

STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY

ABERDEEN, 9 November, 2012 - minute of meeting of the STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY. Present: Councillor Milne (Chairperson); and Councillors Corall, Donnelly (as substitute for Councillor Grant), Finlayson, Thomson (Aberdeen City Council), Bellarby, Cox, Gray (as substitute for Councillor Topping), Merson, Owen (as substitute for Councillor Argyle), and Norman Smith (Aberdeenshire Council).

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ORDER OF AGENDA

1. The Convener advised that further to the seminar led by David Liddell (Territorial Liaison Officer – Scottish Government) which had been held immediately prior to this meeting, he had invited Mr Liddell to stay to hear item 4 of the agenda (National Planning Framework 3), and so suggested that this report be taken as the first item of business on this day.

The Authority resolved:

to concur with the suggestion of the Convener.

NATIONAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK 3 – NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

2. With reference to the previous article of this minute, the Authority had before it a report which updated members on the process for the preparation of National Planning Framework 3 (NPF3), and sought agreement to engage with potential promoters of national developments with a view to supporting those proposals which were consistent with the emerging strategic development plan.

The Authority resolved:

- (i) to approve the content of the report with the following amendments –
 - under section 4.3 to amend “A96 dualling from Inverurie to Inverness” to “Completion of A96 dualling from Aberdeen to Inverness”
 - for officers to explore options for the potential inclusion of a submission on a regional food processing park prior to the next meeting of the SDPA;
- (ii) to agree the principle of supporting potential national developments for submission to Scottish Ministers; and
- (iii) to instruct officers to work with interested parties to bring forward potential submissions which would be consistent with the proposed Strategic Development Plan for consideration at its next meeting.

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3. The Authority had before it the minute of its previous meeting of 21 September, 2012.

Councillor Cox noted that at item 6 of the minute (Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Plan), whereby it was stated that Aberdeen Harbour had produced suggested wording to be incorporated into the Plan, he had requested that Peterhead Harbour and Aberdeen Airport be asked to present their views on the Plan.

The Authority resolved:

to approve the minute as a correct record, subject to the above amendment.

ABERDEEN CITY AND SHIRE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

4. With reference to article 6 of the minute of its previous meeting, the Authority had before it a report by the Strategic Development Plan Manager which presented a draft of the proposed Strategic Development Plan (SDP) for consideration.

The report provided a background to the Plan and a synopsis of the draft Plan, which was appended to the report along with (1) a number of indicative plans and diagrams, (2) a draft habitats regulation appraisal record, (3) a strategic environmental assessment report, (4) a strategic flood risk assessment, (5) an equalities and human rights impact assessment; and (6) a document outlining responses to the comments received in relation to the October, 2011 Main Issues report. A minute extract from the meeting of the Aberdeen City Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure Committee meeting of 6 November, 2012 was circulated at the meeting, as was a list of suggested amendments as follows –

- page 1, update page number due to typo.
- page 6, paragraph 3.9 – “this will include new or extended primary and secondary schools...” to enable responsive solutions to educational provision in cases where new development extends a community with an existing secondary school.
- page 9, paragraph 3.32 – “we will need to make sure that one or two new secondary schools...” to clarify existing wording.
- page 11, paragraph 3.41 – “we will need to make sure new or extended secondary schools and associated primary schools are provided in this area”.
- page 12, paragraph 3.44 – add “this will have significant infrastructure requirements, including a new secondary and associated primary and schools...” to rectify an omission regarding the Chapelton of Elsieck new settlement.
- page 12, paragraph 3.45 – “this will be supported by the potential for expansion of a new secondary school...” to clarify existing wording.
- page 13, paragraph 3.55 – “we will also need to make sure that new or extended secondary schools and associated primary schools are provided in this area”.
- page 26, paragraph 5.6 – “...and certain developments (including River Dee link) to demonstrate no adverse effect on the integrity of

any Natura 2000 site” to provide clarity around the link to Habitats Regulations appraisals.

- page 27, paragraph 5.11 – “...A96 between Inverurie and the border with Moray...” due to typo.

In relation to page 92 of the report, whereby the condition of the site at Loch of Skene was identified as “unfavourable declining”, officers undertook to ascertain as to what the problem was, and what actions were being taken to alleviate this, and to advise members accordingly by way of email.

The report recommended –

that the Authority –

- (a) discuss and agree the draft of the Proposed Plan (Appendix 1) and the associated supporting documentation (Appendices 2 – 6) as the SDPA’s settled view of the recommended final content of the plan;
- (b) agree the arrangements set out in section 5 above for the period for representations on the Proposed Plan;
- (c) delegate to the Strategic Development Plan Manager the task preparing the plan for publication (including the graphic design of the plan) and the finalisation of the Action Programme for consultation alongside the proposed plan;
- (d) seek delegated authority from both councils to submit the Proposed Plan to Scottish Ministers for examination and approval if no substantive changes are proposed to the plan following representations; and
- (e) refer this report to both Aberdeen City Council and Aberdeenshire Council for ratification.

Councillor Bellarby moved –

that the Strategic Growth Area 3 (Aberdeen – Laurencekirk) be extended to include Edzell Air Base.

Councillor Bellarby’s motion did not attract a seconder, and therefore his motion fell. The Authority agreed in terms of Standing Order 7.27 (1) to suspend Standing Order 7.21 (7) in order that the motion could be recorded in this minute

The Authority resolved:

- (i) to approve the draft of the Proposed Plan (Appendix 1) incorporating the amendments as above, and the associated supporting documentation (Appendices 2 – 6) as the SDPA’s settled view of the recommended final content of the plan; and
- (ii) to approve recommendations (b) – (e) as above.

ENABLING THE PARTIAL RELEASE OF HOUSING LAND (2017 – 2023)

5. The Authority had before it a report which sought approval in principle for the release for planning permission of specific sites in the two local development plans identified for the period 2017 – 2023.

The Authority resolved:

to agree to the principle of the release for planning permission of the sites identified in appendix 1 to the report for the 2017 – 2023 period, if the applicant can demonstrate exceptional circumstances where a significant prejudice to the proper

implementation of the structure plan would otherwise occur, to the satisfaction of the appropriate Council as planning authority; in all cases, conditions controlling the rate of development should be applied.

- **COUNCILLOR MILNE; Convener**