

**ABERDEEN
CITY AND
SHIRE**

*Strategic Development
Planning Authority*

To: Councillor Boulton, Chairperson; Councillor Cox, Vice Chairperson; and Councillors Aitchison, Bell, Cooke, Graham, Grant, Johnston, Latham, Topping, Wallace and Yuill.

Aberdeen City Council Substitute Members: Councillors Copland, Cormie, Hunt, Macdonald, Mason, MSP and Reynolds.

Aberdeenshire Council Substitute Members: Councillors Buchan, Forsyth, Leslie, Lonchay, Mollison and Reid.

Please note that a substitute member may only participate in the meeting when a substantive member is absent.

STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY

WEDNESDAY, 21 MARCH 2018 at 2.00 pm
Committee Room 2 - Town House

Your attendance is required at a meeting of the **STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY** to be held on **WEDNESDAY, 21 MARCH 2018 at 2.00 pm** at the above address.

FRASER BELL
HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES
ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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- 1 Declaration of Members' Interests
- 2 Minute of the Previous Meeting of 1 February 2018 - for approval (Pages 3 - 6)
- 3 Development Plan Scheme 2018/2019 (Pages 7 - 18)

4 SDPA Budget 2018/2019 to 2022/2023 (Pages 19 - 20)
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5 SDPA Bulletin (Pages 21 - 22)

6 Date of Next Meeting

Members are requested to note that the next meeting is scheduled for 2.00pm on 27 June, 2018 at Woodhill House.

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STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY

WOODHILL HOUSE, ABERDEEN

FRIDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2018

Present: Councillors M Boulton, D Aitchison, J Cooke, G Graham, A Forsyth (as substitute for Cllr B A Topping), R Grant, PJ Johnston, Cllr D Lonchay, (as substitute for Cllr Wallace), and Cllr J Latham.

Apologies: Councillors J Cox; B Hunt, B A Topping, I Yuill, and S Wallace.

Officers: - **Strategic Development Planning Authority:** Senior Planner.
Aberdeen City Council: Head of Planning & Sustainable Development (Interim); Planning and Environmental Policy Manager, Legal Advisors (E Carlisle).
Aberdeenshire Council: Head of Planning and Building Standards, Accountant (B Allan), and Committee Officer (J McRobbie).

1. SEDERUNT AND DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Cllrs Cox, Hunt, Topping, Yuill, and Wallace.

2. MINUTE OF THE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY MEETING OF 20 SEPTEMBER, 2017

The Authority had before them and **resolved** to approve as a correct record the Minute of Meeting of 20 September, 2017.

3. MAIN ISSUES REPORT

There had been circulated a joint report by the Interim Head of Planning and Sustainable Development (Aberdeen City Council) and the Head of Planning and Building Standards, (Aberdeenshire Council), requesting consideration of the Main Issues Report, as part of the process for establishing a replacement Strategic Development Plan for the area, delayed in part by the ongoing work in respect of the Scottish Government's Review Of Planning, and the Supreme Court case on the Strategic Transport Fund. The report contained details of the initial workshop discussion of the potential issues with the Authority in September, 2017; the need to amend the vision to have a greater focus on environmental and social resilience rather than just economic resilience and to have greater consideration of economic diversification, in line with the Regional Economic Strategy; maintenance of the current special strategy, in the context of the potential for growth West of Aberdeen (A93 and A944), the AWPR, and regeneration priorities; the economy; housing, including affordable housing and the housing land supply; energy; transportation; and minerals and waste.

Noting that the New Planning Legislation, if approved, would remove the need for Strategic Development Plans, but that Minister had advised that the work should proceed, in order to meet the current statutory deadline of renewal by 28 March, 2018.

The Authority resolved: -

- a) to approve for consultation the Main Issues Report, as detailed in Appendix 1, and note the supplementary documents;
- b) that a consultation period of 10 weeks be established; and
- c) that, prior to its publication, approval of any drafting changes to the Main Issues Report be delegated to officers, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Authority.

4. PLANNING (SCOTLAND) BILL – CALL FOR EVIDENCE SUBMISSION

There had been circulated a joint report by Interim Head of Planning and Sustainable Development (Aberdeen City Council) and the Head of Planning and Building Standards, (Aberdeenshire Council), requesting Members' consideration of a proposed additional submission on the Scottish Government's proposed Planning (Scotland) Bill in the context of considered implications for Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire of the legislation as drafted. The report contained officers' suggested responses to the 2 questions asked by the Scottish Government relating to regional and strategic planning in its call for evidence submission.

