

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

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Title: Action Programme Update

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Strategic Development Planning Authority (SDPA) with an update on the structure plan action programme and highlight where progress has been made since it was agreed in December 2009.

2. Background

2.1 Although there is no statutory requirement to publish an action programme for a structure plan, the SDPA agreed to its production; a decision supported by the Scottish Government when they approved the structure plan in August 2009.

2.2 At the SDPA meeting on 4 December 2009 a draft action programme was presented to Members. This contained the 39 targets, 19 proposals and two further actions in the structure plan. For each of these, future milestones and lead and partner roles were shown as well as the tangible result intended to be achieved.

2.3 Members noted the contents of the draft action programme and approved it; resolving to receive a report at least twice a year on progress. The need to identify updates by colour coding or some other means was suggested.

2.4 The Action Programme for National Planning Framework 2 (NPF2) was reported to the SDPA in September 2009, identifying the actions which had been allocated to the SDPA and Nestrans. At that meeting it was agreed that the SDPA would receive progress reports twice a year.

3 Structure Plan Action Programme

3.1 The updated action programme is attached as Appendix 1.

3.2 A significant amount of work has been undertaken since approval of the structure plan in August last year and since the SDPA meeting in December 2009, with the aim of delivering the agreed vision, aims and objectives. Previous work done, and the adoption of 60 clear outcomes based mainly on the targets and proposals, allows for simple recording of progress.

3.3 It has been recognised that the emerging Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire local development plans (LDPs) are a key means of delivering the structure plan. The strategic development plan team have been involved in discussions around the consistency of the LDPs with the structure plan, provision of future

infrastructure requirements and support with the preparation of a housing need and demand assessment.

- 3.4 Discussions with numerous external organisations and council services have continued or commenced; these include:

| KEY AGENCIES | OTHERS |
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| Scottish Water | British Telecom (Openreach) |
| Scottish Environment Protection Agency | City centre groups and retailers |
| Scottish Natural Heritage | Aberdeen Renewable Energy Group |
| Nestrans | Scottish & Southern Energy |
| Transport Scotland* | Scottish Government (Energy) |
| | British Airport Authority |
| | Scottish Prison Service |

* not defined as a key agency under the legislation, but to be treated as one.

| ABERDEEN CITY | ABERDEENSHIRE |
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| Local development plan team | Planning policy team |
| Development management | Development management |
| Building Standards | Building Standards |
| Education | Education |
| Roads | Roads |
| Housing | Housing |
| Research and Information | Information and Research |
| Community Planning & Regeneration | Economic Development (Regeneration) |
| Masterplanning & Design | |

- 3.5 The update in appendix 1 follows a similar format to the original action programme. However, given the amount of information it contains, several columns have been removed, leaving only the main points. A new 'update' column has been added on the far right and all new text is shown in **bold**. Given the limitations in reproducing reports, it was decided not to use coloured text, however greater use of colour will be employed for the version posted on the SDPA website.
- 3.6 It can be seen that progress is being made against virtually every target or proposal. Much of this is as a result of continued progress on LDPs (identified as Note 1 and Note 2). Where the SDPA is identified as having a lead role, or the issue is one of strategic importance, the involvement of the SDPA has been greater.
- 3.7 What is apparent from updating the action programme is that apart from sustained progress on most actions, there are a number of actions where the SDPA has been able to add to discussions, drive progress forward and contribute to delivery. This is particularly so for the following actions:

- Retail (7)
- Fibre-optics (8)
- Renewable energy (13)
- Water abstraction (14)
- Water-saving technology (15)
- Waste (17)
- Waste SPG (18)
- House-building (21 - 22)
- Design (29 – 31)
- Housing Need and Demand (32)
- Electricity grid upgrades (57)
- Future Infrastructure Provision (60)

3.8 The main area where progress by the SDP team has been slower than expected has been in the preparation of strategic supplementary planning guidance on waste infrastructure. The preparation of the housing need and demand assessment required considerably greater input from the SDP team than had been envisaged and a significant resource was required to enable submission of a draft assessment to the Scottish Government by the end of April 2010. Submission on this timescale was critical to swift progress with the two local development plans, which the structure plan itself identified as clear priorities.

3.9 Preparation of the structure plan baseline monitoring report, which was presented to Members at the March meeting, has been another useful stage in determining progress on the individual targets. Where information from the baseline monitoring report directly relates to the target in the action programme, this has been included [in brackets] in the update column. This link between monitoring and actions will be extremely valuable when preparing the main issues report (planned for May 2011) and the subsequent strategic development plan.

4 NPF2 Action programme

4.1 An update has been provided (Appendix 2) which shows what has been done by the SDPA and Nestrans over the last six months against the actions identified in the National Planning Framework's Action Programme.

4.2 Progress has been made against a number of the actions where the SDPA or Nestrans are identified partners. However, a number of actions will be implemented during the preparation of the strategic development plan.

4.3 It is proposed to send Appendix 2 to the Scottish Government to assist in the monitoring of their Action Programme.

5 Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

6 Recommendations

6.1 It is recommended that the SDPA:

- a) note the content of this report, consider the actions in Appendix 1 and approve the action programme update;

- b) send Appendix 2 to the Scottish Government to inform their monitoring of the NPF2 Action Programme; and
- c) continue to receive reports at least twice a year which both monitor progress with implementation and update it as required.

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Appendix 1: Action Programme Update

ACTION PROGRAMME UPDATE 2010 Q.2

| Ref. No. | Target | Action / Proposal | Milestones | Lead / Partners ¹ | Deliverables/Products | Update |
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| SPATIAL STRATEGY | | | | | | |
| 1 | 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. | 2010 - Publication of Shire Proposed Plan (July) and City Proposed Plan (September). Working with infrastructure providers to influence investment programmes where appropriate. | Lead - City & Shire Dev. Planning | Local Development Plans which take the spatial strategy of the structure plan into account. The SDPA will work with the two councils to ensure that LDPs are consistent with the structure plan (including Schedule 1). The SDPA will liaise with infrastructure providers to ensure they take the spatial strategy of the structure plan into account in their investment decisions to enable land to come forward for development. The SDPA will liaise with developers and landowners to progress sites in line with the spatial strategy of the plan. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note 1 • Note 2 • These LDPs will cover the period to 2023. • Significant employment allocations being made in both LDPs, these appear to be consistent with structure plan requirements where specified <p>[Baseline monitoring shows current figure is 56% of homes built in SGAs in 2008]</p> |
| | | | 2011 - Examination of LDPs as move toward adoption. Confirm inclusion of strategic infrastructure commitments and deliverability of sites with LDP team. | Partners - SDPA team / HfS / GHBC / developers / infrastructure providers ² | | |
| | | | 2012 - Adoption of LDPs. | | | |
| 2 | 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. | 2010 - Publication of City Proposed Plan (September). Working with infrastructure providers to influence investment programmes where appropriate. | Lead - City Dev. Planning | City Local Development Plan which take the spatial strategy of the structure plan into account. The SDPA will work with Aberdeen City Council to ensure that the LDP is consistent with the structure plan (including Schedule 1). The SDPA will liaise with infrastructure providers to ensure they take the spatial strategy of the structure plan into account in their investment decisions to enable land to come forward for development. The SDPA will liaise with developers and landowners to progress sites in line with the spatial strategy of the plan. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note 2 • This LDP will cover the period to 2023. <p>[Baseline monitoring shows current figure is 27% of homes built in Aberdeen City in 2008]</p> |
| | | | 2011 - Examination of the LDP as it moves toward adoption. Confirm inclusion of strategic infrastructure commitments and deliverability of sites with LDP teams. | Partners - SDPA team / HfS / GHBC / RSLs / developers / infrastructure providers ² | | |
| | | | 2012 - Adoption of LDP | | | |
| 3 | 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. | 2010 - Determination of planning applications. Publication of Shire Proposed Plan (July) and City Proposed Plan (September). | Lead - City & Shire Development Management | The SDPA will work with Aberdeenshire Council to ensure that the LDP is consistent with the structure plan. SDPA will also comment on planning applications in line with the development management protocol. In relevant cases, developers will be asked to provide a justification for site selection if contrary to the spatial strategy of the structure plan. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note 1 • This LDP will cover the period to 2023 • DM Protocol to be adopted by both councils |
| | | | 2011 - Determination of planning applications. Examination of LDPs as move toward adoption. | Partners - SDPA team / City and Shire Development Planning / developers | | |
| | | | 2012 - Determination of planning applications. Adoption of LDPs. | | | |
| OBJECTIVES | | | | | | |
| ECONOMIC GROWTH | | | | | | |
| 4 | 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. | 2010 - Publication of City Proposed Plan (September). Working with infrastructure providers to influence investment programmes where appropriate. | Lead - City Dev. Planning / Econ. Dev. | City Local Development Plan which take the spatial strategy of the structure plan into account. The SDPA will work with Aberdeen City Council to ensure that the LDP is consistent with Figure 3 of the structure plan. The SDPA will liaise with infrastructure providers to ensure they take the spatial strategy of the structure plan into account in their investment decisions to enable land to come forward for development. The SDPA will liaise with developers and landowners to progress sites in line with the spatial strategy of the plan. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note 2 • This LDP will cover the period to 2023. <p>[Baseline monitoring shows 91ha of employment land with 31ha immediately available in Aberdeen City in 2009]</p> |
| | | | 2011 - Examination of the LDP as it moves toward adoption. Confirm inclusion of strategic infrastructure commitments and deliverability of sites with LDP teams. | Partners - SDPA team / ACSEF / developers / infrastructure providers ² | | |
| | | | 2012 - Adoption of LDP | | | |

