

DRAFT ACTION PROGRAMME

Ref. No.	SP section	Target	Action / Proposal	SDPA Role	Milestones	Lead / Partner	Resource	Deliverables/Products
SPATIAL STRATEGY								
1	p.11	For at least 75% of all homes built, and employment land developed, to be in the SGAs by 2030.	Local development plans (and where appropriate, supplementary guidance) will use the spatial strategy to set policies and identify land for development.	Advisory	2009 - Publication of Shire MIR (May) and City MIR (September) 2010 - Publication of Shire Proposed Plan (February) and City Proposed Plan (September)	Lead - City & Shire Dev. Planning Partner - SDPA team		Local Development Plans which take the spatial strategy of the structure plan into account.
2	p.11	For at least 50% of all homes built to be in Aberdeen City by 2030.	City LDP (and where appropriate, supplementary guidance) will use the spatial strategy to set policies and identify land for development.	Advisory	2009 - Publication of City MIR (September) 2010 - Publication of City Proposed Plan (September) 2010+ - Housing Land Audit			
3	p.11	For all developments meeting more than local needs to be in SGAs, unless another area can be justified.	Planning applications should be assessed against the spatial strategy to decide whether the location, nature and scale of development is in line with the plan.	Advisory	2009 - Approval of structure plan 2010 - Ongoing as materiality increases and in line with development management protocol	Lead - City & Shire Dev. Management Partner - SDPA team		Planning permissions granted for relevant developments in line with the plan.
OBJECTIVES								
ECONOMIC GROWTH								
4	p.13	To make sure there is at least 60ha of land available to businesses at all times in a range of places within Aberdeen City.	City LDP should make new land allocations available for business use and identify strategic reserve land. It should also set out a phased release of the allocations if justified.	Advisory	2009 - Publication of City MIR (September) 2010 - Publication of City Proposed Plan (September)	Lead - City & Shire Dev. Planning Partner - SDPA team		Local Development Plans which take the fig.3 requirement of the structure plan into account.
5	p.13	To make sure there is at least 60ha of land available to businesses at all times in a range of places within SGAs in Aberdeenshire.	Shire LDP should make new land allocations available for business use and identify strategic reserve land. It should also set out a phased release of the allocations if justified.	Advisory	2009 - Publication of Shire MIR (May) 2010 - Publication of Shire Proposed Plan (February) 2010+ - Employment Land Audit	Lead - Shire Dev. Planning Partner - SDPA team		A Shire Local Development Plan that provides a range of employment sites and policy context for taking decisions on emerging proposals.
6	p.13	For at least 20ha of the above land available to businesses in the SGAs to be of a standard which will attract high-quality businesses or be suitable for company HQs.	Using action programmes to identify and co-ordinate the actions needed to make land allocations available to business in line with the spatial strategy.	Advisory	2009 - Publication of Shire MIR (May) and City MIR (September) 2010 - Publication of Shire Proposed Plan (February) and City Proposed Plan (September)	Lead - City & Shire Dev. Planning / Planning Gain Partners - Developers / SDPA team		
7	p.13	For Aberdeen to be one of the top-25 retail areas in the UK by 2030.	Making it a priority to complete the city-centre masterplan for Aberdeen and put it into practice.	No role	2009 - Development Framework due Q3	Lead - City (Master Planning Team) Partners - ACSEF, public & private sector		Approved master plans and permission for key projects
8	p.13	For all new development in SGAs to use modern, up-to-date high-speed telecommunications networks, such as fibre optics.						
