

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Planning Development Management
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DIRECTOR	Pete Leonard
TITLE OF REPORT	Technical Advice Note: Planning and Aberdeen Airport
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CHECKLIST COMPLETED	Yes

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to obtain Committee approval for a new Technical Advice Note (TAN) on 'Planning and Aberdeen Airport' to be issued for a six week period of public consultation. A copy of the draft is available as Appendix 1 to this report.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (a) Approve the Planning and Aberdeen Airport TAN document for a six week public consultation period;
- (b) Agree that, following completion of the public consultation, any comments received and subsequent amendments to the draft advice be presented to a future committee.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report with the exception of costs which may be incurred through the consultation and publicity of the proposed advice. Any such expenses can be met through existing budgets.

3.2 The implication for the Priority Based Budgeting is positive. Detailed topic-based advice has value in reducing officer time spent on pre-application discussions, and will therefore prove beneficial in reducing cost.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no known legal or equipment implications arising from this report.

4.2 As a major landowner in the city, proposals for the development of land and assets owned by Aberdeen City Council will, where this is applicable, be subject to assessment in line with the guidance set out in the Technical Advice Note.

5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

5.1 The TAN has been prepared in support of the Aberdeen Local Development Plan (LDP) (2012), and provides additional guidance on the interpretation and implementation of the policies contained in the LDP, particularly Policy BI4 - Aberdeen Airport and Aberdeen Harbour.

5.2 If approved, the TAN would form guidance to the current Local Development Plan (2012). It is also in general conformity with the Proposed Local Development Plan. However, when the next LDP is adopted, it will be updated as appropriate and reported back to Committee.

5.3 The TAN provides guidance for applicants and officers on the issues that need to be considered when development proposals are in the vicinity of Aberdeen airport and Perwinnes Radar (operated by National Air Traffic Services (NATS)). It covers issues such as safeguarded areas, noise assessment, Public Safety Zones and consultation procedures. By ensuring that these issues are properly taken account of, the TAN will help to ensure that new development does not adversely affect the operational viability or safety of the airport, and that the amenity of new development is not compromised by aircraft noise or disturbance.

5.4 TANs do not carry the same weight as Supplementary Guidance but are still treated as material considerations in the decision making process.

6. IMPACT

6.1 The TAN contributes to “Aberdeen – The Smarter City” Vision. It will help to ensure that Aberdeen continues to be an excellent place to live, invest, visit and do business, by helping to safeguard both the operation of the airport and the amenity of those living and working nearby.

6.2 The proposal also contributes to the following Single Outcome Agreement priorities:

- We live in Scotland that is the most attractive place for doing business in Europe;
- 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 and enhance it for future generations;
- Our public services are high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people's needs.

6.3 The proposal is consistent with the Council's Corporate Plan in particular delivering high levels of design from all development and maintaining an up-to-date planning framework. The TAN also meets the vision of the Community Plan in promoting a strong image of the City and a sense of civic pride.

6.4 The proposal supports the Council's 5 year Business Plan in terms of protecting and enhancing our high quality natural and built environment.

6.5 The proposal is consistent with the Planning and Sustainable Development Service Plan, in particular promoting a customer focused service by engaging the community in the planning process.

6.4 With regards to public interest, the TAN is likely to be of interest principally to those members of the public and key stakeholders who have an interest in the development of land within the vicinity of Aberdeen airport.

6.6 An Equalities and Human Rights Impact Assessment (EHRIA) has not been carried out in relation to the proposed TAN, because it was considered to have a neutral effect. A Privacy Impact Assessment was also considered to be unnecessary in this case.

6.7 An SEA Screening Report has been prepared and submitted to the SEA Gateway and Consultation Authorities for comment. The outcome of this will be reported back to Committee following the consultation period.

7. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

7.1 It is not considered that there are any risks associated with the recommendations made in this report. The TAN provides additional detail on the implementation of existing policies included in the Local Development Plan, bringing information together from disparate sources into one easy to reference document. This will enable applicants to be more informed and will make the evaluation process more efficient for officers but it does not introduce any new policy points or procedures that are not currently followed.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Background papers used in the preparation of the Technical Advice Note:

Aberdeen International Airport Noise Action Plan:

<http://www.aberdeenairport.com/media/52428/Aberdeen-International-Airport-Noise-Action-Plan.pdf>

Planning Advice Note 1/2011: Planning and Noise
<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/Doc/343210/0114180.pdf>

Circular 8/2002 Control of Development in Airport Public Safety Zones:
<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/Doc/46997/0026454.pdf>

AIA Safeguarding Guidance:
http://www.aberdeenairport.com/media/47178/AIA_Safeguarding_Guidance-FULL.pdf

- Appendix 1 – Technical Advice Note: Planning and Aberdeen Airport
- Appendix 2 – Equalities and Human Rights Impact Assessment

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