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| 5 | 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. | <p>2010 - Publication of Shire Proposed Plan (July). Working with infrastructure providers to influence investment programmes where appropriate.</p> <p>2011 - Examination of the LDP as it moves toward adoption. Confirm inclusion of strategic infrastructure commitments and deliverability of sites with LDP teams.</p> <p>2012 - Adoption of LDP.</p> | <p>Lead - Shire Dev. Planning / Econ. Dev.</p> <p>Partners - SDPA team / ACSEF / developers / infrastructure providers²</p> | Shire Local Development Plan which takes the spatial strategy of the structure plan into account. The SDPA will work with Aberdeenshire Council to ensure that the LDP is consistent with Figure 3 of the structure plan. The SDPA will liaise with infrastructure providers to ensure they take the spatial strategy of the structure plan into account in their investment decisions to enable land to come forward for development. The SDPA will liaise with developers and landowners to progress sites in line with the spatial strategy of the plan. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note 1 • This LDP will cover the period to 2023. • ACSEF Action Plan 'A future to look forward to' launched June '10 <p>[Baseline monitoring shows 146ha of employment land with 20ha immediately available in Shire SGAs in 2009]</p> |
| 6 | For at least 20ha of the above land available to businesses in 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. | <p>2010 - Publication of Shire Proposed Plan (July) and City Proposed Plan (September)</p> <p>2011 - Examination of LDPs as move toward adoption.</p> <p>2012 - Adoption of LDPs</p> | <p>Lead - City & Shire Dev. Planning</p> <p>Partners - SDPA team / Econ. Dev. / ACSEF / Developers</p> | Local Development Plans that allocate suitable land and / or provide a policy context for supporting appropriate proposals. The SDPA will work with both councils to ensure LDPs are consistent with the structure plan. The SDPA will liaise with developers and organisations if necessary to deliver sites. Links to masterplanning and Energetica. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note 1 • Note 2 • Supplementary guidance will be produced alongside or following the proposed LDPs. • These LDPs will cover the period to 2023. |
| 7 | 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. | <p>2010 - Consider the need to update the 2004 Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire Retail Study in light of recent retail developments. Complete the city centre development framework and consider the need for a full masterplan.</p> <p>2011 - Progress key projects and take forward work following from the development framework.</p> | <p>Lead - City Development Management / Master Planning Team / Econ. Dev.</p> <p>Partners - ACSEF / city centre groups / experts / Shire Development Planning.</p> | Updated 2004 Study if required and an appropriate framework for the development of the city centre. Implementation of key projects in city centre. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with ACCA Chairman and BID Manager on 8/12/09 • Meeting with major city centre retailer on 3/3/10 • Consider retail as a potential 'main issue' and need to update / review the 2004 Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Retail Study. • City Development Framework reported to City Full Council in May '10 <p>[Baseline monitoring shows Aberdeen has a place within the top-25 retail rankings in 2008-09]</p> |
| 8 | For all new development in SGAs to use modern, up-to-date high-speed telecommunications networks, such as fibre optics. | | <p>2010 - Continue discussions with infrastructure providers and developers to securing investment in this area.</p> <p>2011 - Discuss phasing / priority areas</p> | <p>Lead - SDPA team / BT / other communication providers</p> <p>Partners - City & Shire Dev. Planning / Management / Econ. Dev. / Developers</p> | Local Development Plans that provide certainty to infrastructure providers to inform future investment programmes and a policy context for inclusion in masterplan requirements for SGA sites. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with BT Openreach on 28/01/10 • Further meeting t.b.a. following publication of the proposed LDPs to allow case for investment to be built up. <p>[Baseline monitoring shows only a small % of City exchanges and no Shire exchanges have 24Mb/s capacity and no fibre connections exist in the NE at present]</p> |
| 9 | | 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. | <p>2010 - Publication of economic impact reports by both universities. Discussions with each organisation to determine any emerging proposals.</p> <p>2011 - Ongoing discussions</p> | <p>Lead - Depends on project / master plan concerned</p> <p>Partners - SDPA team, City & Shire Dev. Management / Planning</p> | Master plans, SPG, initiatives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uni of Aberdeen Economic Impact Report received July '09 • RGU Economic Impact Report published March '10 • These documents to be used as basis for discussions with universities |

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| 10 | | Identifying and maintaining an appropriate amount of business land in the local development plan for 'local growth and diversification' areas in Aberdeenshire. | 2010 - Publication of Shire Proposed Plan (July). 2011 - Examination of the LDP as it moves toward adoption. 2012 - Adoption of LDP | Lead - Shire Dev. Planning Partners - Shire Econ. Dev. / ACSEF | Local Development Plan that allocates suitable land and / or provide a policy context for supporting appropriate proposals. The SDPA will work with Aberdeenshire Council to ensure that the LDP is consistent with the structure plan. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note 1 • The Shire LDP will allocate land and provide a policy context for new employment uses; the structure plan sets no limit on this provision. • Proposed Action programme to be published in July. |
| SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE | | | | | | |
| 11 | 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. | 2010 - Publication of Shire Proposed Plan (July) and City Proposed Plan (September). 2011 - Examination of LDPs as move toward adoption. 2012 - Adoption of LDPs | Lead - City & Shire Development Planning / Management / Building Standards Partners - SDPA team / Developers / Consultants / Experts | Local Development Plans that build on existing local plan policies and SPG and reflect national policy and incremental requirements toward 2016. The SDPA will work with both councils if required. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note 1 • Note 2 • Supplementary guidance will be produced alongside or following the proposed LDPs. • Meeting with City & Shire Building Standards t.b.a. |
| 12 | | 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. | 2010 - Update of City master-planning process and production of similar for Shire to support LDP policies / SG. 2011 - Monitor masterplanning process and quality of output. | Lead - City Masterplanning / City & Shire Development Planning and Management / energy experts Partners - SDPA team / Developers / Consultants / Agents | Master plans and other supplementary guidance that require developers to consider alternative heat and power sources and justify choices made. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note 1 • Note 2 • City masterplanning process to be updated, reference to sustainability and energy use likely to be retained • Draft Shire Design Process requires development frameworks, masterplans and development briefs to incorporate district heating etc. as standard |
| 13 | 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. | 2010 - Publication of Shire Proposed Plan (July) and City Proposed Plan (September). Consideration given to the preparation of a comprehensive strategy. 2011 - Examination of LDPs as move toward adoption. 2012 - Adoption of LDPs | Lead - SDPA team / City & Shire Dev. Planning Partners - AREG / City & Shire energy experts / Scottish & Southern Energy | Local Development Plans that provide a policy context for supporting appropriate renewable energy proposals and supplementary guidance that requires a gradual move towards electricity sourced from renewables. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note 1 • Note 2 • Supplementary guidance will be produced alongside or following the proposed LDPs. • Meeting with SSE, AREG and both councils held 30/11/10 <p>[Baseline monitoring shows renewables accounted for 6% of total electricity usage in 2008, with a further 12% in the planning system]</p> |
| 14 | 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. | 2010 - Agree project brief (end Jan), steering group to report to SDPA (June), project complete (end 2010) 2011 - Further investigation / influencing of medium / long-term options. | Lead - SDPA team / Scottish Water / SEPA / SNH Partners - City & Shire Dev. Planning | The steering group will prepare a report for the SDPA in June, highlighting the issue from the perspective of each stakeholder. This will outline monitoring and longer-term scenarios to ensure continuity of supply in later structure plan periods. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings with SW, SEPA, SNH and both councils held 18/11/09 and 11/1/10 • Position paper on water abstraction (agreed with relevant key agencies) and highlighted in SDPA Bulletin <p>[Baseline monitoring shows Scottish Water well within permitted abstraction levels of CAR licences at all times]</p> |
| 15 | 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. | 2010 - Agree project brief (end Jan), produce briefing paper for City & Shire Development Management (end March), steering group to report to SDPA (June). Consider writing to Scottish Govt to highlight the value of addressing water efficiency in Building Regs. Publication of Shire Proposed Plan (July) and City Proposed Plan (September). 2011 - Examination of LDPs as move toward adoption. Monitor Building Regs consultation if necessary. 2012 - Adoption of LDPs | Lead - SDPA team / City & Shire Dev. Planning / Scottish Water / SEPA / Waterwise Partners - City & Shire Dev. Management / Building Standards / Developers / Consultants / Agents | The steering group will discuss the issue in greater detail and consider options for identifying, promoting, requiring and enforcing water-saving technologies in new development. A briefing paper will be published to raise awareness of the development industry in liaison with other stakeholders. A report on water issues will be taken to the SDPA in June 2010. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings with SW, SEPA, SNH and both councils held 18/11/09 and 11/1/10 • Established contact with Waterwatch Scotland via Cllr Yvonne Allan • Established contact with central teams in SW and SEPA looking into new technologies. • SW reporting on high level plans in June '10 • Meeting with City & Shire Building Standards t.b.a. |

