

ABERDEEN CITY AND SHIRE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 20th MARCH, 2008.

Present:- Representing Aberdeen City Council:- Councillor Cassie (Chair); and Councillors Cormie, Hunter, Jaffrey and Milne.

Representing Aberdeenshire Council:- Councillors Argyle, Cox, Humphrey, Merson, Pratt and Storr.

PROVISIONAL DRAFT STRUCTURE PLAN - SIGNING-OFF

1. The Committee had before it an agenda note explaining that the Head of Planning and Infrastructure, Aberdeen City Council, and the Director of Planning and Environmental Services, Aberdeenshire Council, were recommending that authority be given to sign-off a provisional draft Structure Plan, which would not be available until the end of March, purely for the purpose of consultation with the two Councils. Such a move was required to ensure that a co-ordinated approach was taken before this Joint Committee considered a draft Structure Plan in May with a view to undertaking full public consultation thereafter.

The Committee agreed:-

to authorise the Head of Planning and Infrastructure, Aberdeen City Council, and the Director of Planning and Environmental Services, Aberdeenshire Council, in consultation with the Joint Chairs, to sign-off the provisional draft Structure Plan to allow consultation with both Councils to be undertaken.

MATTER OF URGENCY

The Chair intimated that he had directed in terms of Section 50(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that the Committee consider authorising member involvement in interviews for the Strategic Development Plan Team as a matter of urgency as interviews for the posts would be undertaken in the near future.

STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN TEAM MANAGER INTERVIEWS - MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

2. The Director of Planning and Environmental Services, Aberdeenshire Council, explained that interviews would be held in the near future to fill the post of Manager of the new Strategic Development Plan and that, in view of its significance, consideration be given to involving the Joint Chairs in the process.

The Committee agreed:-

that the Joint Chairs participate on the interview panel for the post of Strategic Development Plan Manager.

STRUCTURE PLAN TEAM - WELCOME

3. Mr. Seamus Lalor, Interim Manager, and Mr. Bruce Strachan, Planner, both in the new Strategic Development Team, were introduced to Members.

The Committee agreed:-

to welcome the two officers to the Team.

- SCOTT CASSIE, Chair