9	p.14	N/A	Working in partnership with universities, colleges and other research organisations to help them make as positive a contribution as possible to the area, including for example, the implementation of the Foresterhill Masterplan prepared by the University of Aberdeen and NHS Grampian.	Advisory	Ongoing - various projects	Lead - Depends on project / master plan concerned Partners - SDPA team, City & Shire Development Management / Planning		Master plans, SPG, initiatives
10	p.14	N/A	Identifying and maintaining an appropriate amount of business land in the local development plan for 'local growth and diversification' areas in Aberdeenshire.					Local Development Plan allocations that are proven to be viable through FIRS and other assessments

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE							
11	p.16	For all new buildings to be carbon neutral by 2016	Local development plans (and supplementary guidance) will promote a gradual move towards buildings which are carbon neutral.	No role	??	Lead - City & Shire (incl. Building Standards)	LDPs and SPGs
12	p.16	For all new buildings to be carbon neutral by 2016	Use master planning (and supplementary guidance) to consider the possible scope of combined heat and power schemes to contribute towards using energy more efficiently and in reducing the amount of energy used overall.	Participation	By end 2009	Lead - City & Shire Partner - SDPA team / experts	Master plans, SPG
13	p.16	For the city region's electricity needs to be met from renewable sources by 2020.	Local development plans (and supplementary guidance) will identify areas or technology which can contribute to the supply of renewable energy.	Participation	Ongoing	Lead - City & Shire working group	LDPs and SPGs
14	p.16	To avoid having to increase the amount of water Scottish Water are licensed to take from the River Dee, as a result of the new developments proposed in the plan.	Work with Scottish Natural Heritage, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency and Scottish Water to find out how much water can be taken from the River Dee.	Participation	By mid 2010	Lead - SEPA, SNH, Scottish Water, SDPA team Partner - City & Shire	Research report
15	p.16	For all new developments to use water-saving technology.	Local development plans (and supplementary guidance) should make it a requirement for water-saving technology to be used in all new developments.	No role	??	Lead - City & Shire (incl. Building Standards) Partner - Developers	LDPs and SPGs
16	p.16	To avoid developments on land which is at an unacceptable risk from coastal or river flooding (as defined by the 'Indicative River and Coastal Flood Map for Scotland' or through a detailed flood risk assessment), except in exceptional circumstances.	Local development plans should not identify sites for new development which are at an unacceptable risk from flooding, except for brownfield sites which have appropriate flood prevention measures in place. Unacceptable risk will normally be a probability of one flood every 200 years, although this will vary with the type of development being proposed.	No role	??	Lead - City & Shire Partner - Consultants / SEPA	LDPs
17	p.16	By 2020, for no more than 54,000 tonnes of biodegradable municipal waste to be sent to landfill each year.	The two councils should work together to identify and put in place appropriate residual waste management solutions.	Participation	By mid 2010	Lead - City & Shire (incl. waste management sections / envt.) Partner - SDPA team / SEPA	Research report
18	p.16	By 2020, for no more than 54,000 tonnes of biodegradable municipal waste to be sent to landfill each year.	Prepare strategic supplementary planning guidance to provide a context for making decisions on future planning applications for waste-management facilities which are regionally significant.	Lead role	By end 2009	Lead - SDPA team Partner - City & Shire / SEPA	Strategic SPG
POPULATION GROWTH							
19	p.18	To increase the population of the city region to 480,000 by 2030.	Making quick progress in preparing local development plans in both Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire.	Advisory	By mid 2010	Lead - City & Shire Partner - SDPA team	LDPs
20	p.18	To increase the population of people who are of working age (16 to 65) by 15% by 2030.	Using action programmes, planning gain and possibly compulsory purchase powers to focus attention on delivering new housing, employment and commercial uses and providing the necessary infrastructure.	Advisory	Ongoing	Lead - City & Shire Partner - SDPA team	LDPs
21	p.18	To move towards building at least 2,500 new homes a year by 2014 through the development plan.	Making land available for housing as quickly as possible at the start of the structure plan period, following appropriate levels of consultation.	Advisory	Ongoing	Lead - City & Shire Partner - SDPA team	Research report