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| 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. | 2010 - Publication of Shire Proposed Plan (July) and City Proposed Plan (September). 2011 - Examination of LDPs as move toward adoption. 2012 - Adoption of LDPs | Lead - City & Shire Development Planning / Management / Flooding Partners - SEPA and Consultants | Local Development Plans that allocate land and provide a policy context consistent with national policy on flooding and advice of agencies. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note 1 • Note 2 • Supplementary guidance will be produced alongside or following the proposed LDPs. |
| 17 | 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. | 2010 - continued discussions 2011 - ongoing | Lead - City and Shire Waste Partners - SDPA team / City & Shire Development Planning / Management / SEPA | Liaison to establish areas of mutual interest and benefit from working together. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note 1 • Note 2 • Link to Ref. No. 18 <p>[Baseline monitoring shows Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire sending over 131,000 tonnes of BMW to landfill in 2008/09]</p> |
| 18 | | Prepare strategic supplementary planning guidance to provide a context for making decisions on future planning applications for waste-management facilities which are regionally significant. | 2010 - Agree project brief (end Jan), steering group to produce a draft (by December) 2011 - Monitoring of SPG | Lead - SDPA team Partners - City & Shire Development Planning / Management / Waste / SEPA | The SDPA will coordinate a group working to identify current cross-boundary challenges around the waste issue and a way forward, particularly the publication of a strategic SPG document (non-statutory). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with both councils (waste and planning) held 29/10/09 and SEPA and both councils on 29/1/10 • Project Brief approved 29/1/10 • Draft strategic guidance due December 2010 for SDPA meeting |
| POPULATION GROWTH | | | | | | |
| 19 | 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. | 2010 - Publication of Shire Proposed Plan (July) and City Proposed Plan (September). 2011 - Examination of LDPs and SPG as move toward adoption. 2012 - Adoption of LDPs | Lead - City & Shire Development Planning Partner - SDPA team | Local Development Plans that are consistent with the structure plan and delivered according to the published development plan scheme as far as practicable. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note 1 • Note 2 <p>[Baseline monitoring shows the population of the structure plan area has increased by 3.35% between 1998-2008 and GROS projections / forecasts show further increases up to 2030]</p> |
| 20 | 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. | 2010 - Publication of Shire Proposed Plan and Action Programme (July) and City Proposed Plan and Action Programme (September). Work with the Scottish Government, the development industry and others to facilitate the delivery of development in a difficult financial climate. 2011 - Examination of LDPs as move toward adoption. | Lead - Planning Gain Co-ordinator / City & Shire Development Planning / SDPA team Partners - Development Industry / Scottish Government / ACSEF | Appropriate mechanisms available to facilitate the delivery of high quality sustainable mixed communities. Housing which meets the needs of the whole community. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note 1 • Note 2 <p>[Baseline monitoring shows a GROS projected increase of 11.4% in the working age population by 2033]</p> |
| 21 | 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. | 2010 - Report to SDPA (June) on housebuilding activity related to this target. Publication of Shire Proposed Plan (July) and City Proposed Plan (September). 2011 - Examination of LDPs as move toward adoption. 2012 - Adoption of LDPs | Lead - City & Shire Development Planning / Management / I&R / SDPA team Partners - HfS / GHBC / RSLs / Scottish Water | Local Development Plans which take the spatial strategy of the structure plan into account. The SDPA will work with the two councils to ensure that LDPs are consistent with Schedule 1 of the structure plan. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note 1 • Note 2 <p>[Baseline monitoring shows an average completion rate of 2,200 between 2004-2008, with latest figure for 2008 being 1,905]</p> |
| 22 | 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 and schedule 1 of this plan. | 2010 - Report to SDPA (June) on housebuilding activity related to this target. Publication of Shire Proposed Plan (July) and City Proposed Plan (September). 2011 - Examination of LDPs as move toward adoption. 2012 - Adoption of LDPs | Lead - City & Shire Development Planning / Management / I&R / SDPA team Partners - HfS / GHBC / RSLs / Scottish Water | Local Development Plans which take the spatial strategy of the structure plan into account. The SDPA will work with the two councils to ensure that LDPs are consistent with Schedule 1 of the structure plan. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note 1 • Note 2 <p>[Baseline monitoring shows an average completion rate of 2,200 between 2004-2008, with latest figure for 2008 being 1,905]</p> |

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| 23 | 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. | 2010 - Publication of Shire Proposed Plan (July) and City Proposed Plan (September). 2011 - Examination of LDPs as move toward adoption. Approval of supplementary guidance as required. 2012 - Adoption of LDPs | Lead - City & Shire Development Planning / Management / Env't. Partners - SDPA team / SNH / SEPA / Historic Scotland | Local Development Plans that allocate sites and provide a policy context for meeting this target. Supplementary guidance must also achieve these objectives. | • Note 1 • Note 2 |
| 24 | | 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. | 2010 - Publication of Shire Proposed Plan (July) and City Proposed Plan (September). 2011 - Examination of LDPs as move toward adoption. Approval of supplementary guidance as required. 2012 - Adoption of LDPs | Lead - City & Shire Development Planning / Management / Env't./ Master Plan team Partners - SDPA team / SNH / SEPA | Local Development Plans that allocate sites and provide a policy context for meeting this target. Supplementary guidance must also achieve these objectives. | • Note 1 • Note 2 |
| 25 | 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. | 2010 - Approval of Scottish River Basin Management Plan by Scottish Ministers 2011 - Work on specific catchments within NE sub area. Monitor. | Lead - City & Shire Env't / SEPA / SNH Partners - SDPA team / City & Shire Development Planning / Management | Local Development Plans must consider the Dee and North Esk River Basin Management Plans. Evidence in SEA and AA will ensure no detriment / mitigation of any potential effects. The SDPA will assist where strategic issues are involved. | • Note 1 • Note 2 • Draft NE Area Management Plan to be published June '10 [Baseline monitoring shows 46% of water bodies in the area are of 'good ecological status'] |
| 26 | 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. | 2010 - Publication of Shire Proposed Plan (July) and City Proposed Plan (September). 2011 - Examination of LDPs as move toward adoption. Approval of supplementary guidance as required. 2012 - Adoption of LDPs | Lead - City & Shire Dev. Planning Partners - Developers / Consultants / Agents | Local Development Plans that allocate sites taking into account the objectives set at a national level for green belt designation whilst meeting the levels of development required by the structure plan. | • Note 1 • Note 2 |
| SUSTAINABLE MIXED COMMUNITIES | | | | | | |
| 27 | To increase the range and quality of housing and the residential environment in the 'regeneration priority areas'. | | 2010 - Publication of Shire Proposed Plan (July) and City Proposed Plan (September). Adoption of Shire Regeneration Framework (late 2010). 2011 - Examination of LDPs as move toward adoption. Approval of supplementary guidance as required. 2012 - Adoption of LDPs | Lead - City & Shire Development Planning / Management / Developers Partners - SDPA team / City & Shire Regeneration / Housing / RSLs | Local Development Plans that allocate specific sites for investment or identify areas for targeting actions. Proposed Aberdeenshire Regeneration Strategy will assist in cross-service delivery of priorities and continued work in City 'community regeneration areas' on delivery mechanisms. The SDPA will offer advice on the structure plan strategy and any cross-boundary issues relevant to regeneration. | • Note 1 • Note 2 • Aberdeenshire Regeneration Framework progressing, with possible reporting to committee after summer '10 |
| 28 | 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. | 2010 - Publication of City Proposed Plan (September). 2011 - Examination of the LDP as it moves toward adoption. 2012 - Adoption of LDP | Lead - City Dev. Planning Partners - SDPA team / HfS / GHBC / RSLs / developers | City Local Development Plan which take the spatial strategy of the structure plan into account. The SDPA will work with Aberdeen City Council to ensure that the LDP is consistent with Schedule 1 of the structure plan. | • Note 2 [Baseline monitoring shows in 2007 98% of housing completions in Aberdeen City sites were on brownfield sites. At 1/1/09, 58% of the established land supply in Aberdeen City was on brownfield sites] |
| 29 | 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. | 2010 - Reporting to City & Shire committees (Jan) and draft of document (Feb). Consultation with developers and approval as supplementary guidance. Commencement of design reviews. 2011 - Review of process and quality of output from early proposals appraised | Lead - Master Plan team / City & Shire Development Planning / Management Partners - SDPA team / Agents / HfS / GHBC | A process agreed by both councils that will review masterplans and the most significant planning applications in both Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire to improve the standard of individual schemes and also raise the standard of development generally. Also link to masterplanning process | • Note 1 • Note 2 • Design Review Panel established with first (trial) meeting to be held in June '10 [Baseline monitoring shows an average density across Aberdeen City of 93 dwellings per hectare and across Aberdeenshire of 17 dwellings per hectare in 2009] |

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| 30 | 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. | <p>2010 - Charette (March) and publication of City Proposed Plan (September). Working with design team to refine proposal and infrastructure providers to serve site.</p> <p>2011 - Examination of the LDP as it moves toward adoption. Work on LDP action programme.</p> <p>2012 - Adoption of LDP</p> | <p>Lead - City Development Planning / Master Plan team / SSCI appointed team</p> <p>Partners - SDPA team / Aberdeenshire Council / infrastructure providers²</p> | <p>Following consultation, consider the inclusion of the SSCI proposed site in the City LDP and continued work on a mixed use masterplan and design guide.</p> <p>Discussions with City Council on services and facilities necessary and infrastructure providers. The SDPA will assist with any cross-boundary issues.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note 1 • Note 2 • SSCI Charrette held in March '10 • Further meetings held in May and June to discuss output from SSCI to date <p>[Baseline monitoring shows three projects receiving nationally recognised awards]</p> |
| 31 | | 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. | <p>2010 - High quality masterplans and planning applications.</p> <p>2011 - High quality masterplans and planning applications.</p> | <p>Lead - Developers / City & Shire Development Planning / Management / Master Plan team</p> <p>Partners - SDPA team / HfS / GHBC / RSLs / Consultants / Agents / Scottish Govt. / ACSEF</p> | High quality masterplans and planning applications | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note 1 • Note 2 • Supplementary guidance will be produced alongside or following the proposed LDPs. • Link to Ref. No. 29 & 30 |
| 32 | 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. | <p>2010 - Publication of complete HNDA (April), Shire Proposed Plan (July) and City Proposed Plan (September)</p> <p>2011 - Examination of LDPs as move toward adoption. Approval of supplementary guidance as required.</p> <p>2012 - Adoption of LDPs</p> | <p>Lead - City & Shire Development Planning / Housing</p> <p>Partners - SDPA team / Scottish Govt. / RSLs</p> | An agreed HNDA confirmed as robust and credible by the Scottish Govt that informs the housing policies of each LDP and local housing strategies. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HNDA submitted to CHMA on 30 April • Response expected early June '10 • HNDA to inform LDP policies and will be updated and published alongside the SDP MIR <p>[Baseline monitoring shows an average of 214 affordable housing units delivered each year; around 10% of completions]</p> |
| 33 | For local development plans and all masterplans to 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. | <p>2010 - Publication of Shire Proposed Plan and SPG (June) and City Proposed Plan (September).</p> <p>2011 - Examination of LDPs as move toward adoption. Approval of supplementary guidance as required.</p> <p>2012 - Adoption of LDPs</p> | <p>Lead - City & Shire Development Planning / Management / Master Plan team / Econ. Dev.</p> <p>Partners - SDPA team / Developers / Consultants / Agents / HfS / GHBC</p> | Local development plans that allocate specific mixed use sites where necessary and provide a policy context for requiring mixed use sites. Approved SPG should closely explore and include an appropriate mix of uses and justification for this approach. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note 1 • Note 2 • Supplementary guidance will be produced alongside or following the proposed LDPs. |

