

# **Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Planning Committee**

## **Development plan scheme**

### **A Introduction**

- 1 This is the second development plan scheme the Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Planning Committee (ACSSPC) has published.
- 2 It provides an update on the progress we have made towards publishing a new structure plan since February 2007, and our programme for the next year. The document provides information on the following five important topics.
  - Why we are preparing a new structure plan
  - A review of the past year
  - Overview of the structure plan process
  - An updated timetable for preparing the plan (the project plan)
  - An updated timetable for consulting people and how we will do this (the participation statement)
- 3 At the end of the development plan scheme we say how we will continue to monitor and review the scheme.
- 4 We have already spent a lot of time gathering the opinions of the community and other people and groups. We aim to continue collecting their opinions to help us finish the new structure plan.

### **B Why we are preparing a new structure plan**

- 1 There are six main reasons why we are preparing a new structure plan.
  - a Local economic conditions are very different from what was predicted in the Structure Plan Area Forecasts (which we produced in Autumn 1999), which the current structure plan is based on. There is a higher demand for land than we expected at the time.
  - b The way development has taken place under the current structure plan has had consequences we did not plan for. Land released for development in Aberdeenshire has promoted detached housing for families. However, the policy promoted in Aberdeen City, which encourages developers to build on land that has been used in the past, has resulted in most new developments being flats. This has encouraged families to move out of Aberdeen City. High property prices in Aberdeen City have also encouraged this.
  - c The Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route (AWPR) project now has support from ministers and a plan for the route has been announced, with a public inquiry soon to start. Although the final decision to start building has not yet been taken, it is appropriate that we start planning for it.
  - d In the current structure plan, we have given detailed plans for how land will be used up to December 2010. We need to review these plans to make sure there is a continuous supply of development land after 2010.

- e Through monitoring the current structure plan, we have identified changes in the things that we intended its policies to affect, and found weaknesses in some of the policies.
  - f A new planning system is being introduced in response to the Government's White Paper, Modernising the Planning System, and the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006. Under the act, we must produce a new land-use plan within three years of the act coming into force, so we would need to produce a new plan by 2011 in any case.
- 2 Because of the Scottish Government's new aims for development plans, reviewing the existing plan is no longer appropriate. Any new land-use plan must include a clear vision and spatial strategy (a spatial strategy is a framework for sharing out development within the area). It must also identify the main areas and priorities for protecting and developing land in the next five, 10 and 20 years. It must focus on the main areas of change and will not include the many long policies that the current structure plan does. It is not possible to make all these changes by reviewing the existing plan – we needed to develop a new structure plan.
  - 3 Although we do not have to produce a new plan until 2011, we also need to put the structure plan into practice. We will achieve this mainly through local development plans in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire. Producing these plans can take several years so it was important to prepare a structure plan as soon as possible.

## **C Review of the past year (February 2007 – May 2008)**

- 1 We formally started work on a new structure plan on 23 February 2007. During the period February 2007 to September 2007, the project progressed well and met its main objectives. However, at the September meeting of the ACSSPC it was agreed that the timetable should be extended by three months in order to:
  - take account of the publication of the report of the Aberdeen City Local Plan Inquiry;
  - allow for further engagement with Members from both Councils;
  - allow a smooth transition of responsibility and workload to the new Strategic Development Plan Team;
  - allow consideration of the draft National Planning Framework which was due to be published in December; and
  - allow consideration of the draft regulations on the preparation of strategic development plans expected in October.
- 2 It was agreed that dealing with these issues would help the plan as a whole to progress. During this period, we also carried out a consultation on a 'provisional strategy' for the structure plan which was in addition to the planned consultations.
- 3 This year, we have also set up a dedicated joint team to prepare the structure plan and future strategic development plans. This process took longer than had been hoped and the team is still under-staffed. Although, as we identified in the previous development plan scheme, this meant that our progress

slowed, it has now recovered, and the joint team will bring long-term benefits to the strategic planning process.

4 These two issues (and the timing of committees and the summer holiday period) mean that the consultation on a draft plan will now take place between June and early September 2008, rather than January and March 2008. We have amended the project plan for the year ahead in line with this change.

5 Although this represents a five month delay in the timetable proposed in February 2007, there is evidence of a consensus having been built around the emerging plan over this period.

