

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE Enterprise, Planning & Infrastructure DATE 31 Jan 2012
DIRECTOR Gordon McIntosh
TITLE OF REPORT Aberdeen Local Development Plan Scheme 4
REPORT NUMBER: EPI/12/044

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report presents the fourth Development Plan Scheme, a detailed timetable and programme for local development planning in Aberdeen. The Development Plan Scheme is a requirement of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 and must be reviewed annually and submitted to Scottish Ministers. This report seeks approval of the Aberdeen Local Development Plan Scheme 4 which must then be published (including electronically), sent to Scottish Ministers and placed in public libraries in accordance with the Act. In addition, it would be beneficial to send it to, or inform, the key agencies and consultees listed in Appendix 2 of the Aberdeen Local Development Plan Scheme 4.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1 That the Committee approve

- (i) the adoption of the Aberdeen Local Development Plan Scheme 4, its publication (including electronically) and sending it to Scottish Ministers, and
- (ii) sending it to, or informing, the key agencies and consultees listed in Appendix 2 of the Aberdeen Local Development Plan Scheme 4.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no immediate financial implications arising from this report as the cost of preparing the Aberdeen Local Development Plan can be met from existing budgets.

4. SERVICE & COMMUNITY IMPACT

4.1 The Local Development Plan will support the vision of Aberdeen becoming an even more attractive place to live and in which to do business and will ensure that high quality employment opportunities exist. This process aspires to improve the access that the people of Aberdeen have to high quality services that meet their needs.

4.2 The document raises awareness and understanding of the development plan review process and how long it will take.

5 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Preparing a Local Development Plan Scheme is a requirement of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 and it must be produced annually and submitted to Scottish Ministers. An EHRIA has been carried out on the document.

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- 6.1 Section 20B of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 requires each planning authority to prepare a development plan scheme at least annually. The scheme is to set out the authority's programme for preparing and reviewing their Local Development Plan and what is likely to be involved at each stage. The scheme must include a participation statement stating when, how and with whom consultation on the plans will take place and the authority's proposals for public involvement in the plan preparation process. This Scheme differs from the previous Development Plan Schemes in that it provides an update on the consultation stages carried out so far including the Examination period. Our overall programme remains the same with adoption of the Local Development Plan anticipated for March 2012.

- 6.2 In relation to the Act, Regulations were laid before the Scottish Parliament on 19 December 2008 and these came into force on 28 February 2009. Regulation 24 requires development plan schemes to contain a timetable, specifying the month the authority proposes to publish its next main issues report and proposed plan and to submit the plan to Scottish Ministers. After adopting the scheme, the Act requires the authority to publish it (including electronically), send two copies to Scottish Ministers and place copies in public libraries. There is no requirement to consult on the content of development plan schemes. It would be beneficial however to send it to, or inform, the key agencies and consultees listed in Appendix 2 of the Aberdeen Local Development Plan Scheme 4.

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8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- The Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006
www.opsi.gov.uk/legislation/scotland/acts2006/pdf/asp_20060017_en.pdf
- Town and Country Planning (Development Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 2008
http://www.opsi.gov.uk/legislation/scotland/ssi2008/ssi_20080426_en_1
- Circular 1/2009 Development Planning Circular February 2009
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/02/13153723/0>