

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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| COMMITTEE           | Planning Development Management                      |
| DATE                | 17 September 2015                                    |
| DIRECTOR            | Pete Leonard   |
| TITLE OF REPORT     | Technical Advice Note: Planning and Aberdeen Airport |
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| CHECKLIST COMPLETED | Yes  |

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to recommend that a new Technical Advice Note (TAN) on 'Planning and Aberdeen Airport' be adopted as non-statutory planning guidance.
- 1.2 A copy of the TAN is available as Appendix 2 to this report and the relevant maps are attached as Appendix 3.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (a) Note the results of the six-week public consultation period and the amendments made to the draft document as a result; and
- (b) Adopt the Planning and Aberdeen Airport TAN document as non-statutory planning guidance, subject to the determination of the Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. 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 adopted the TAN would form guidance to support the current Local Development Plan (2012). 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.

5.5 Between 17 July and 28 August 2015, the TAN was subject to a six week public consultation period. One response was received, from National Air Traffic Services (NATS) and a copy is provided as Appendix 1 of this Report. This concerned the NATS safeguarding maps relevant to the Aberdeen City local authority area. The response requested that these maps are not published as part of the final document. A statement referring applicants to Aberdeen City Council in case of queries was recommended instead. This was accepted and the amendment has been made. It was also requested that NATS' contact details are included in the document, which has also been done.

5.6 There were no other comments received and there have been no other amendments to the document.

## 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 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.

- 6.3 The proposal supports the Council's 5 year Business Plan in terms of protecting and enhancing our high quality natural and built environment.
- 6.4 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.
- 6.5 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.
- 6.6 An SEA Screening Report for the draft TAN was prepared and submitted to the SEA Gateway for review. This confirmed that a full SEA Assessment is not required. Following approval by Committee, the Screening Report will be updated and returned to the Consultation Authorities for comment. If the Consultation Authorities agree that a full SEA is still not required, a determination will be made to this effect and the outcome publicised in accordance the relevant Regulations of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005. The document will then be formally adopted as non-statutory planning guidance.

## 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

- Aberdeen Local Development Plan  
<http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/nmsruntime/saveasdialog.asp?ID=42278&slD=9484>
- Appendix 1 – Consultation Responses

- Appendix 2 – Technical Advice Note: Planning and Aberdeen Airport
- Appendix 3 – Technical Advice Note: Planning and Aberdeen Airport (Maps A - D).
- Aberdeen International Airport Noise Action Plan:  
<http://www.aberdeenaairport.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.aberdeenaairport.com/media/47178/AIA\\_Safeguarding\\_Guidance-FULL.pdf](http://www.aberdeenaairport.com/media/47178/AIA_Safeguarding_Guidance-FULL.pdf)

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