| ACCESSIBILITY | | | | | | |
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| 34 | 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. | 2010 - Publication of Shire Proposed Plan and SPG (July) and City Proposed Plan (September). 2011 - Examination of LDPs as move toward adoption. Publication of LDP action programmes. 2012 - Adoption of LDPs | Lead - City & Shire Development Planning / Management / Roads / PTU Partners - SDPA team / Nestrans | Local development plans that take account of the requirement in respective LTS for accessibility or ability to improve choice in more remote Shire areas. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note 1 • Note 2 • Supplementary guidance will be produced alongside or following the proposed LDPs. <p>[Baseline monitoring shows 71% of Shire and 91% of City households within a six minute walk of a bus stop, almost 18% of the population within 1.6km and almost 53% within 5km of a rail station. However, the area has the highest car ownership per head of population in Scotland at 0.47]</p> |
| 35 | | 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. | 2010 - Publication of Shire Proposed Plan and SPG (July) and City Proposed Plan (September). 2011 - Examination of LDPs as move toward adoption. Publication of LDP action programmes. 2012 - Adoption of LDPs | Lead - City & Shire Development Planning / Roads / Nestrans Partners - SDPA team / Transport Scotland | Local development plans that show where necessary RTS / LTS proposals are to be constructed and SPG that outlines transport interventions required to deliver sites. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note 1 • Note 2 • Supplementary guidance will be produced alongside or following the proposed LDPs. |
| 36 | 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. | 2010 - Publication of Shire Proposed Plan (July) and City Proposed Plan (September). Consultation and approval of supplementary guidance as required. 2011 - Examination of LDPs as move toward adoption. 2012 - Adoption of LDPs | Lead - City & Shire Development Planning / Management / Master Plan team / Roads / PTU Partners - SDPA team / Developers / Consultants / Agents | Local development plans that consider accessibility and ease of serving employment sites in SGAs by public transport when allocating them. Also, approved guidance that makes active transport an attractive option. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note 1 • Note 2 • Supplementary guidance will be produced alongside or following the proposed LDPs • Nestrans have i-trace system in place to monitor travel plans, requires further promotion through LDP / SG |
| 37 | | Work with Nestrans to make sure that putting the structure plan into practice closely links with the regional transport strategy. | 2010 - Monitor progress of projects in structure plan and any emerging priorities 2011 - Monitor and consider how SDP / RTS timescales are proposed to fit | Lead - SDPA team / Nestrans Partners - City & Shire Development Planning | The SDPA will continue to liaise with Nestrans on RTS projects and assist in any way possible to deliver the proposals in the structure plan. Will also strive to fit project plan for SDP with review of the RTS in due course. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDPA is working closely with Nestrans to ensure the MIR / Proposed Plan and RTS are complementary • MIR due May 2011 and SDP in April 2012 • Review of RTS due in 2011-12 depending on level of change proposed, awaiting guidance |
| 38 | 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. | 2010 - Consider the publication of a briefing paper or inclusion in masterplanning guidance following consultation with stakeholders 2011 - Review briefing paper following early use and LDP examinations | Lead - SDPA team / Nestrans Partners - City & Shire Development Planning / Roads / PTU / Developers / Consultants / Agents | Appropriate guidance on the accessibility of new developments. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note 1 • Note 2 • Links to Ref. No. 34-37 <p>[Baseline monitoring shows across Aberdeen City and Shire, 69% of journeys were made by car]</p> |
| 39 | | Both councils will prepare and keep under review core path plans taking account of where new developments will take place and issues which affect both council areas. | 2010 - Implementation of City CPP and adoption of Shire CPP. 2011 - Implementation | Lead - City & Shire Development Planning / Env. Partners - HfS / GHBC / Consultants / Agents | Approved core paths plans in both councils. The SDPA can assist, where necessary, with cross-boundary comments on issues. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City CPP adopted and implementation progressing through annual programme of works. • Shire CPP going to area committees Sept '10, with adoption in 2011 |

| PROPOSALS | | | | | | |
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| 40 | Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route | 2010 - Commencement of construction (by March) ³ | Lead - Transport Scotland | Completed trunk road by 2012-13 ³ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scottish Ministers granted permission for route on 21/12/09 and Parliamentary approval in March '10 • Roads orders advertised on 26/3/10 and contractors should be appointed 2010-11 • Legal challenge submitted, awaiting consideration by Court of Session • Project could be subject to delay depending on outcome of legal challenge | |
| | | 2011 - Continued construction phase | Partners - City & Shire Roads / Nestrans | | | |
| 41 | Balmedie to Tippetty dualling | 2010 - Awaiting commencement of construction phase | Lead - Transport Scotland | Upgraded section of trunk road by 2012-13 ³ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporters findings with Transport Scotland • Project may be part of AWPR contract • If AWPR delayed, will proceed independently | |
| | | 2011 - Commencement of construction (by June) ³ | Partners - Shire Roads / Nestrans | | | |
| 42 | Haudagain improvements | 2010 - Confirmation of chosen option from Scottish Government | Lead - Transport Scotland / City Roads | Improved road scheme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link to Ref. No. 40 • Preferred scheme submitted to Ministers • Currently expected to be post-AWPR completion | |
| | | 2011 - Timetable of construction confirmed | Partner - Nestrans | | | |
| 43 | Third Don crossing and other measures | 2010 - Submission / approval of planning application | Lead - City Roads | Access from North proposals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application for FPP submitted Feb. '10 • Environmental Statement submitted May '10 • SDPA consultation response June '10 • City Proposed LDP in Sept. '10, will include proposal and supporting text • Local development proposal to be determined • Anticipate contract prior to end 2011 and construction thereafter | |
| | | 2011 - Public Local Inquiry / timetable for construction | Partners - City Dev. Planning / Management / Nestrans | | | |
| 44 | New park and ride sites | 2010 - Publication of Shire Proposed Plan (July) and City Proposed Plan (September). | Lead - City & Shire Roads / Nestrans | New P&R facilities identified in appropriate local development plan and a timetable for their provision set, recognising importance of delivery of the AWPR in some cases. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note 1 • Note 2 • A96 (Dyce) P&R - application submitted 10/5/10 • A90(S) (Portlethen) - application due late 2010 | |
| | | 2011 - Examination of LDPs as move toward adoption. Timetable for construction. | Partners - City & Shire Development Planning | | | |
| | | 2012 - Adoption of LDPs | | | | |
| 45 | Replacing Inveramsay Bridge and other A96 improvements | 2010 - Confirmation of timetable from Transport Scotland | Lead - Transport Scotland | Bridge and A96 improvements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion between Nestrans and Network Rail ongoing • Included within Aberdeen - Inverness rail study | |
| | | 2011 - | Partner - Shire Roads | | | |
| 46 | Road and rail improvements, such as Crossrail | 2010 - Continued progress with RTS and LTS proposals | Lead - Nestrans | Completed projects as detailed in Nestrans Delivery Plan 2010-2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final draft of Nestrans Rail Action Plan due late summer 2010, includes Kintore Station proposal | |
| | | 2011 - Ongoing improvements | Partners - Network Rail, Transport Scotland | | | |