After discussion of the success of the Authority's strategic partnership's joint working over strategic planning over a number of years, and of the benefits in building on that partnership experience and inter-authority political mechanisms,

The Authority resolved to approve the response, as detailed in the appendix in the report, for submission to the Scottish Government.

5. STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY BULLETIN

There had been circulated a report containing bulletin information for the Authority in terms of (a) the two local development plans, which were up to date, with development plan schemes approved by Aberdeen City Council, indicating January 2018 as the date for consideration of a Main Issues report, and Aberdeenshire Council's Infrastructure Services Committee to consider its development plan scheme on 25 January, 2018, proposing a Main Issues Report to be considered in November, 2018; (b) on a third submission, made on behalf of the Authority in respect of the Kingsford Stadium Planning application, of strategic importance, and which the City Council had approved, subject to conditions at a recent meeting; (c) the Employment Land Audit for both Councils, published in December, 2017; and (d) of positive feedback received from the Scottish Government on 3 January, 2018 on the region's planning performance framework 2016/17.

The Authority resolved to note the updates provided.

6. STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY BUDGET MONITORING AS AT 30 NOVEMBER, 2017

There had been circulated a report dated 17 January, 2018, by the Treasurer, providing monitoring information on the Authority's budget to 30 November, 2017.

There was discussion of the additional costs incurred in respect of the case for the Strategic Transport fund, and the Treasurer provided assurance that the additional costs would fall on the two Councils as partner authorities, and that budget provision had already been made for this.

The Authority **resolved** to note the budget monitoring as at 30 November, 2017.

7. STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

With reference to the Minute of Meeting of 20 September, 2017, (Item 3), there had been circulated a report dated 17 January, 2018 by the Treasurer, contained a proposed revised Financial Regulations for the Authority, produced in response to External Audit's annual assessment of the Authority to conform with the 2014 Regulations.

The Authority **resolved** to approve the revised Financial Regulations as detailed in the Treasurer's report.

8. STRATEGIC TRANSPORT FUND – SUPREME COURT RULING

There had been circulated a joint report by the Interim Head of Planning and Sustainable Development (Aberdeen City Council) and the Head of Planning and Building Standards, (Aberdeenshire Council), updating the Authority on the decision of the Supreme Court on the Authority's Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) regarding the Strategic Transport Fund (STF).

The Authority **resolved** to note the updates provided.

9. DATE OF FUTURE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY MEETINGS

The Authority **noted** the remaining scheduled meeting dates for the 2018/19 diary as undernoted:-

- 21 March, 2018 at 2.00pm at Aberdeen City Town House;
- 27 June 2018 – Woodhill House;
- 26 September 2018 – Aberdeen City Town House;
- 19 December 2018 – Woodhill House; and
- 20 March 2019 – Aberdeen City Town House.

Cllr Marie Boulton
Chair

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ABERDEEN CITY & SHIRE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY

Date: 21 March 2018

Title: Development Plan Scheme 2018/2019

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Strategic Development Planning Authority for a Development Plan Scheme for 2018/2019.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Strategic Development Planning Authority approve the Development Plan Scheme 2018/2019 and its submission to Scottish Ministers.

3 Background

- 3.1 Under Section 20B of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, the Strategic Development Planning Authority is required to prepare a Development Plan Scheme at least annually. The Development Plan Scheme needs to set out the programme for preparing and reviewing the Strategic Development Plan and what is likely to be involved at each stage.
- 3.2 The current Development Plan Scheme was published by the Strategic Development Planning Authority in March 2017. As such, a new Development Plan Scheme must now be published and submitted to Scottish Ministers.
- 3.3 At the 1 February 2018 meeting of the Strategic Development Planning Authority it was highlighted that the publication of the Main Issues Report had been delayed due to the timing of the Supreme Court case for the Strategic Transport Fund and work associated with the Scottish Government's Review of the planning system.
- 3.4 At the same meeting it was agreed to approve the Main Issues Report, and its supplementary documents, for a 10 week period of public consultation (12 March – 21 May 2018.)

