

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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TITLE OF REPORT	Strategic Infrastructure Plan Progress Update
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### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of the report is to provide members with a progress update on the delivery of Strategic Infrastructure Plan (SIP).

### **2. RECOMMENDATION(S)**

It is recommended that the committee:

- a) note the content of the report and the progress made.

### **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. All financial implications are managed as part of the Council's capital planning process.

There are no implications for any approved PBB options.

### **4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

There are no other direct implications arising as a result of this report regarding legal, resource, personnel, property, equipment, sustainability and environmental, health and safety and/or policy implications.

### **5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES**

At its meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2013, Council agreed to the preparation of a Strategic Infrastructure Plan (SIP) and this plan was presented and approved

at its meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2013.

The importance of the SIP can not be underestimated and is one of the key priorities for the Council. It focuses on the delivery of our Strategic and Local Development Plans and is integral to the development of the enabling infrastructure needed to realise the aspirations of all our plans as well as meeting the objectives in the Single Outcome Agreement.

To achieve this the SIP is centred around five key goals:

1. A step change in the supply of housing
2. Better digital connectivity at home and at work
3. Better local transport
4. The skills and labour that Aberdeen needs to thrive
5. A better image for the city

The SIP contains bold, large scale projects that will help deliver these goals and the appendix to this report provides members with a progress update on the delivery of these projects as well as an update to the supporting infrastructure projects.

## **6. IMPACT**

The Strategic Infrastructure Plan relates to the following Single Outcome Agreement objectives:

- We live in a Scotland that is the most attractive place for doing business in Europe;
- We realise our full economic potential with more and better employment opportunities for our people;
- We live in well-designed, sustainable places where we are able to access the amenities and services we need;
- We value and enjoy our built and natural environment and protect it and enhance it for future generations;
- We take pride in a strong, fair and inclusive national identity; and
- Our public services are high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people's needs.

It also meets the vision of the Community Plan in promoting a strong image of the city and a sense of civic pride and promotes the redevelopment of the City Centre, which is one of the main priorities for the Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement and supports the Council's 5 year Business Plan in terms of protecting and enhancing the built environment, attracting visitors, workers and investment to protect the economic future of the city, and, to facilitate new development projects to improve Aberdeen's living and working environment.

Given the nature of the Strategic Infrastructure Plan this may be of interest to the public.

**7. MANAGEMENT OF RISK**

N/A

**8. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

N/A

**9. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS**

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