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| 47 | | Reducing journey times to Edinburgh and Glasgow | 2010 - Continued progress with RTS and LTS proposals 2011 - Influencing national and regional transport strategies and STPR priorities | Lead - Nestrans Partner - Network Rail | Improved timetables, trains and investment in infrastructure as detailed in Nestrans Delivery Plan 2010-2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response to be submitted to Tayplan MIR |
| 48 | | Aberdeen airport masterplan | 2010 - Continued discussions with Masterplan Steering Group 2011 - Progress with masterplan implementation | Lead - BAA Partners - City Development Planning / Management / SDPA team / Aberdeenshire Council / ACSEF | Implemented masterplan including runway extension and new routes based on airline operator requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Aberdeen Airport Masterplan Steering Group held on 21 May |
| 49 | | Better links to north coast communities | 2010 - Progress with Nestrans initiatives and Shire phased improvements 2011 - Further transport initiatives | Lead - Shire Roads Partners - Transport Scotland / Nestrans | Implemented Bus Action Plan, Demand Responsive Transport and Punctuality Improvement Partnership initiatives along with road improvements and other structure plan proposals such as park and | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A947 Route Action Study commissioned for 2010 • Bus Punctuality Improvement Partnership signed |
| 50 | | University, college and research organisation initiatives | 2010 - Ongoing discussions with each organisation. 2011 - Ongoing | Lead - Education establishments Partners - City & Shire Development Management | As proposal | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uni of Aberdeen Economic Impact Report received July '09 • RGU Economic Impact Report published March '10 • These documents to be used as basis for discussions with universities |
| 51 | | Energetica initiative | 2010 - Refinement of Energetica concept and publication of Shire Proposed Plan (July) and City Proposed Plan (September) 2011 - Examination of LDPs as move toward adoption. 2012 - Adoption of LDPs | Lead - Scottish Enterprise / ACSEF Partners - City & Shire Development Planning / Private sector | Master plan, development allocations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note 1 • Note 2 • Consultants currently preparing supplementary guidance prior to consultation |
| 52 | | Improving facilities at Peterhead Harbour | 2010 - Completion of Phase I (Sept) 2011 - Ongoing | Lead - Peterhead Harbour Board Partners - Shire Development Planning / Management / SDPA team | Taking advantage of the economic potential of Peterhead Harbour. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase I (Smith Embankment and Albert Quay) due for completion Sept. '10 • £1.5m EU funding awarded for decommissioning infrastructure April '10 • Possible Phase II, but no funding / decision on this yet |
| 53 | | Regeneration of the region's most disadvantaged areas | 2010 - Publication of Shire Regeneration Framework and continued work on City community regeneration areas. 2011 - Increased activity in identified RPAs | Lead - City & Shire Development Planning / Management / Regeneration / Housing Partners - Voluntary sector / Developers / Consultants / Agents / RSLs | Shire Regeneration Framework. Delivery of existing projects and initiatives and identification of new opportunities. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note 1 • Note 2 • Shire Regeneration Framework progressing, with possible reporting to committee after summer '10 <p>[Baseline monitoring shows 7.5% of all datazones in the structure plan area fall within the most deprived 20% in Scotland]</p> |
| 54 | | New community stadium | 2010 - Publication of City Proposed Plan (September) 2011 - Examination of LDP as it moves toward adoption. | Lead - AFC Partners - City Development Planning / Management | Confirmed site and lodging of planning application leading to successful proposal. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design workshops held early 2010 • Draft development framework prepared for Loirston site • Proposal of application notice submitted to council and relevant community councils on 19/4/10 • Planning application due for submission July 2010 (tbc) • Note 2 |

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| 55 | City centre masterplan / Union Street pedestrianisation | 2010 - City Centre Development Framework to Full Council (May) | Lead - City Master Plan team / Roads / Development Management | Approved masterplan and Union St pedestrianisation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Development Framework to Full Council in May '10 • Union St pedestrianisation contained within development framework but dependent on delivery of associated projects |
| | | 2011 - Framework may lead to full masterplan requirement | Partners - ACSEF / City centre groups / Retailers | | |
| 56 | New Peterhead Prison | 2010 - Submission of planning application | Lead - Scottish Prison Service | Site identified, design approved and prison constructed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultants appointed by Scottish Prison Service to progress proposal with Aberdeenshire Council |
| | | 2011 - New prison under construction | Partners - Shire Development Planning / Management | | |
| 57 | Electricity grid upgrades | 2010 - Inception meeting and establishment of project team (by end March). National Development referenced in Shire Proposed Plan (July) and continued discussions with Scottish Government and Scottish & Southern Energy | Lead - Scottish & Southern Energy | Agreed process in place for determination of planning application leading to upgraded grid network to support renewable energy projects in NE and further afield. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with both councils, SDPA and SSE held Nov. '09 • Meeting between SDPA and Scottish Government held March '10 • Briefing paper on project sent to Aberdeenshire Council April '10 • Meeting with Aberdeenshire Council, SDPA and SSE project team held April '10 • Aberdeenshire Council consulted on scoping report May '10 • Substations planning applications due late 2010-early 2011 |
| | | 2011 - To be determined at inception meeting | Partners - Shire Development Planning & Management / SDPA team | | |
| 58 | Peterhead power station upgrade | 2010 - Discussion with Scottish & Southern Energy on proposals and timetable. | Lead - Scottish & Southern Energy | Upgraded facility / link to Energetica | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with both councils, SDPA and SSE held Nov. '09. • Note 1 • Discussions with SSE ongoing |
| | | 2011 - Ongoing | Partners - Shire Development Planning / Management / SDPA team | | |
| 59 | Identify an appropriate phasing for infrastructure and development in the southern part of the A90(N) SGA | 2010 - Output from transport modelling and consideration of impact on local development plan phasing. Publication of Shire Proposed Plan (July) and City Proposed Plan (September) | Lead - SDPA team / City & Shire Development Planning / Nestrans | Agreed phasing scenario / SPG | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultants appointed by Nestrans and SDPA to examine transport interventions needed to address cumulative impacts of LDPs • Consultants reported and work ongoing to inform two LDPs and proposed action programme • Notes 1 & 2 |
| | | 2011 - Examination of LDPs as they move toward adoption. | Partners - City & Shire Development Management / Roads / Transport Scotland | | |
| 60 | Secure a higher percentage of the increase in land values than we have in the past to be able to create sustainable mixed communities | 2010 - Requirements and mechanisms established through Future Infrastructure Groups | Lead - City & Shire FIRS groups | Developer Contributions agreement through FIRS groups | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FIRS group in Shire at advanced stage of identifying contributions required as a result of new development • Draft action programme to be published July '10 with focus on delivery • FIRS group in City progressing with identification of sites and contributions required. • Cross-boundary infrastructure (education, transport, water) under discussion to inform both LDPs |
| | | 2011 - Requirements and mechanisms established through Future Infrastructure Groups | Partners - HfS/ GHBC / Developers | | |

Note 1: Shire LDP to be reported to Full Council on 24 June. Proposed LDP and Action programme to be published in July with 12 week period for representations.

Note 2: City LDP to be reported to Full Council 18 August. Proposed LDP and Action Programme to be published in September with 12 week period for representations.

¹ Please note, the role of partners may change throughout any given project

² Infrastructure providers can include council services, transportation, telecommunications, energy, water and waste-water

³ Details taken from Transport Scotland projects website

Appendix 2: NPF2 ACTION PROGRAMME (NAMED ACTIONS)

| Ref | Action | Milestones | Lead Partner(s) / Delivery bodies | Current Progress | Future Plans |
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| NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS | | | | | |
| 6 | Deliver enhanced facilities at Aberdeen Airport and supporting improvements in surface transport and other infrastructure. | <p>2009 onwards - Reflect policy objectives of Air Transport White Paper and airport masterplan in development plans and associated action programmes, regional transport strategy and development management decisions. Consider need for further environmental assessment, appropriate assessment and detailed scheme level mitigation including design, protection of biodiversity, measures to reduce effects on health, air quality, noise, water, soils, landscape and cultural heritage and long term assessment of carbon impacts. Work with air transport operators to minimise emissions by deploying operational and technological measures.</p> <p>2009 onwards – Submission of planning application(s) for airport enhancements not subject to Permitted Development rights (as indicated within airport masterplan.)</p> | <p>Airport Operator: North East Scotland Transport Partnership (Nestrans), Aberdeen City Council, Aberdeenshire Council, Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Planning Authority (ACSSDPA), business groups, environmental and transport groups, community groups, Scottish Government - Transport Directorate.</p> | <p>The Structure plan promotes the Implementation of the Aberdeen airport master plan. The airport enhancements are included as a proposal in the Structure Plan, and are key to the improvement Aberdeen City and Shire's connectivity.</p> <p>The SDPA and Nestrans have been invited to join the Aberdeen Airport Masterplan steering group, comprising of airport representatives and key stakeholders.</p> <p><i>Nestrans continues to work through the Airport Business Development Forum to support the important role of the airport in the North East.</i></p> <p><i>In December 2008, Nestrans launched the Service 80 Dyce Shuttle bus which connects Dyce rail station with the airport terminal.</i></p> | <p>The SDPA and Nestrans will engage with the Aberdeen Airport Masterplan steering group in the review and implementation of the masterplan.</p> <p>The Regional Transport Strategy supports plans to extend the runway at Aberdeen Airport. In addition, Nestrans will continue to explore the most appropriate means for ensuring routes which are critical to the economic and social well-being of the north east are retained.</p> <p><i>Nestrans and partners to implement Bus Action Plan actions to improve public transport including fares, ticketing, information provision and bus priority. Improvements in access to the airport will be incorporated in such measures.</i></p> |
| | UPDATE | <p>Two meetings of the Aberdeen Airport Masterplan Steering Group have taken place in August 2009 and May 2010, with the SDPA and Nestrans being represented at both. A revised masterplan is being prepared by BAA and it is anticipated that this will be subject to consultation later in 2010.</p> <p>Enhanced parking arrangements were opened in September 2009 and improved cycling facilities and motorcycling facilities have recently been implemented with financial support from Nestrans. Enhancements to the road network were identified in a joint Nestrans/BAA study and Aberdeen City Council implemented traffic management changes identified through that report. The Airport are currently promoting an order for a bus/taxi lane to facilitate easier public transport egress from the airport identified in the report. This is likely to be implemented in late summer 2010.</p> <p>The Nestrans/BAA supported Dyce shuttle bus continues to attract growing numbers of passengers. A ScotRail commissioned study to investigate opportunities for the further development of Dyce station is currently underway.</p> | | | |

