Head of Planning and Building Standards, Principal Accountant and Committee Officer (Miss V Rushton).

8. SDPA INFORMATION BULLETIN – DECEMBER 2010

The Authority had before it an information bulletin providing information on a number of issues which included:-

- Conserve and Save: The Energy Efficiency Action Plan for Scotland,
- Local Development Plan,
- Scottish and Southern Energy Consultation,
- Scottish Sustainable Community Charrette Series,
- Scotland's Digital Future and the Race to Infinity,
- Structure Plan Proposals,
- Scottish Transport Awards 2010,
- Scottish Awards for Quality in Planning 2010,
- Aberdeenshire Design Awards 2010,
- The Resilience of Scottish Local Economies,
- Scottish Government Planning Publications,
- Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan Main Issues Report,
- Housing Land Supply – Letter from the Chief Planner, and
- Planning Development Programme Case Study.

During discussion Members referred to the letter from the Scottish Government's Chief Planner (to all Heads of Planning in Scotland) which addressed housing land supply issues in the current economic climate. It was highlighted that in September 2010 Members had agreed a response to the housing land audit in which it was indicated that a plan-led approach was appropriate in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire and that this would be the approach taken by both councils. - which was progressing well. It was indicated that the letter had caused some concern and Members indicated that a letter on behalf of the SDPA should be sent back to the Chief Planner on these issues, expressing the SDPA's view that a plan-led response was appropriate in this area given the scale of land release being progressed through the two local development plans and the timetable for the adoption of them.

The Authority resolved:-

To note the details contained in the information bulletin and that a letter be sent to the Chief Planner highlighting the Authority's views on a plan-led planning system, being referred to both councils for their endorsement.