22	p.18	To move towards building at least 3,000 new homes a year by 2020 through the development plan.	Making land available for homes through local development plans, in line with the spatial strategy at schedule 1 of this plan.	Participation	Ongoing	Lead - City & Shire Partner - SDPA team	Research report

QUALITY OF THE ENVIRONMENT							
23	p.19	To make sure that development improves and does not lead to the loss of, or damage to, built, natural or cultural heritage assets.	Local development plans (and supplementary guidance) will make sure the North East's natural environment and historic sites and buildings continue to be protected and improved	Advisory	Ongoing	Lead - City & Shire Partner - SDPA team	LDPs and SPG
24	p.19	To make sure that development improves and does not lead to the loss of, or damage to, built, natural or cultural heritage assets.	Both councils will take account of biodiversity, wildlife habitats, landscape, greenspace and other sensitive areas in identifying land for development, preparing masterplans and assessing development proposals.	Participation (strategic issues only)	Ongoing	Lead - City & Shire Partner - SDPA team	River Basin Management Plan
25	p.19	To avoid new development preventing water bodies achieving 'good ecological status' under the Water Framework Directive.	Both councils will take part in the River Basin Management Planning process, particularly as it relates to new development.	Advisory	By end 2009 (Shire), early 2010 (City)	Lead - City & Shire Partner - SDPA team	LDPs, master plans and consultation responses on appropriate applications
26	p.19	To carry out a green belt boundary and policy review by 2010.	The green belt review should be carried out jointly by Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Councils as part of their local development plan processes.	Participation	By mid 2009	Lead - City & Shire Partner - SDPA team	Green belt review
SUSTAINABLE MIXED COMMUNITIES							
27	p.22	To increase the range and quality of housing and the residential environment in the 'regeneration priority areas'.		Advisory	By end 2009 (Shire), early 2010 (City)	Lead - City & Shire Partners - SDPA team	LDPs
28	p.22	For 40% of all new housing in Aberdeen City to be on brownfield sites.	Local development plans will take account of these targets when deciding how and where to identify land for development.	Advisory	Ongoing	Lead - City & Shire Partner - SDPA team	Development process and quality of development
29	p.22	For all housing development of over one hectare in strategic growth areas to be in line with approved supplementary guidance and generally have no less than 30 dwellings per hectare.	Start a design review process for masterplans and the most significant planning applications.	Participation	By end 2010	Lead - SDPA team Partner - City & Shire	HN&DA (Phase II)
30	p.22	For the quality and design of new developments in the city region to be nationally recognised, including developments recognised under the Scottish Sustainable Communities Initiative.	Working with partners to bring forward appropriate proposals for development (in line with this plan) through the Scottish Sustainable Communities Initiative	Advisory	By end 2010	Lead - City & Shire Partner - SDPA team	SPG
31	p.22	For the quality and design of new developments in the city region to be nationally recognised, including developments recognised under the Scottish Sustainable Communities Initiative.	Everyone involved in the process needs to show a commitment to quality and set the highest standards throughout the development process, settling for good practice, but aiming for excellence.	Participation	By end 2010	Lead - City & Shire Partner - SDPA team	Design Guide
32	p.22	For new housing to meet the needs of the whole community by providing appropriate levels of affordable housing (likely to be in the range of 20% to 30% - the housing need and demand assessment will help provide the final figure) and an appropriate mix of types and sizes of homes, in line with local development plans and approved supplementary guidance.	Complete a housing needs and demand assessment to help provide affordable housing policies in local housing strategies, local development plans and other guidance.	Advisory	Ongoing	Lead - Scottish Govt, Developers Partner - City & Shire / SDPA team	Consistency report, SSCI accredited proposal
33	p.22	For local development plans and all masterplans fully consider the scope for a mix of uses on a site.	Using supplementary guidance to provide more detail on the appropriate mix of properties, urban-design principles and community facilities.			Lead - Partner -	

		ACCESSIBILITY					
