

## **STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY**

ABERDEEN, 12 March 2014 - minute of meeting of the STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY. Present: Councillor Milne (Chairperson); and Councillor Argyle (Vice Chairperson); and Councillors Corall, Finlayson, Taylor, Thomson and Yuill (Aberdeen City Council), Bellarby, Cox, Merson, Norman Smith and Topping (Aberdeenshire Council).

Strategic Development Plan Manager and Planner (SDPA), Head of Planning and Building Standards (Aberdeenshire Council) and Planning and Environmental Policy Manager (Aberdeen City Council)

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

No declarations of interest were intimated.

### **APOLOGIES**

1. Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Dr Bochel (Head of Planning and Infrastructure, Aberdeen City Council).

### **MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

2. The Authority had before it the minute of its previous meeting of 11 December 2013.

#### **The Authority resolved:**

to approve the minute as a correct record.

### **STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE**

3. The Authority had before it a report by the Strategic Development Plan Manager which brought members up to date on progress with the preparation of the strategic development plan.

#### **The report recommended –**

that the Authority note the content of the report and agree that an additional meeting be called on 29 May 2014 at 2pm in Woodhill House, if the strategic development plan is approved before 26 March 2014.

#### **The Authority resolved:**

to approve the recommendation.

## **DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEME 2014/15**

4. The Authority had before it a report by the Strategic Development Plan Manager which sought approval for a replacement development plan scheme (as appended to the report).

It was noted that a reference to March 2013 under section 5.1 of the report, should have read March 2014.

### **The report recommended –**

that the Authority:

- (a) agree the style and content of the development plan scheme 2014/15, as appended to the report, and its submission to Scottish Ministers by 31 March 2014;
- (b) agree to seek customer feedback in the form of a questionnaire, to be distributed alongside the development plan scheme; and
- (c) agree the publication and circulation of the development plan scheme and questionnaire, as detailed within the report.

### **The Authority resolved:**

to approve the recommendations.

## **BUDGET MONITORING**

5. With reference to article 4 of the minute of its previous meeting of 11 December 2013, the Authority had before it a report by the Treasurer which outlined the budget monitoring and forecast position for 2013/14 as at 31 January 2014.

### **The report recommended –**

that the Authority:

- (a) note the budget monitoring position and forecast outturn as at 31 January 2014; and
- (b) approve the return of any surplus income at year end to the partner councils.

### **The Authority resolved:**

to approve the recommendations.

## **BUDGET 2014/15 TO 2018/19**

6. The Authority had before it a report by the Treasurer which sought agreement for the 2014/15 budget, and asked that members note the draft budgets for 2015/16 to 2018/19.

### **The report recommended –**

that the Authority:

- (a) agree the budget for 2014/15; and
- (b) note the indicative budgets for 2015/16 to 2018/19.

### **The Authority resolved:**

to approve the recommendations.

## **SDPA BULLETIN**

7. The Authority had before it an information bulletin prepared by the Strategic Development Plan Manager which informed members on key issues relating to the work of the Authority where no decisions were currently required.

Details contained within the bulletin included –

- Planning performance report feedback
- Other SDPAs
- Scottish Government review of strategic development plans and Royal Town Planning Institute research
- Local development plans update
- Regional Transport Strategy Refresh 2013 – 2035
- Draft Scottish Planning Policy and National Planning Framework 3 update
- Strategic transport fund
- Cities outlook 2014
- Monitoring
- Housing Market Activity
- Unemployment
- Aberdeen city and Aberdeenshire retail study
- Employment land audit 2013
- Scottish marine regions – designation order 2014
- Economic impact of Aberdeen Harbour (Nigg Bay proposal)
- Peterhead carbon capture and storage proposal.

With reference to page 63 of the report (NPF3), Councillor Merson expressed his disappointment at the response submitted and stated that he did not believe it was reflective of the discussions which had taken place at previous meetings of the SDPA.

### **The Authority resolved:**

to note the bulletin.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

8. Members noted the dates and times of future meetings as follows:

- 29 May 2014, 2pm, Woodhill House (TBC)
- 26 June 2014, 2pm, Town House
- 24 September 2014, 2pm, Woodhill House
- 10 December 2014, 2pm, Town House
- 25 March 2015, 2pm, Woodhill House.

## **ACSEF/ NESTRANS/ SDPA JOINT MEETING**

9. Members were advised that it had been suggested that a joint meeting should take place between ACSEF, Nestrans and the SDPA to focus on areas of

common interest. It was noted that members would be advised when a suitable date had been agreed.

- **COUNCILLOR MILNE; Chairperson**