

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT:-

This report presents the first Development Plan Scheme for the third Aberdeen Local Development Plan. The Development Plan Scheme is a detailed timetable and programme for Local Development Planning. It sets out Aberdeen City Council's programme for preparing the next Aberdeen Local Development Plan, which we would expect to adopt in 2022.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Committee:

- (a) Approve the adoption of the Aberdeen Local Development Plan 2022 – Development Plan Scheme, its publication (including electronically) and sending it to Scottish Ministers; and
- (b) Agree to send it to, or inform the key agencies and consultees listed in Appendix 1 of this report, as well as placing a copy in each public library in the Aberdeen City region.

3. BACKGROUND/ MAIN ISSUES

- 3.1 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 by a planning authority.
- 3.2 Section 20B of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 requires the Development Plan Scheme to include proposed timetabling and details of what is likely to be involved at each stage of preparation and review. The Scheme must also include an account (also known as the Participation Statement) of when consultation on the Local Development Plan is likely to take place, with whom, as well as its likely form. The Participation Statement

must also include the steps taken by the planning authority to involve the public in the plan preparation process.

- 3.3 This Development Plan Scheme is the first one for the next Aberdeen Local Development Plan. It sets out the Council's programme for preparing the next Plan and provides information on:
- The existing development plans;
 - Why we need to progress a new Local Development Plan;
 - The timetable for preparing this Plan; and
 - The timetable for engaging people in the preparation of the Plan and how this will be done (the Participation Statement).
- 3.4 In relation to the Act, after a Development Plan Scheme has been adopted the authority is required to send two copies to the Scottish Ministers, publish it and place a copy in each public library. 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.
- 3.5 This Development Plan Scheme has been prepared in accordance with current legislation (Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006). It does however anticipate changes that are expected to come forward as part of the ongoing Scottish Planning Review. For example, while the Participation Statement meets the minimum requirements by consulting on key agencies, community councils and members of the public, we anticipate involving a broader cross-section of the society through consultations. In addition, a review of the Supplementary Guidance will be carried out, and the Main Issues Report will include draft policies in anticipation of changes arising from the Planning Review.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

6. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

It is considered that there are no risks associated with the recommendations made in this report. The Development Plan Scheme has been prepared in relation to the programming of the 2022 Aberdeen Local Development Plan. This will provide certainty for officers, key agencies and consultees. The Scheme does not introduce any new procedures that are not currently followed.

- **Financial** – this has been considered and no risks have been identified. The Development Plan Scheme is currently covered under the Local Development Plan budget.
- **Employee** – this has been considered and no risks have been identified
- **Customer / citizen** – this has been considered and no risks have been identified.
- **Environmental** – this has been considered and no risks have been identified.
- **Technological** – this has been considered and no risks have been identified.
- **Legal** – this has been considered and no risks have been identified. The Development Plan Scheme includes measures anticipated as a result of any changes arising from the ongoing Scottish Planning Review.
- **Reputational** – this has been considered and no risks have been identified.

7. IMPACT SECTION

Economy

The Development Plan Scheme is directed to the preparation of the next Aberdeen Local Development Plan. Local Development Plans state that development should be encouraged in the right place, be efficient and make the best use of existing infrastructure capacity. Where the capacity does not exist, developers will be expected to provide the infrastructure, services and facilities which are required as a result of the development. In so doing there will be a direct positive impact on business, tourism and infrastructure in the city.

People

An Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment (EHRIA) was carried out on the Development Plan Scheme. It highlighted that the Scheme would bring positive impacts to a range of equality groups. The results are available on the Council's website under <https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/link/ehria-search> .

The Development Plan Scheme sets out the timetable for the next Local Development Plan. In doing so it provides certainty for the public, agencies and development industry regarding when key milestones are likely to be achieved.

The Development Plan Scheme will serve to be a point of reference for staff in the Local Plan Team as well as other members of staff in regards to the timetabling and programming of the 2022 Aberdeen Local Development Plan.

Place

The Local Development Plan will support the Aberdeen City Local Outcome Improvement Plan. It will contain policies to encourage and help build sustainable communities in the City thus making Aberdeen a great place to live, bring up family, do business and visit.

Technology

The Development Plan Scheme is directed to the preparation of the next Aberdeen Local Development Plan which supports the Aberdeen City Council Strategic Business Plan. Through its policies the Local Development Plan is ambitious in growing the city and promotes 21st Century living, a Smarter environment, new communications technology as well as maximising digital connectivity and sustainable transport.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

The Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2006/17/pdfs/asp_20060017_en.pdf

Town and Country Planning (Development Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 2008

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2008/426/pdfs/ssi_20080426_en.pdf

Circular 6/2013 Development Planning Circular December 2013

<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2013/12/9924>

9. APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 – Aberdeen Local Development Plan 2022 - Development Plan Scheme

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