

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Enterprise, Planning & Infrastructure
DATE	22 January 2013
DIRECTOR	Gordon McIntosh
TITLE OF REPORT	Aberdeen Local Development Plan – Development Plan Scheme
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report presents the first Development Plan Scheme for the next Aberdeen Local Development Plan. The Development Plan Scheme is a requirement of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 and must be reviewed annually and submitted to Scottish Ministers. It sets out a detailed timetable and programme for the preparation and adoption of the Local Development Plan. This report seeks approval of the Development Plan Scheme 2013 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.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 That the Committee approve:

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

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

4. SERVICE & COMMUNITY IMPACT

- 4.1 The Local Development Plan and associated Development Plan Scheme contribute to “Aberdeen - A Smarter City” in terms of providing a clean, safe and attractive streetscape and by promoting biodiversity and nature conservation, encouraging wider access to green space in our streets, parks and countryside, improving access to affordable housing in the private sectors by working with developers to maximize the effective use of developer contributions

- 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.

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6.1 Section 20B of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 (the Act) requires each planning authority to prepare a development plan scheme at least annually. The scheme sets 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 plan will take place and the authority's proposals for public involvement in the plan preparation process.

6.2 The Act requires Local Development Plans to be updated at least every 5 years. In order for us to ensure this can happen, the Council will need to begin reviewing the Aberdeen Local Development Plan this year. At the same time, the Strategic Development Plan Authority are progressing a new Strategic Development Plan (SDP) and the next Local Development Plan will need to comply with the new SDP.

This Local Development Plan Scheme sets a timetable to ensure that the next Local Development Plan is reviewed in time and that it can comply with the new SDP which is scheduled to be approved in June 2014. We intend bringing a report to the next EP&I Committee providing further details and seeking authority to begin the review of the Aberdeen Local Development Plan.

6.3 In relation to the Act, 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.

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8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- The Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006
www.ospi.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>

9 APPENDICES

Appendix I – Local Development Plan Scheme