## **D Overview of the structure plan process**

1 We are working to a programme where we would produce a final draft of the new structure plan for Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire by December 2008. This process has been managed by the Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Planning Committee (ACSSPC), but when the Strategic Development Planning Authority is set up, it will take over managing the programme. We have had to review the original timetable because of the issues raised in the review of the past year.

Work we have already done to prepare this plan

2 To help shape the plan and to encourage people to take part, we have already had two rounds of formal public consultation as well as several rounds of focused consultation with community groups and stakeholders. In addition councillors have been invited to several workshops and a joint seminar, with both Councils being consulted on a provisional draft plan in April and May 2008. There have also been numerous meetings of the key stakeholders reference group.

Suggested timetable

3 We suggest the following timetable for developing the structure plan further.

- By June 2008, we aim to publish and consult on a draft plan.
- By December 2008, we aim to publish and consult on a final plan.
- By February 2009, we aim to produce an 'action programme' for putting the plan into practice.

4 Each of these stages will involve consulting and involving the public as well as the groups and organisations listed in Appendices 3 – 7. We will also consult those who have participated in the process already.

5 In line with the latest information from the Scottish Government, it is now clear that an 'examination' of the final plan will have to be held if there are any objections to the structure plan that have not been sorted out to everybody's satisfaction. This may mean that the final approval process will be delayed and be significantly more time-consuming and costly for the Strategic Development Plan Team.

6 However, this will mean that the Scottish Ministers have an independent report into the objections to the finalised plan when deciding whether to modify it before approving it.

## E The project plan

- 1 We identified a number of stages in developing the structure plan. Several of these stages were in preparing for the formal start of the plan and publishing our 'notice of intent' (February 2007) and several more have been completed since. The stage associated with strategic environmental assessment (SEA) will continue throughout the preparation of the plan.
- 2 In table 1 we have set out the formal stages left to do and provided more details about what each stage involves. We have also shown the stages that relate to the strategic environmental assessment and the action programme. You can find more details of the timetable in appendix 1.

Table 1 – Remaining stages in developing the structure plan

Period	Description
January 2007 to December 2008	<b>Developing the strategic environmental assessment (SEA).</b> Actions remaining under this stage include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• consulting people about the assessment; and</li><li>• showing that the final plan has properly considered environmental matters.</li></ul> This stage continues throughout the project, including developing the final plan.
June 2008 to September 2008	<b>Consulting people about the draft plan.</b> We will get people's views on the draft plan, the strategic environmental assessment and the 'equalities and human rights impact assessment'. We will then assess these views to decide what changes we should make.
September 2008 to December 2008	<b>Developing the final plan.</b> We will make changes to the draft plan in light of the views we received from people when we consulted them.
December 2008 to February 2009	<b>Submitting the final plan.</b> We will submit the final plan to Scottish Ministers and let people know of the opportunity to object to the plan.
December 2008 to February 2009	<b>Developing the action programme.</b> With the main organisations providing transport, water and phone services (and so on), we will identify the limits to putting our structure plan in place. We will then develop a programme for putting the structure plan into practice, setting out who needs to do what.

### Risk associated with the programme

- 3 There are a number of circumstances in which we may not be able to meet the timing of this programme. We have identified some of these below.
- 4 Although ACSSPC has a certain amount of authority to make it easier to produce the structure plan, we will need both Councils to agree the final plan before we pass it to Scottish Ministers to consider. There is a risk that the programme may take longer if either Council does not agree the recommendations made by ACSSPC and asks us to consider issues further.

The two committees may have different views about the plan, and these different opinions could delay the project.

- 5 The development plan scheme assumes that parts of the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006 will come into force in January 2009. Although this should not directly affect the preparation of this plan, the arrangements covering the change from the old system to the new system might affect it. In particular, it might affect what happens to the finalised plan after it is sent to the Scottish Ministers (for example, whether an 'examination' is required).
- 6 There is still a risk that we will not have enough staff available for this work. The timetable is very challenging and without staff being available we will not be able to keep to the timetable. It is particularly important that enough staff are able to work on assessing the responses to the draft plan.
- 7 The preparation of a 'Housing Need and Demand Assessment' is important to provide a foundation and justification for the plan. Guidance was only published in March 2008 by the Scottish Government and a delay in this assessment may have a knock-on effect.
- 8 The number and type of responses to the draft structure plan is not known at this time. If a very large response is received or they raise difficult issues this may make keeping to the proposed timetable difficult.