4 Issues

- 4.1 The current Strategic Development Plan for Aberdeen City and Shire was approved in March 2014. Section 10(8) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 requires that, where there is a current Strategic

Development Plan, a Proposed Strategic Development Plan must be submitted to Scottish Ministers within 4 years after the date on which the current plan was approved. Officers have written to Scottish Ministers asking that they use their Default Powers (under Section 23B of the 1997 Act) to instruct the Strategic Development Planning Authority to continue to prepare the next Strategic Development Plan. From 28th March 2018, the existing Strategic Development Plan will be beyond the 4 year period, and the implications of this will be considered by both Councils.

- 4.2 The resulting amendments that have been made to the Development Plan Scheme therefore solely relate to the timescale of plan preparation rather than the process. The delay to the publication of the Main Issues Report will have an impact on the timescale for the Proposed Plan. We now propose the Proposed Plan will be prepared this summer, and be reported to Members of the Strategic Development Planning Authority and both Councils for consideration in the autumn in order to continue to provide a sound strategic planning framework for the North East.

4 Next Steps

- 4.1 The approved Development Plan Scheme will be published and submitted to Scottish Ministers and all other relevant parties.

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Aberdeenshire Council



**Development Plan Scheme and Participation
Statement**

March 2018 - March 2019

Purpose

This Development Plan Scheme sets out our programme for preparing and reviewing the Strategic Development Plan for Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire. We have written it to promote openness and help people get involved as we prepare the plan. It is also written to make sure we meet people's expectations.

Background

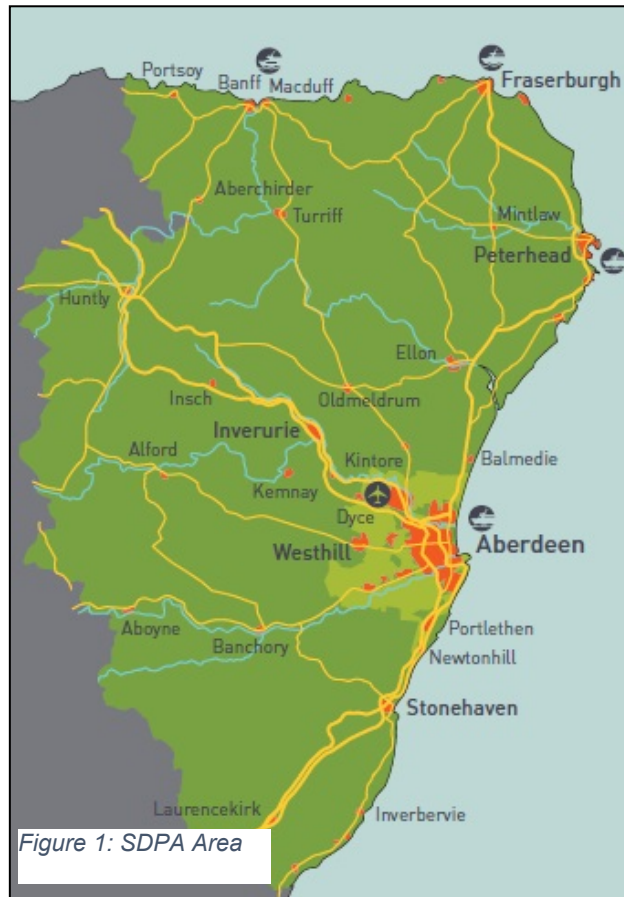
We, the Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Planning Authority, are one of four strategic development planning authorities in Scotland.

The Strategic Development Planning Authority was established in June 2008 following the reform of the planning system in Scotland through the Planning etc. Scotland Act, 2006.

The Strategic Development Planning Authority is a partnership of two member authorities; Aberdeen City Council and Aberdeenshire Council.

The Strategic Development Planning Authority work collaboratively with Key Agencies and Stakeholders to produce a deliverable and effective strategic development plan for the Aberdeen City region. The area covered by the Strategic Development Plan is shown in Figure 1.

The Strategic Development Planning Authority is governed by a Joint Committee which comprises of twelve Councillors, six from each member authority. The Joint Committee meets at least four times a year. Its main purpose is the preparation, monitoring and review of the Strategic Development Plan.