Appendix 2: NPF2 ACTION PROGRAMME (NAMED ACTIONS)

| Ref | Action | Milestones | Lead Partner(s) / Delivery bodies | Current Progress | Future Plans |
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| 13 | Provide for new non-nuclear baseload capacity at other existing power station sites (Boddam). | <p>2009 onwards – Land to be allocated in development plans to allow implementation to proceed. Consider the need for further environmental assessment and appropriate assessment at a more detailed plan or project level to define scheme level mitigation measures to protect water resources, encourage high quality design, minimise effects on soils and cultural heritage, to take forward sustainable ash management and to mitigate the potential impacts of carbon capture infrastructure associated with the power station.</p> <p>2009 - Selection of relevant technology & submission of application(s).</p> <p>2010 - Detailed technical design.</p> <p>2011 to 2015 - Implementation and commissioning of replacement / refurbished plant.</p> | <p><u>Fife Council, East Lothian Council, South East Scotland Strategic Development Plan Authority (SESplan), Aberdeenshire Council; Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Planning Authority (ACSSDPA),</u> Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH). Scottish Government - Business, Enterprise and Energy Directorate.</p> | The Structure plan promotes the upgrade of the Boddam power station | Engage with the owners of Boddam Power Station (Scottish and Southern Energy) and other delivery bodies in the development of proposals for the upgrade of capacity at the Peterhead site. |
| | UPDATE | Engagement with Scottish and Southern Energy has not revealed any plans for the future development of the power station at Boddam. However, engagement will continue on this issue. | | | |

Appendix 2: NPF2 ACTION PROGRAMME (NAMED ACTIONS)

| Ref | Action | Milestones | <u>Lead Partner(s) / Delivery bodies</u> | Current Progress | Future Plans |
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| 17 | Upgrade the East Coast electricity transmission line to 400kV. | Post 2009 - Planning and delivery of reinforcements including environmental assessment and appropriate assessment to define mitigation and compensation measures to protect Natura 2000 sites, biodiversity, including siting and design, minimise effects on communities, the historic environment, landscapes, soil, water and an assessment of carbon impacts. | <u>Transmission system operators; Scottish Government – Scottish Government - Business, Enterprise and Energy Directorate</u> , Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Ltd (SHETL), Scottish Power Transmission (SPT), Ofgem, Aberdeen City Council, Aberdeenshire Council, Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Planning Authority, Dundee City Council, Fife Council, Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH). | The Structure plan promotes the upgrade of the East Coast transmission route which will help to facilitate new sources of renewable energy to be developed. | Engage with partners to both plan and deliver electricity transmission reinforcements. |
| | UPDATE | Two meetings have been held with Scottish and Southern Energy and one with the Scottish Government (Business, Enterprise and Energy Directorate). A briefing paper has been prepared to facilitate the understanding of the issues raised by the development for Development Management in Aberdeenshire. A response was also made to the environmental assessment scoping report (April 2010). Representation is proposed to the TAYplan MIR to encourage a positive perspective on the development. | | | |

Appendix 2: NPF2 ACTION PROGRAMME (NAMED ACTIONS)

| Ref | Action | Milestones | Lead Partner(s) / Delivery bodies | Current Progress | Future Plans |
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| ACTIONS FOR THE EAST COAST | | | | | |
| 58 | Strengthen East Coast Corridor connectivity and collaboration. | 2009-2012 – Engagement between delivery bodies to realise vision in the preparation of strategic development plans for the Aberdeen, Dundee and Edinburgh City Regions, local development plans and associated action programmes, partners plans and programmes and in the consideration of planning applications. | North East Scotland Transport Partnership (Nestrans), South - East Scotland Transport Partnership (Sestrans), Network Rail, Aberdeenshire Council, Aberdeen City Council, Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Planning Authority (ACSSDPA), Angus Council, City of Edinburgh Council, Dundee City Council, Fife Council, SESplan, Perth Council, Stirling Council, North East Assembly, Northumberland County Council, Scottish Borders Council, Transport Scotland. | <p>The strategies from the NPF2 and other documents such as the Strategic Transport Projects Review underpin the Aberdeen City and Shire Structure Plan and so place an emphasis on strengthening the connectivity and collaboration along the northeast corridor.</p> <p>A key element of the Regional Transport Strategy is to work with the rail industry, Transport Scotland and others to promote and support measures to cut journey times, including addressing pinch points in Angus and Fife and at Edinburgh Waverley and Glasgow Queen Street Stations. Some of this is addressed in the Strategic Projects Review and some improvements made to journey times to Edinburgh have already been delivered.</p> | <p>Continue to work with partners to strengthen and sustain the Northeast's connectivity. Development of a Strategic development plan for the city region, building on the engagement and partnership working carried out in the preparation of the structure plan.</p> <p><i>Nestrans will continue to work with key stakeholders to promote improvements to the east coast rail line.</i></p> |
| | UPDATE | The SDPA and Nestrans raised issues of East Coast Corridor connectivity at a cross-boundary meeting with TAYplan in late 2009 and also propose responding to the TAYplan MIR to the same effect. Issues relating to improved access on the east coast corridor, including improved transport around Dundee and improved rail corridor are included in STPR. | | | |

Appendix 2: NPF2 ACTION PROGRAMME (NAMED ACTIONS)

| Ref | Action | Milestones | <u>Lead Partner(s) / Delivery bodies</u> | Current Progress | Future Plans |
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| 59 | Strengthen the role of Aberdeen City and Shire as Scotland's Northern Gateway and sustain vibrant economic growth. | 2009-2015 – Reflect Aberdeen City and Shire Economic Forum (ACSEF) Action Plan 'Delivering the Vision for 2025' and the objectives of the regional transport strategy in the preparation of development plans and associated action programmes, masterplans, development briefs and development management decisions. Consider the need for environmental assessment, appropriate assessment and detailed scheme level mitigation at plan or project level. | <u>ACSEF; Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Planning Authority; Aberdeenshire Council; Aberdeen City Council;</u> Scottish Enterprise, Airport operator, Port operators, Rail operators, North East Scotland Transport Partnership (Nestrans), Scottish Enterprise. | The structure plan was influenced by regional strategies and plans, including the North East Scotland Transport Partnership's (Nestrans) Regional Transport Strategy and Aberdeen City and Shire Economic Future's Economic Manifesto. Delivery of ACSEF's vision is integrated into the structure plan. <i>Nestrans are a key stakeholder in the development of both Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Council's new Local Development Plans. Nestrans are also taking the lead in ensuring that the regional transport impacts of the proposed scale of development are fully assessed and taken into account.</i> | Continue to work with partners to strengthen and sustain Aberdeen City and Shire's role as Scotland's Northern Gateway. Continued dialogue in the integration of partners objectives into action programmes, master plans and future development plans. Statutory timescales would indicate that it should be possible to integrate the preparation of the area's first strategic development plan and the next regional transport strategy. This will be worked up in more detail by March 2010. |
| | UPDATE | The structure plan was approved by Scottish Ministers in August 2009 and this was widely welcomed by the business community. Nestrans continues to work with port and airport operators to promote the opportunities for direct links to/from the region. In particular, Aberdeen Airport is actively promoting opportunities for further direct flight links to key destinations in the UK, Scandinavia and continental Europe. | | | |

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

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| 3 | Develop High Speed Rail Link to London. | 2009-2012 - Discussions between Scottish Government with the UK Government on the development of a high speed link to reduce journey times between Central Scotland and London to under 3 hours and provide direct services to the Continent. Requirement for identification of route options, environmental assessment, appropriate assessment, and a supporting business case. | <u>Transport Scotland; High Speed 2; Regional Transport Authorities; Department for Transport (DfT).</u> | Nestrans are representing the interests of the North East on the High Speed Rail Stakeholders Group. | Nestrans aim is to ensure that as part of any High Speed Rail link to Scotland, that rail connections from the North East to the central belt are enhanced to allow improved connections to a HSR route and that airport landing slots in London are maintained for Aberdeen flights - air travel to London will remain vital, particularly for businesses in the North East. |
| | UPDATE | <p>Nestrans represents interest outwith the Central Belt on the Scottish Group promoting High Speed Rail to Scotland. The group has emphasised the importance of HSR to Scotland, but also the important contribution that Scotland makes to making the business case for HSR.</p> <p>Nestrans has also emphasised the importance of connectivity within Scotland to ensure that the whole country can benefit from investment in HSR and made the links to other aspects of national planning, including the potential for reducing short-haul domestic flights from areas such as Manchester and central Scotland with the potential that this provides for available slots at Heathrow then being made available for priority destinations within the UK such as Aberdeen, Inverness and Belfast which will not have competitively-timed alternatives through HSR.</p> <p>Nestrans Board will consider a paper on its future policy relating to HSR and links to Heathrow at its meeting on 16 June, now that the coalition Government has made policy statements on these issues.</p> | | | |

NATIONAL ACTIONS

Development Planning

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| 7 | <p>Development Plans to take NPF2 into account.</p> | <p>2009 onwards – Development plans to reflect NPF2 Strategy and National Developments and take forward the mitigation and compensation measures identified in the NPF2 Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and NPF2 Appropriate Assessment.</p> <p>2009 onwards – Lead partners and delivery bodies to work in partnership to deliver Planning Reform in accordance with Service Delivery Plans.</p> | <p><u>Planning Authorities;</u> <u>Strategic Development Planning Authorities,</u> Key Agencies – Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA), Scottish Water, Scottish Enterprise, Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE), Regional Transport Partnerships, Crofters Commission, Health Boards, Historic Scotland, Transport Scotland, The Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS), Community Councils, neighbouring planning authorities, Scottish Government – Directorate for the Built Environment.</p> | <p>There is great synergy between the NPF2 and the Structure plan, both in the key strategy and in the inclusion and promotion of the national developments.</p> <p>The NPF2 has been a central framework in the development of the structure plan.</p> | <p>Continue to work with partners in the integration and implementation of NPF2, the Aberdeen City and Shire Structure Plan and in the future development of a strategic development plan.</p> <p>Both Nestrans and the SDPA will take account of NPF2 and emerging thinking about NPF3 in the preparation of the next regional transport strategy and the first strategic development plan.</p> |
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| 8 | Promote the development of a sub-sea electricity transmission super grid. | <p>Post 2009 – Feasibility studies.</p> <p>2009 – 2012 Liaison between Scottish, Norwegian, Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland Assembly Governments to investigate potential for developing sub-sea super grid to harness marine energy resources and transmit the electricity generated to major continental European markets.</p> <p>Post 2012 – Further assessment in NPF3.</p> | <p><u>Scottish Government - Business, Enterprise and Energy Directorate.</u> Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland Assembly, Norwegian Government, the European Commission, Crown Estate, Local Authorities, Scottish Enterprise, Scottish Enterprise Highlands and Islands (HIE), Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) , Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), Planning Authorities, Strategic Development Planning Authorities.</p> | <p>The Structure Plan highlights the potential of a subsea energy network off the east coast, as promoted in the NPF2.</p> | <p>To work with all partners to discuss and promote a sub-sea electricity super grid.</p> |
| | UPDATE | <p>Preliminary discussions have taken place with electricity network providers over the potential onshore implications of a subsea grid. This has focused in particular on the potential role of Peterhead given existing proposals to provide a sub-sea HVDC (High Voltage Direct Current) link south from Peterhead to 'Hawthorn Pit' in England (south of Sunderland). These will be progressed over the coming months to inform the preparation of the strategic development plan.</p> | | | |