## **F The participation statement**

- 1 We have developed plans for consulting a wide range of people. After consulting stakeholders and community groups, we published a consultation strategy which describes the principles we are following for consulting people about the new structure plan. It also sets out how and when we will carry out consultations throughout the planning process. The consultation strategy follows the National Standards for Community Engagement, the Scottish Government's guidance on best practice for carrying out consultations.
- 2 The consultation strategy identifies that we should only consult people if there is a choice to be made and if the people we consult will be able to influence our decision. When consulting people, we aim to:
  - make the most of the opportunity;
  - consult them effectively;
  - be open about the issues we are consulting them on;
  - make sure people agree with what we plan to do (and if not, we aim to be prepared to change our plans); and
  - collect evidence to base our decisions on.
- 3 We plan to consult the following four groups.
  - The **general public**, who have an interest in the results of the plan, and individual people who might be affected by the plans we are making. It has been very helpful to consult this group on the issues report and provisional strategy and we will consult them on the draft plan.
  - **Community groups**, as representatives of the wider community, who provide local views on how any plan we produce affects their area. They help us identify and assess choices, and raise issues to consider in the plan. They can also encourage the wider community to get

involved. You can find a list of community groups we have been working with in appendix 3.

- **People and organisations in the private sector**, who can provide information and ideas to help us create a vision for the area the structure plan covers and identify and assess any choices. They were also consulted on the issues report and will be consulted on the draft plan. We will continue to consult the people and organisations in the private sector listed in appendix 4.
- **People and organisations in the public sector**, including:
  - agencies such as Scottish Enterprise, Scottish Water, Scottish Natural Heritage and SEPA;
  - council departments and services; and
  - regional organisations such as the Aberdeen City and Shire Economic Forum and NESTRANS (the regional transport partnership).

When consulting public-sector groups, we focus on how to put the spatial strategy into practice. We will give these public-sector groups the opportunity to take part in the general consultations, but this is not the main way we will involve them. You can find a list of the main public sector groups we are working with in appendix 5. You can find a list of the main infrastructure organisations (organisations who provide transport, gas, water and phone services and so on) in appendix 6.

- 4 We have set up a key stakeholder reference group (KSRG), which brings together the main organisations from the private and public sector with a strong interest in the structure plan, and representatives from community groups. We have regularly consulted the KSRG since the early stages of this plan. The group will show their support to decision makers for the conclusions reached in the draft plan, and influence the way we deal with any objections we receive. We have listed members of the KSRG in appendix 7.
- 5 We have included a detailed timetable for the remaining consultations in appendix 2, which focuses on the last two stages.
- 6 We put a press strategy into practice to support the process for consulting people. This will involve regular publicity through local newspapers, television and radio over the plan development period. We are in the process of setting up a new website where people can read information and give us their comments. This will be launched with the draft plan.
- 7 We will provide notes of meetings we hold during the consultation process and send them to people who took part within four weeks of the date of the meeting. We will make all information available on our website, which people can also access at local libraries.
- 8 We will provide a way for people to make formal objections on-line or by post.
- 9 We are committed to equal opportunities. We have assessed the draft and will assess the final structure plan to make sure they do not discriminate against anybody. As part of this commitment, we will make sure all meeting venues can be used by disabled people and we will provide translation services for everybody whose first language is not English.
- 10 We will produce all our documents in plain English.

**G Monitoring the development plan scheme and putting it into practice**

- 1 We will continuously monitor the things that affect this development plan scheme for any changes. A monitoring report is presented to each main meeting of the ACSSPC for this purpose.
- 2 If the progress we have (or have not) made has a major effect on the timetable, we will review this development plan scheme. We will also carry out a review and republish the scheme by May 2009.

## Appendix 1 – Detailed timetable for producing the plan

In this section we have provided a timetable for producing the plan. See appendix 2 for details of the consultations we are planning.