The Development Plan System in Scotland

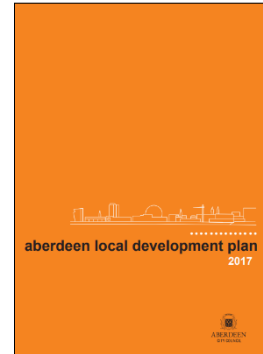
The development plan system in Scotland is made up of three main documents.



The National Planning Framework for Scotland¹

This is produced by the Scottish Government and sets out their

strategy for the development of different areas of Scotland, including national development and priorities.



Strategic Development Plans

These only cover the four largest city regions and are prepared by the strategic development planning authorities. These set out a long-term (20 years or more) development strategy showing where future development will be and what is needed to deliver it. Scottish Ministers approve these plans.

Local Development Plans

These are prepared by local authorities and set out more detailed policies and proposals to identify land for development. Plans must be consistent with the approved strategic development plan. Other guidance on a specific planning topic may be prepared and become part of the development plan; this is called supplementary guidance.

What is a Development Plan Scheme?

The development plan scheme sets out our programme for preparing and reviewing our strategic development plan and what is likely to be involved at

¹ <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Built-Environment/planning/National-Planning-Framework>

each stage. It also includes a participation statement, saying who we will consult on the plan and when and how this will take place.

The Strategic Development Plan

A strategic development plan is a short document which contains a clear vision and spatial strategy for development over a period of at least 20 years. It targets important spatial issues and focuses on delivery and results. It will also affect decisions about strategic infrastructure investment.

Once it has been approved by Scottish Ministers, the new plan will replace the Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Plan (2014). The Strategic Development Planning Authority may propose to adopt supplementary guidance alongside the strategic development plan.

Recent Progress

At the Strategic Development Planning Authority meeting of 1 February 2018, Members approved a draft Main Issues Report and its supporting documents for a ten week consultation period starting in March 2018².

² <http://www.aberdeencityandshire-sdpa.gov.uk/CurrentWork/CurrentConsultations.aspx>

Project Plan

There are a number of stages in the process of preparing a strategic development plan. Most of these will be carried out over the next year, with the approval of the plan by Scottish Ministers anticipated early 2020.

Period	Description	Comments
<i>March 2018</i>	We will publish the main issues report and related documents.	The main issues report will be published in March 2018. This will be followed by a 10 week consultation period.
<i>March 2018</i>	We will publish the development plan scheme 2018/2019	This will be sent to various groups and made available from all local libraries and our website. It will be updated every year.
<i>May 2018 – August 2018</i>	We will prepare the proposed plan.	We will consider all the responses we receive to the main issues report and publish a consultation report. We will update the various assessments and prepare a proposed plan and proposed action programme.
<i>May 2018 – August 2018</i>	Prepare Environmental Report and carry out Appropriate Assessment	A Strategic Environmental Assessment and a Habitats Regulation Assessment will be undertaken during the course of developing a proposed plan.
<i>September 2018</i>	Report proposed plan to Elected Members	The proposed plan and its supporting documents will be presented to both member Councils and the SDPA board for consideration by Elected Members.
<i>September 2018 – November 2018</i>	We will publish the proposed strategic development plan and supporting documents for representations.	The proposed strategic development plan will be published. This will be followed by at least an 8 week period for representations.
<i>December 2018 – February 2019</i>	We will look at responses made during the consultation period.	We will identify and respond to the issues raised during the consultation period through 'Schedule 4' forms.
<i>March 2019</i>	We will send our proposed strategic development plan to Scottish Ministers	The plan will be sent to Scottish Ministers along with the associated documents and a note of the issues raised in representations and our response to them ('Schedule 4' forms)
<i>April 2019 – March 2020</i>	Examination of proposed strategic development plan by Scottish Ministers.	The examination of the plan will be carried out by the Scottish Government's Directorate of Planning and Environmental

		<p>Appeals. A report of the examination will be published and the Scottish Ministers will consider the report.</p>
<p><i>April 2020 – June 2020</i></p>	<p>Our strategic development plan will be approved by Scottish Ministers.</p>	<p>We will advertise the approval of the plan, update our website and make a copy of the approved plan available as soon as possible. We will publish the action programme and post-adoption statement within three months of the plan being approved.</p>

Participation Statement

We want the strategic development plan to be prepared in an open way which recognises the contribution different people and groups can make. We need to involve people in the plan preparation process in ways tailored to the needs of each group. The five main groups are:

- councillors;
- key agencies (Scottish Natural Heritage, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Scottish Water, Scottish Enterprise, Nestrans and NHS Grampian as well as Transport Scotland, Historic Scotland, Marine Scotland and the Forestry Commission);
- public and private sector stakeholders (groups with a particular interest in our work) ;
- community councils; and
- the general public

The following page sets out the participation statement for the plan. We will advertise the opportunities to comment in the local press and notify those we think will have an interest in the respective documents. All documents will be available from our website and emails will be sent to those who have registered their details on the site.