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| 9 | <p>Promote decentralised energy production, develop local heat networks, combined heat and power and micro-generation.</p> | <p>Pre 2011 – Encourage a mix of renewable and clean energy technologies, harness renewable sources of heat, promote decentralised energy production, including local heat and power schemes and micro-generation, and improve energy efficiency. Reflects Scottish Planning Policy on Renewable Energy Development and Opencast Coal in new development plans and associated action programmes, supplementary planning guidance, and consider the need for environmental assessment, appropriate assessment and detailed scheme level mitigation at plan or project level.</p> | <p><u>Planning Authorities;</u> <u>Strategic Development Planning Authorities,</u> Transmission system owners and operators, Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), Industry Stakeholders, Scottish Government - Business, Enterprise and Energy Directorate,</p> | <p>The structure plan promotes the development both renewable and efficient energy usage such as combined heat and power schemes. This will be achieved through local development plans, master planning and supplementary guidance.</p> | <p>Engage with lead partners and delivery bodies in the development of local development plans, master planning and supplementary guidance.</p> |
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Water and drainage

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| 10 | Deliver improvements to water and drainage infrastructure to meet strategic development needs. | 2009 onwards – Liaison by delivery partners and Scottish Water to align long term investment in water and drainage infrastructure in accordance with Scottish Water’s quality investment programme, the spatial priorities identified in this Framework and the development priorities identified in development plans. Consider the need for environmental assessment, appropriate assessment and detailed scheme level mitigation at plan or project level. | Scottish Water: Planning Authorities, Strategic Development Planning Authorities, Scottish Enterprise, Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), Drinking Water Quality Regulator for Scotland. | The structure plan promotes the delivery of improvements to drainage infrastructure | Liaison with the partners to ensure the future water and drainage needs for strategic growth are achieved. |
| | UPDATE | The SDPA have been involved in discussion with Scottish Water over improvement to water and drainage infrastructure and the need to overcome the piecemeal approach inherent in its investment criteria. The SDPA has also facilitated an increased understanding of the operation of the networks by the two councils. | | | |

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| 11 | <p>Deliver sustainable water management supporting diverse industries to flourish whilst recognising the need to protect and improve the water environment.</p> | <p>2009 - Strengthen the links between land use planning and river basin management planning to ensure implementation of the requirements of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) with regular liaison between delivery partners.</p> <p>2009 - Scottish River Basin Management Plans (RBMPs) in development plans and Supplementary Planning Guidance</p> | <p><u>Scottish Government-Environmental Quality Directorate; Planning Authorities; Strategic Development Planning Authorities, Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), Scottish Water.</u></p> | <p>The structure plan promotes the delivery of sustainable water management through key targets for water extraction and water saving. The plan emphasises the importance of sustainable use of water.</p> | <p>Liaison with the partners will be required improve the links between river basin management and land use planning.</p> <p>Monitoring water taken from the River Dee by Scottish Water.</p> |
| | <p>UPDATE</p> | <p>A position paper is nearing completion which has been prepared with assistance from SEPA, SNH and Scottish Water. The purpose of the paper is to clarify issues around the availability of water to serve new development, particularly those areas served by the River Dee. Both councils have been involved in these meetings. Issues of water efficiency are still to be progressed further. The extraction of water from the River Dee was reported in the Baseline Monitoring Report.</p> | | | |

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| 12 | Deliver Sustainable Flood Management. | <p>2009 onwards – Flooding Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 to create a framework for a strategic approach to flood risk management in Scotland and streamline the planning and flood risk management statutory processes. Have regard to flood risk management plans to be prepared at national (by Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)) and local (by local authorities) levels in partnership with other stakeholders. Management of flood risk will be based on improved risk assessments.</p> <p>Ongoing – Liaison between land use planning and flood risk management planning to ensure implementation of new flooding legislation taking account of long term climate change predictions impacts and associated requirements for adaptation.</p> | <p><u>Scottish Government- Environmental Quality Directorate; Planning Authorities; Strategic Development Planning Authorities, Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), Scottish Water.</u></p> | <p>The structure plan highlights the potential problems relating to flood risk, and sets the strategic framework to deliver sustainable flood management.</p> | <p>To work with all partners to promote sustainable flood management.</p> <p>Monitoring development built on land which is at an unacceptable risk of flooding.</p> |
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| 13 | Develop, Design and Deliver recommendations of the Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR) for the 20 years post 2012. | <p>Post 2009 – Continue to develop, design and deliver projects.</p> <p>Post 2012 – 2022 - Develop, Design, Deliver Strategic Transport Projects in line with the recommendations from the Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR), taking forward the mitigation measures identified within its Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment. Continue to invest in the national strategic transport networks to support sustainable economic growth.</p> | Transport Scotland, Planning Authorities, Strategic Development Planning Authorities, Regional Transport Partnerships. | <p>The regional strategies and plans such as, the North East Scotland Transport Partnership’s (Nestrans) Regional Transport Strategy and the STPR have a key influence on structure plan.</p> <p><i>The projects relevant to the North East that are contained within the STPR are aligned with the objectives of the Regional Transport Strategy. Discussions have been initiated with Transport Scotland on how these projects can be progressed.</i></p> | <i>To work with all partners on the development, design and deliver recommendations of the Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR)</i> |
| | UPDATE | Nestrans and partners have met with the relevant officers with Transport Scotland on a number of occasions to offer to help advance the STPR projects within the north east. In particular, the strategic Park & Ride sites are being taken forward with a planning application submitted for the A96 site and design being progressed for the A90 (south) site. Aberdeen-Inverness rail study is underway by Network Rail and will also give consideration to issues relating to Inveramsay Bridge. Again, Nestrans has offered any support required to progress these issues. | | | |
| 14 | Electrification of the Rail Network Programme. | <i>2009-2016 – Work towards creating an electrified rail network across Scotland to reduce journey times, operating costs and emissions in line with Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR) Project 6.</i> | Transport Scotland; Network Rail, Regional Transport Partnerships. | The structure plan’s proposals include rail improvements to make environmentally friendly forms of transport more attractive, including reducing journey times to Edinburgh, Glasgow and beyond. | <i>Nestrans to continue to work with the rail industry, Transport Scotland and others to promote and support measures to cut journey times, operating costs and emissions and also to improve reliability and reduce overcrowding of rail services.</i> |
| | UPDATE | In February 2010, Nestrans produced a First Discussion Draft of a Rail Action Plan for the north east. Long term electrification of the network to the north east (and possibly between Aberdeen and Inverness) are included as aspiration in that document. | | | |

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| 37 | Promote active travel. | 2009 – 2012 – Work in partnership to promote active travel, including improving cycling and walking opportunities and the completion of a national cycle network well connected to local neighbourhood networks in the preparation of development plans, associated action programmes and development management decisions, and consider the need for environmental assessment, appropriate assessment and detailed scheme level mitigation at plan or project level. | Sustrans; Planning Authorities, Strategic Development Planning Authorities, developers, communities, landowners, Scottish Government. | The structure plan emphasises and promotes active travel. A key aim of the plan in support of the vision is to 'make the most efficient use of the transport network, reducing the need for people to travel and making sure that walking, cycling and public transport are attractive choices'. <i>To achieve increased use of active travel is a key objective of the Regional Transport Strategy and much work has already been done in this area, including establishing the Getabout brand.</i> | Working with partners to further promote and provide the opportunity for active travel. |
| UPDATE | | Nestrans and partners continue to work cooperatively through the Getabout brand and have undertaken a number of high profile activities and events during the past year. | | | |
| 38 | Investigate potential for a National Coastal Trail as Scotland's contribution to Europe's North Sea Trail. | 2009 onwards - Work towards the creation of a long-distance coastal footpath linked to heritage features and businesses in the preparation of development plans and development management decisions and consider the need for environmental assessment, integrated approach to appropriate assessment and detailed scheme level mitigation at plan or project level. | <u>Planning Authorities;</u> <u>Strategic Development Planning Authorities</u> | Aberdeenshire Council were the lead partner in the North Sea Trail project leading to a waymarked path system covering 91km of the coastline. | This issue will be considered in the context of the preparation of the first strategic development plan. |
| UPDATE | | Both Aberdeen City Council and Aberdeenshire Council are developing Core Paths Plans and have recognised the importance of coastal links within these plans. | | | |