Stage	Part of the plan	Start date	Comments
Develop the draft plan and strategic environmental assessment to go with it.	Policy and Strategy Committee of Aberdeen City Council (P&S) and Infrastructure Services Committee of Aberdeenshire Council (ISC) consider a provisional draft structure plan.	April to May 2008	When developing the draft structure plan we will take into account the responses to the issues report and the spatial strategy. We will consult P&S and ISC about what should be included in the plan.
	ACSSPC agree on the draft structure plan.	June 2008	ACSSPC will agree a draft plan for publishing and consulting on.
Consult people and organisations about the draft plan, strategic environmental assessment and equalities and human rights impact assessment.	Publish the draft structure plan, strategic environmental assessment and equalities and human rights impact assessment.	June 2008	The documents will be published in hard copy and distributed widely but a new website will improve their availability online.
	Over 10 weeks, consult the public on the draft plan.	June to September 2008	We will make consultation documents available from both councils, all libraries, The Point, area offices in Aberdeenshire and on the internet. If you responded to the issues report, we will send you the consultation documents automatically.
	Publish responses to the draft structure plan.	November 2008	We will do this after ACSSPC meet to consider responses to the draft plan and a finalised structure plan in November 2008.



Develop the final plan.	ACSSPC recommend a final structure plan to the Policy and Strategy Committee of Aberdeen City Council (P&S) and Infrastructure Services Committee of Aberdeenshire Council (ISC)	November 2008	
	P&S and ISC approve the finalised structure plan.	December 2008	Both of our policy committees must approve the final structure plan.
	Publish the final structure plan and send it to Scottish Ministers for their approval.	December 2008 to February 2009	There will be a period of time for people to make objections to the plan to the Scottish Ministers and for them to carry out an 'examination' into any objections
Develop the action programme.	Publish the draft action programme.	February 2009	We will do this after ACSSPC meet in February 2009.
	Publish the action programme.	Autumn 2009	We will do this within three months of the structure plan being approved.
Scottish Ministers approve the structure plan.	Publish the approved structure plan.	Second half of 2009	Final approval of the plan rests with the Scottish Ministers and is outside our control.

## Appendix 2 – Details of consultations we plan to carry out

Consultation stage	Timescale	Who we will consult	What we will consult them about	How we will consult them	Comment
<b>Draft structure plan</b>	June 2008 to September 2008	Community groups Private sector	Workshop on the draft structure plan	We will hold local workshops involving businesses and community groups to discuss what effect the plan will have on local communities.	The aim of these workshops is to help communities understand how the structure plan may affect them and how they can make representations (objections).
		General public Community groups Private sector Public sector	Written responses to the draft structure plan	We will place an advert in the local press telling them about the opportunity to take part in developing the structure plan. We will publish the draft structure plan.  We will continue to follow the strategy for dealing with the press.	We will invite all organisations listed in appendices 3 to 6 to comment. We will also invite everybody who responded to the issues paper.  We will assess all the comments we receive and provide feedback to the people who gave them. We will place their names on a database so we can easily contact them about any further consultations we hold.

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<b>Finalised structure plan</b>	January 2009 to February 2009	General public Community groups Private sector Public sector	Written responses to the finalised structure plan	We will publish the finalised structure plan. We will place an advert in the local press telling them about the opportunity to object to the structure plan to Scottish Ministers.	Objections at this stage are made to Scottish Ministers rather than the two Councils. There may be an 'examination' of the objections by an independent person(s) who will report to the Scottish Ministers.
<b>Draft action programme</b>	November 2008 to January 2009	Private sector Public sector	Consulting organisations providing transport, electricity, water and so on and others who we identify may contribute to delivering the plan in the action programme.	We will hold meetings.	This will build on the work we have previously done with these organisations throughout the process for preparing the plan.