34	p.23	For all developments to meet the accessibility standards set out in the local transport strategies by 2013.	The spatial strategy will direct development to areas that can be accessed by a greater choice of more environmentally friendly forms of transport AND	Advisory	Ongoing	Lead - Nestrans Partner - City & Shire / SDPA team	LDP / SPG
35	p.23	To reduce the percentage of journeys which are made by car.	Local development plans will identify and protect land from development to make sure that transport proposals identified in the local and regional transport strategies can be developed. Transport proposals needed due to development promoted in the plan will be identified in supplementary guidance.	Participation	Ongoing	Lead - SDPA team / Nestrans Partner - Transport Scotland / City & Shire (transportation)	Report, transport modelling
36	p.23	For major employment and service developments in strategic growth areas to show that they are easy to access by walking, cycling or using public transport. The travel plans produced for these developments should reduce the need for people to use cars.	Approved supplementary guidance will include layouts and design for new developments which can be accessed easily by walking, cycling and public transport	Advisory	By end 2009 (Shire), early 2010 (City)	Lead - City & Shire Partner - SDPA team	Consistency report
37	p.24	To reduce the percentage of journeys which are made by car.	Work with Nestrans to make sure that putting the structure plan into practice closely links with the regional transport strategy.	Advisory	By end 2009 (Shire), early 2010 (City)	Lead - City & Shire Partner - SDPA team	Core paths plan
38	p.24	To reduce the percentage of journeys which are made by car.	The action programme will, at an early stage, identify the necessary requirements to make sure that developments can be accessed by walking, cycling and public transport	Participation	By end 2009	Lead - City & Shire Partner - SDPA team	Research report, action programme
39	p.24	To reduce the percentage of journeys which are made by car.	Both councils will prepare and keep under review core path plans taking account of where new development will take place and issues which affect both council areas.	No role	??	Lead - City & Shire Partner - Developers	SPG

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40	p.26		Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route	None	2012	Lead - Transport Scotland Partner - Nestrans		Completed trunk road
41	p.26		Balmedie to Tippierty dualling	None	2012	Lead - Transport Scotland Partner - Nestrans		Upgraded section of trunk road
42	p.26		Haudagain improvements	None	2012	Lead - Transport Scotland Partner - ACC, Nestrans		Improved road access
43	p.26		Third Don crossing and other measures	None		Lead - City Partner - Nestrans		Access from North proposals
44	p.26		New park and ride sites	Advisory	2009/10	Lead - City / Shire Partner - Nestrans		New P&R facilities
45	p.26		Replacing Inveramsay Bridge and other A96 improvements	Advisory	By end 2009	Lead - Transport Scotland Partner - Shire		Bridge and A96 improvements
46	p.26		Road and rail improvements, such as Crossrail	Advisory	Ongoing	Lead - Nestrans Partner - Network Rail, Transport Scotland		Completed projects
47	p.26		Reducing journey times to Edinburgh and Glasgow	None	Ongoing	Lead - Nestrans Partner - Network Rail		Improved timetables
48	p.26		Aberdeen airport masterplan	Advisory	Ongoing	Lead - BAA Partner - City		Implemented masterplan
49	p.26		Better links to north coast communities	Advisory	Ongoing	Lead - Shire Partner - Transport Scotland / Nestrans		Accessibility improvements
50	p.26		University, college and research organisation initiatives	None	Ongoing	Lead - Education establishments Partner - City / Shire		
51	p.26		Energetica initiative	Advisory	Ongoing	Lead - Scottish Enterprise Partner - City / Shire		Master plan, development allocations
52	p.26		Improving facilities at Peterhead Harbour	None	Ongoing	Lead - Peterhead Harbour Board Partner - Shire		Various
53	p.26		Regeneration of the region's most disadvantaged areas	Advisory	Ongoing	Lead - City / Shire Partner - Private / Voluntary sector		Tangible projects / initiatives
54	p.26		New community stadium	None	Ongoing	Lead - City Partner - AFC		Output from feasibility study / location
55	p.26		City centre masterplan / Union Street pedestrianisation	None	Ongoing / 2012	Lead - City Partner - ACSEF / Private sector		Implemented masterplan
56	p.26		New Peterhead Prison	None	Ongoing	Lead - SPS Partner - Shire		Site identified / prison constructed
57	p.26		Electricity grid upgrades	Advisory	Ongoing	Lead - SSE Partner - Shire		Upgraded grid network
58	p.26		Peterhead power station upgrade	Advisory	Ongoing	Lead - SSE Partner - Shire		Upgraded facility / link to Energetica
59	p10		Identify an appropriate phasing for infrastructure and development in the southern part of the A90(N) SGA	Participation	End 2009	Lead - Nestrans Partner - SDPA, City & Shire Planning		