Housing

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| 39 | Deliver growth in the long term supply of homes and improve affordability. | 2009 onwards – Deliver in line with Government’s planning policy for housing through the preparation of development plans, Local Housing Strategies, Strategic Housing Investment Plans, masterplans, development briefs and development management decisions and consider the need for environmental assessment, appropriate assessment and detailed scheme level mitigation at plan or project level. | <u>Planning Authorities; Strategic Development Planning Authorities;</u> Scottish Government Housing and Regeneration Directorate, Directorate for the Built Environment, utility companies, developers, Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (CoSLA). | The structure plan promotes a long term strategic supply of housing across the plan area (outlined in schedule 1). Providing affordable housing is also critical to delivering sustainable mixed communities objective in the plan. The first phase of the Housing Need and Demand Assessment (HNDA) has been carried out. | Engagement with partners to deliver the government’s planning policy. Working with partners to complete the HNDA. Monitoring of the HNDA and housing land audit. |
| | UPDATE | A draft HNDA was submitted to the Centre for Housing Market Analysis on 30 April 2010 for appraisal. The SDPA submitted the document on behalf of the two councils and the Strategic Housing Market Partnership. The SDPA played a key role in preparing the draft assessment for submission, alongside housing and planning officers from both councils. | | | |
| 40 | Create Sustainable Communities. | 2009-2011 – Targeted support for the 11 exemplar projects and general support available to everyone participating in Scottish Sustainable Communities Initiative (SSCI), and monitor and review the impact of the support put in place. Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of individual plans as required. | <u>Scottish Government Directorate for the Built Environment; Scottish Government Housing and Regeneration Directorate; Planning Authorities; Strategic Development Planning Authorities,</u> landowners, developers, communities, Architecture and Design Scotland (A&DS), Sust. the Lighthouse. | The structure plan promotes the creation of sustainable mixed communities. | Working with partners to support Scottish Sustainable Communities Initiative proposals, and the creation of sustainable communities in general. |
| | UPDATE | The SDPA facilitated awareness raising about the National Charrette which took place in Aberdeen in late March 2010, contributing during the event and subsequently. | | | |

Forestry Strategy

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| 41 | Deliver Scottish Forest Strategy. | 2009 – 2012 – Inclusion of Scottish Forest Strategy (SFS) aims to expand woodland cover in development plans and sustainable management of proposals for national level expansion of woodland cover to mitigate any potential effects on other environmental resources and sensitivities, as identified within the SFS Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). | Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS) , Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), Forest Research, Central Scotland Green Network partners, Local Authority partnerships, Planning Authorities, Strategic Development Planning Authorities, Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA), Central Scotland Forest Trust, Green Network Partnerships, Scottish Government – Rural Payments and Inspections Directorate, Climate Change Network Directorate for the Built Environment. | The structure plan places a strong emphasis on adaptation and mitigation to climate change. Expanding woodland cover could be an element to achieving this. | This issue will be considered in the context of the preparation of the first strategic development plan. |
| UPDATE | None | | | | |

National Ecological Network

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| 42 | <p>Develop a National Ecological Network potentially encompassing large strategic habitat restoration projects.</p> | <p>Pre 2010 - Ecological network modelling to be developed and disseminated, to include the development and testing of a land-use decision support toolbox.</p> <p>Pre 2010 - Assessment of habitat fragmentation and landscape permeability for selected key designated locations, to identify concrete, cost-effective and appropriate measures to reduce fragmentation. Links to be strengthened with River Basin Management Planning and Regional Assessment Proposal Committee (RPAC) priorities to facilitate dissemination of findings.</p> <p>Pre 2011- Development of an accessible, quality assured web-based data portal for ecological modelling, to facilitate consistent modelling and joined-up planning decisions</p> <p>Pre 2011 - Inclusion of National Ecological network considerations in relevant development plans and associated action programmes, potentially encompassing large strategic habitat restoration projects.</p> | <p><u>Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH)</u>; Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS), Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), Forest Research, Central Scotland Green Network partners, Local Authority partnerships, Planning Authorities, Strategic Development Planning Authorities, Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA), Scottish Water, British Waterways, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), Central Scotland Forest Trust, Green Network Partnerships, Scottish Government-Environmental Quality Directorate, Rural Directorate, Rural Payments and Inspections Directorate, Climate Change Network, Directorate for the Built Environment.</p> | None to date by the SDPA. | This issue will be considered in the context of the preparation of the first strategic development plan. |
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| | | Pre 2011 - Local actions such as projects with potential to encompass large strategic habitat restoration to be taken forward through development plans, associated Action Programmes, supplementary planning guidance and partnership agreements. Consider the need for environmental assessment, appropriate assessment and detailed scheme level mitigation at plan or project level. | | | |
| | UPDATE | None | | | |

Climate Change

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| 43 | <p>Implement Scottish Government's policy commitments on Climate Change.</p> | <p>2009 onwards - Reflect the Scottish Government's Climate Change targets, Climate Change Adaptation Framework and Energy Efficiency Action Plan in the preparation of development plans, associated action programmes, supplementary planning guidance and in development management application decisions.</p> | <p><u>Scottish Government- Climate Change Directorate; Planning Authorities; Strategic Development Planning Authorities;</u> Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) , Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), non-governmental organisations, business and industry, the public sector, communities, and academic / research sector.</p> | <p>Climate change is a main aim of the structure plan and the strategy outlined within the document clearly reflects and in many cases exceeds the targets outlined by the government.</p> | <p>Work with partners in the implementation of climate change commitments through future development plans, action programmes and decisions.</p> |
| <p>UPDATE</p> | <p>The SDPA was invited to sit on a Scottish Government steering group looking at the development of a tool to assess the greenhouse gas impacts of spatial planning policy. The first meeting took place in May 2010, with further meetings programmed to the end of 2010.</p> <p>The SDPA is also facilitating work being carried out on behalf of Scottish Enterprise to prepare greenhouse gas reduction scenarios for the area. This is being taken forward by the North East Climate Change Partnership.</p> <p>Both of these pieces of work will help inform the strategic development plan.</p> <p>Nestrans and Aberdeen City Council are partners in CARE North, a European project aimed at reducing carbon emissions from traffic and improving air quality in Aberdeen City Centre.</p> | | | | |

Air Quality

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| 44 | Improve Air Quality. | <p>Reflect the objectives set out in the Air Quality Strategy and the Limit Values set out in the EU Directive 2008/50/EC on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe in the preparation of development plans.</p> | <p><u>Scottish Government- Environmental Quality Directorate;</u> Planning Authorities, Strategic Development Planning Authorities, Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), Health and Safety Executive (HSE).</p> | <p>The structure plan promotes a sustainable transport strategy that aims to ensure new development contributes towards reducing travel and encourages sustainable transport options.</p> <p>A more sustainable pattern of transport has a wide range of benefits such as improving accessibility, air quality and provides wider transport benefits.</p> <p><i>Achieving increased use of active travel and improved air quality as part of wider strategies to improve health of north east residents is a key objective of the Regional Transport Strategy. Many of the actions being delivered through the RTS are aimed at reducing car trips and congestion and improving air quality.</i></p> | <p><i>Nestrans will be working in partnership with Aberdeen City Council to implement measures to improve air quality in the Air Quality Management Areas that have been designated.</i></p> |
| | UPDATE | Aberdeen City Council's Air Quality Management Plan is being revised with input from Nestrans and other partners. | | | |

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| 45 | Implement Noise Action Plans. | Reflect the objectives of Noise Action Plans required under the terms of EU Directive 2002/49/EC relating to the assessment and management of environmental noise in the preparation of development plans and associated action programmes, supplementary planning guidance (SPG) and development management application decisions. | <u>Scottish Government – Environmental Quality Directorate; Strategic Development Planning Authorities; Planning Authorities.</u> | None to date by the SDPA. | This issue will be considered in the context of the preparation of the first strategic development plan. |
| | UPDATE | None | | | |

Waste Management Infrastructure

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| 46 | <p>Develop network of waste management installations for managing and recycling of waste.</p> | <p>2009 onwards - Development plans to identify locations for the network of waste management installations identified in the National Waste Management Plan.</p> <p>2009 onwards – Reflect Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)'s Thermal Treatment of Waste Guidelines 2009 in determining applications for the next generation of thermal treatment facilities in Scotland to support Government policy on need for energy from waste plants to have high efficiency levels.</p> <p>2009 – Consultation on a new National Waste Management Plan. This will address the need for a network of waste management installations, treating both municipal waste and commercial and industrial waste, to enable EU and domestic waste targets to be met, in line with the Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) and Government objectives on Zero Waste, waste prevention, recycling and composting, energy from waste and heat.</p> <p>2009 - Consider, with CoSLA, the scope for obtaining data on the number of planning applications for waste management infrastructure and on the outcome of such applications. ...⇒</p> | <p><u>Scottish Government;</u> Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), the Scottish Environmental Services Association, Planning Authorities, Strategic Development Planning Authorities, Forum for Renewable Energy Development in Scotland (FREDS), Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (CoSLA), developers, site operators.</p> | <p>The structure plan identifies the need for the development of a waste management solution for the region. It identifies that the two councils should work together to identify and put in place appropriate residual waste management solutions.</p> <p>The draft National Waste Management plan was published on 20 August 2009, a response to this consultation will be made by the SDPA.</p> | <p>Prepare strategic supplementary planning guidance to provide a context for making decisions on future planning applications for waste-management facilities which are regionally significant.</p> <p>This issue will be considered in the context of the preparation of the first strategic development plan.</p> |
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| | | <p>2009 - Consider the scope for exempting small-scale waste management infrastructure from the planning regime.</p> <p>2010 - Publish new National Waste Management Plan. This will include further information on the amount of commercial and industrial waste produced in Scotland, its composition, the scope for further minimisation of this waste, and the treatment capacity that will be needed, at both regional and national levels, for commercial and industrial waste.</p> | | | |
| | UPDATE | Preliminary work has been carried out with partners to scope a framework for the Strategic Supplementary Planning Guidance. | | | |

NOTE: The full NPF2 Action Programme can be found at:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/planning/National-Planning-Policy/npf/action-plan>