## **Appendix 3 – Community groups with an interest in the structure plan**

**This is not a full list. Other community groups may also get involved.**

Aberchirder-Marnoch Community Council

Aberdeen City Homes Forum

Aberdeen City Land Use Forum

Aberdeen Civic Forum

Aberdeen Community Council Forum

Aberdour-Tyrie Community Council

Alvah-Forglen Community Council

Arbuthnott Community Council

Ashgrove Court Tenants' Association

Ashley and Broomhill Community Council

Auchinyell Community Council

Auchnagatt Community Association

Auchterless-Inverkeithny Community Council

Ballater and Crathie Community Council

Balmoral Court Tenants' Association

Banchory Community Council

Banff-Macduff Community Council

Bankhead Academy

Barthol Chapel Community Association

Beacon Community Centre

Belhelvie Community Council

Benholm and Johnshaven Community Council

Boddam and District Community Council

Braemar Community Council

Braeside and Mannofield Community Council

Bridge of Don Community Council

Buchan Development Partnership

Bucksburn and Newhills Community Council

Bucksburn Environmental Task Group

Bucksburn School

Cairnorrie Community Association

Castlehill and Pittodrie Community Council

Castleton Court Tenants' Association

Catterline, Kinneff and Dunnottar Rural Community Council  
Cluny Midmar and Monymusk Community Council  
Community Enterprise (Torry) Limited  
Community Special Needs Group  
Constituion Court Tenants' Association  
Cornerstone Community Care  
Cornhill Court Tenants' Association  
Cornhill-Ordiquhill Community Council  
Cove and Altens Community Council  
Crathes, Drumoak and Durris Community Council  
Cromar Community Council  
Cruden Community Council  
Culter Community Council  
Cults, Bielside and Milltimber Community Council  
Cummings Park Area Forum  
Deer Community Council  
Denmore Court Tenants' Association  
Disability Advisory Group  
Domestic Abuse Partnership  
Donseat Court Residents' Association  
Donside Community Council  
East Garioch Community Council  
Echt and Skene Community Council  
Ellon Community Council  
Ethnic Minorities Forum  
Ferryhill Community Council  
Fersands and Fountain Community Project  
Feughdee West Community Council  
Fintray and Kinellar Community Council  
Finzean Community Council  
Fordyce-Sandend District Community Council  
Formartine Community Council Forum  
Formartine Partnership  
Foveran Community Council  
Fraserburgh Community Council  
Fyvie-Rothie-Monquhitter Community Council

Gallowgate Community Group  
Garioch Community Council Forum  
Garthdee Community Council  
George Street Community Council  
Gordon Mills Crescent Tenants' Group  
Gourdon Community Council  
Grampian and Morven Court Tenants' and Residents' Association  
Grampian Community Care Charitable Trust  
Gypsy Traveller Education and Information Project  
Huntly Community Council  
Invercairn Community Council  
Inverurie Community Council  
Kemnay Community Council  
Kincardine and Mearns Community Council Forum  
Kincorth Tenants' Association  
King Edward-Gamrie Community Council  
Kingswells Community Council  
Kingswells Primary School  
Kingswells School Board  
Kintore Community Council  
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Forum  
Longside and District Community Council  
Lumphanan Community Council  
Margaret Clyne Court Tenants' Association  
Marlpool School  
Marr Area Partnership  
Mastrick and Sheddocksley Community Council  
Mearns Community Council  
Meldrum and Bourtie Community Council  
Methlick Community Council  
Mid Deeside Community Council  
Middlefield Area Forum  
Middlefield Regeneration Group  
Middlefield Tenants' Association  
Mintlaw and District Community Council  
New Pitsligo Community Council

Newhills School Board  
Newmachar Community Council  
Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council  
Nigg Community Council  
North Kincardine Rural Community Council  
Northfield Area Forum  
Old Aberdeen Community Council  
Older People's Working Group  
Peterhead Community Council  
Portlethen and District Community Council  
Portsoy and District Community Council  
Powis Community Council  
Printfield Area Forum  
Promenade Court Tenants' Association  
Provost Hogg Court Tenants' Association  
Queens Cross and Harlaw Community Council  
Rathen and District Community Council  
Rosehearty Community Council  
Rosemount & Mile End Community Council  
Rosemount Community Learning Centre  
Rothienorman Community Association  
Royal Burgh Inverbervie Community Council  
Sandhaven-Pitullie Community Council  
Scotstown Estate Association  
Seaton Community Learning Centre  
Seaton, Linksfield and Pittodrie Community Council  
St Cyrus Community Council  
St Fergus-Crimmond-Lonmay Community Council  
Stonehaven and District Community Council  
Stoneywood School  
Strathbogie Community Council  
Strichen and District Community Council  
Tap o'North Community Council  
Taransay Court Tenants' Association  
Tarves Community Council  
Tillydrone Community Council

Torphins Community Council  
Torry Community Council  
Turriff and District Community Council  
Udny Community Council  
West Don Community Council  
West Garioch Community Council  
Whitehills and District Community Council  
Women's Alliance  
Youth Action Committee  
Scottish Youth Parliament  
Ythan Community Council