Keeping you informed

We will keep you up-to-date about what we are doing and all opportunities for you to get involved. We have a database of contacts which we will keep up-to-date for key agencies, councillors and community councils, although other groups and individuals will be responsible for telling us about any changes to their contact details.

We will let all people with an interest in our work know about important stages of the process. The internet allows us to provide regular updates and we will send an email to everyone who registers their email address with us on our website. We will send all press releases to every local newspaper (as well as some national media organisations) and put them on our website.

How we will work

- We will prepare the strategic development plan in a clear and open way;
- We will make all relevant information available on our website and our progress will be monitored;
- We will produce a conformity report along with the proposed plan which shows how much we have kept to the commitments we made in the development plan scheme.

Plain English

We will try to make sure all our documents are as easy to understand as possible. Not all the documents we produce will meet the Plain English Campaign's 'Crystal Mark' standard, but we will check what we produce to make sure that our information is at the right level for the audience.

Equalities and human rights

The Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006 requires us to encourage equal opportunities. As part of our commitment to this, we will carry out an equalities and human rights impact assessment of the proposed plan. We will make every effort to make sure that event venues are accessible to all and will provide documents in other formats or languages if needed.

Environmental responsibility

Under the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006, we must contribute to sustainable development. This will mean thinking about the environmental, social and economic effect (both locally and worldwide) of what we do and the strategic development plan we prepare. Our staff will use public transport where possible, and we will try to reduce the environmental effect of our work.

Monitoring and review

We will check this development plan scheme regularly through the year, and we will update it every year. We will publish the next development plan scheme before April 2019.

How and when you can get involved

When	How	Who
March-May 2018	We will ask you what you think of the main issues report.. This is the main opportunity for you to get involved and influence the plan.	Mainly you
June-July 2018	We will take into account all the responses received to the main issues report and prepare a proposed plan.	Mainly us
September-November 2018	We will ask you what you think of the proposed plan. This is the last point in the process that you can provide input to the plan unless further information is requested as part of the examination.	Mainly you
December 2018 – February 2019	We will respond to all the issues raised in representations to the plan.	Mainly us
April 2019 – March 2020	All unresolved representations made to the plan and our responses to them will be examined by a Scottish Government reporter who will publish a report making recommendations about how the plan should be changed. Further information may be sought by the reporter if necessary.	Scottish Government
April 2019 – March 2020	Scottish Ministers will consider the recommendations contained in the report of the examination and decide whether to approve the plan with or without modifications.	Scottish Government

April 2020 onwards	We will publicise the approval of the plan, write to all those who responded to the proposed plan and make a copy of the approved plan available on our website as soon as possible. Within three months of the plan's approval we will publish the action programme and various other documents, including the post-adoption statement.	Mainly us
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Getting Informed

If you would like to know more about the work of the Strategic Development Planning Authority you can contact us in one of the following ways.

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Email: team@aberdeencityandshire-sdpa.gov.uk

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ABERDEEN CITY & SHIRE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY

Date: 21 March 2018

Title: SDPA Budget 2018/2019 to 2022/2023

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for the Strategic Development Planning Authority (SDPA) to agree a Budget for 2018/19 and to note the draft budgets for 2019/20 to 2022/23.

2 Background

- 2.1 The budget for the SDPA was initially considered as part of the Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City Council overall budget proposal with a contribution of 50% of the costs to be made by each partner Council.

3 Proposal

- 3.1 The budget proposal for 2018/23 is attached as Appendix 1 to this report for Members' consideration.
- 3.2 For the purpose of the budget the staffing line has been kept at its current level. Both Councils are putting staffing time from existing resources towards the production of the SDP and will claim back funds from the SDPA to cover the cost to the Councils. It has also been assumed that the SDPA will continue to exist and be responsible for its current functions. As highlighted elsewhere on the agenda, this is under review by the Scottish Government. The nature and timing of change will be kept under review and any financial implications reported to future meetings of the SDPA.
- 3.3 All the estimated transactions relating to the Court of Session legal case have been accounted for within the 2017/18 financial year, so there are no budgetary implications relating to the legal case provided for in 2018/19.
- 3.4 Budgets for a further four years 2019/20 to 2022/23 are also provided, but these give only provisional figures at this time.