## **Appendix 4 – Organisations in the private sector with an interest in this plan**

**This is not a full list and other groups in the private sector may get involved.**

Aberdeen and Grampian Chamber of Commerce  
Aberdeen City Centre Association  
Aberdeen Harbour Board Port Authority  
Aberdeen Renewable Energy Group  
Aberdeen Solicitors Property Centre  
Aberdeenshire Local Housing Strategy Group  
Association of Builders and Developers  
British Airports Authority, Aberdeen  
Centrica  
Civil Aviation Authority  
Deeside Estates Management  
Federation of Small Businesses  
Freight Transport Association  
Friends of the Earth  
Grampian Forum of Voluntary Organisations  
Grampian House Builders Committee of Homes for Scotland  
Homes for Scotland  
Institution of Civil Engineers Agriculture Advisory Group  
National Farmers Union  
National Grid plc  
North East Forest Industries Group  
North East Scotland Waste Strategy Group  
Peterhead Port Authority  
River Dee Salmon Board  
Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, North East Branch  
Royal Town Planning Institute, Grampian Chapter  
Scottish and Southern Hydro Electric  
Scottish Gas Networks  
Scottish Rural Property and Business Association  
Towns Together Forum  
UK Offshore Operators Association

## **Appendix 5 – Public-sector stakeholder groups**

**This is not a full list and other groups in the public sector may get involved.**

Aberdeen City and Shire Economic Forum (ACSEF)

Angus Council

Asset Management, Aberdeen City Council

British Telecom

Chief Executive's Department, Aberdeenshire Council

Community Planning and Regeneration, Aberdeen City Council

Economic and Environmental Sustainability, Aberdeen City Council

Economic Development Service, Aberdeenshire Council

Education Services Aberdeenshire Council

Grampian Primary Care NHS Trust

Historic Scotland

North East of Scotland Transport Authority (NESTRANS)

Network Rail

North East Scotland Joint Public Sector Group

North East Scotland Waste Strategy Group

Planning and Infrastructure, Aberdeen City Council

Planning and Policy for Services to Adults, Aberdeen City Council

Planning and Policy for Services to Children and Young People, Aberdeen City Council

Property Services Aberdeenshire Council

Scottish Enterprise

Scottish Environment Protection Agency

Scottish Natural Heritage

Scottish Water

Sports Scotland

Strategic Development (Housing and Community Care), Aberdeenshire Council

The Cairngorms National Park Authority

The Moray Council

Transport Scotland

Trunk Roads Authority

Youth Dialogue, Aberdeen City Council

Youth Dialogue, Aberdeenshire Council

## **Appendix 6 – Organisations with an interest in this plan which provide transport, water and phone services and so on**

**This is not a full list and other organisations with an interest may get involved.**

Asset Management, Aberdeen City Council

British Telecom

Centrica

Community Planning and Regeneration, Aberdeen City Council

Education Services Aberdeenshire Council

National Grid plc

Network Rail

North East Scotland Waste Strategy Group

Planning and Infrastructure, Aberdeen City Council

Planning and Policy for Services to Adults, Aberdeen City Council

Planning and Policy for Services to Children and Young People, Aberdeen City Council

Property Services, Aberdeenshire Council

Scottish and Southern Hydro Electric

Scottish Gas Networks

Scottish Water

Sports Scotland

Transport Scotland

## **Appendix 7 – Key stakeholders reference group**

This group brings together the main organisations from the private and public sectors that have a strong interest in the structure plan. It also includes representatives from community groups.

Aberdeen and Grampian Chamber of Commerce

Aberdeen City and Shire Economic Forum

Aberdeen Civic Forum

Aberdeen Renewable Energy Group

Aberdeen Solicitors' Property Centre

Aberdeenshire Community Councils

Chief Executive's Department, Aberdeenshire Council

Economic and Environmental Sustainability, Aberdeen City Council

Economic Development Service, Aberdeenshire Council

Grampian House Builders Committee of Homes for Scotland

Historic Scotland

Homes for Scotland

North East of Scotland Transport Partnership (NESTRANS)

North East Scotland Waste Strategy Group

Scottish Enterprise

Scottish Environment Protection Agency

Scottish Natural Heritage

Scottish Rural Property and Business Association

Scottish Water

Strategic Development (Housing and Community Care), Aberdeenshire Council

Youth Dialogue, Aberdeen City Council

Youth Dialogue, Aberdeenshire Council