4 Recommendations

- 4.1 It is recommended that the Authority:
- a) agrees the Budget for 2018/19; and
 - b) notes the provisional budgets for 2019/20 to 2022/23.

Alan Wood
Treasurer
05 March 2018

Report prepared by Brian G Allan, Accountant

**ABERDEEN CITY & SHIRE
STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY**

Date: 21 March 2018

Title: Strategic Development Planning Authority - Bulletin

1 Main Issues Report and Interim Environmental Report Consultation

1.1 At the 1 February 2018 meeting the Elected Members of the Strategic Development Planning Authority approved the Main Issues Report and its supporting documents for a 10 week period of public consultation. The consultation period commenced on 12 March and will close on 21 May 2018.

1.2 The supporting documents include:

- Monitoring Statement
- Housing Need and Demand Assessment
- Interim Cumulative Transport Appraisal
- Westhill Public Transport and Access Study
- Interim Environmental Assessment

1.3 The above documents have been taken forward by Strategic Development Planning Authority Officers in partnership with Nestrans and the Transport, Housing and Planning Services of the two Councils (among others) as well as Transport Scotland and the Scottish Government's Centre for Housing Market Analysis.

1.4 The Main Issues Report has been distributed to all libraries and Council offices throughout the Aberdeen City Council and Aberdeenshire Council areas. Community Councils and Key Agencies have also been notified of the consultation, and invited to make representation. Notification has also been served on local authorities within and adjoining the Strategic Development Planning Authority area, as well as the neighbouring Strategic Development Plan Authority for Dundee, Angus, Perth and North Fife (TAYplan) and Scottish Ministers.

1.5 A notice was placed in the Press and Journal newspaper on 12 March notifying the commencement of the consultation period, and detailing how members of the public can respond. This was accompanied by announcements on social media.

1.6 The Main Issues Report and its supporting documents can be accessed on the Strategic Development Planning Authority's [website](#).

- 1.7 An update on the Main Issues Report consultation process will be reported to the 27 June 2018 meeting of the Strategic Development Planning Authority.

2 Aberdeen City and Shire Housing Need and Demand Assessment 2017

- 2.1 The Housing Need and Demand Assessment is an extensive document produced in collaboration between the Strategic Development Planning Authority, Aberdeenshire Council and Aberdeen City Council.
- 2.2 The Housing Need and Demand Assessment provides an evidence base for the housing supply targets discussed in the Main Issues Report.
- 2.3 The Housing Need and Demand Assessment was submitted to the Centre for Housing Market Analysis at the Scottish Government for review. Confirmation was received on 08 March 2018 that the Scottish Government's Centre for Housing Market Analysis consider that the process and methodology used to produce the Aberdeen City and Shire Housing Need and Demand Assessment robust and credible.

3 Local Development Plan Update

Aberdeen City LDP

- 3.1 The [Aberdeen Local Development Plan \(2017\)](#) was adopted by Aberdeen City Council on 20 January 2017. Under current legislation Planning Authorities are required to prepare a new local development plan at least every 5 years.
- 3.2 Work has now commenced on the review of the Aberdeen Local Development Plan 2017, and a Pre-Main Issues Report Consultation is scheduled to run from Monday 19th March – Tuesday 8th May 2018. The consultation will invite views on what 'main issues' the next Local Development Plan for the City might need to address, and will look at using the Scottish Government's Place Standard Tool to assess places. Development bids from landowners and developers will also be invited. Further information is available [here](#).

Aberdeenshire LDP

- 3.3 The [Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan \(2017\)](#) was adopted by Aberdeenshire Council on 17 April 2017.
- 3.4 Aberdeenshire Council have also began the first stage in reviewing their Local Development Plan 2017, and a Call For Sites commenced on 3rd January 2018 and will run until the end of this month (31st March). The Call For Sites invites proposals from anyone who would like to apply to have land allocated for housing, business or mixed use development within the next Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan for the period 2021 to 2031 and beyond. Further information is available [here](#).