

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

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Title: Action Programme Exception Report

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Strategic Development Planning Authority (SDPA) with an exception report on the structure plan action programme.

2. Background

2.1 The action programme was agreed by the SDPA in December 2009. A full update was provided to the meeting of 18 June 2010 where it was resolved that in future, at least two reports should be received every year, but that one of these should be an exception report.

2.2 This exception report outlines some of the key areas where progress is being made and where the SDPA, as lead partner, is driving projects forward. However, its main focus is to highlight where progress has not been made, or is slower than intended.

3 Structure Plan Action Programme

3.1 One of the main means of implementation of the structure plan is through the local development plans (LDPs) being prepared by each council. These have both reached important stages with publication of the Proposed Plan and are currently on target for adoption as set down in their development plan schemes. Progress with the LDPs account for many of the spatial strategy and policy-based targets in the structure plan.

3.2 Officers are satisfied with progress on a number of key projects where the SDPA has been identified as having a lead role to play. Amongst these are on the issues of water abstraction (Action 14) and working with Nestrans on putting the plan into practice (37). Contributions have also been made to discussions on many topics, including provision of the region's electricity needs from renewable sources (13) and phasing of infrastructure and development in the A90(S) corridor (59).

3.3 Some areas where little progress has been made, or has been made slower than expected, have been highlighted to the SDPA previously. For several of these, whilst the proposal itself has not been delivered, progress measured against the identified milestones has been made (e.g. Airport Masterplan, Energetica or Peterhead Power Station upgrade).

3.4 The list below identifies those actions where progress against identified milestones has not been as anticipated and these are explained more fully in Appendix 1:

- Water-saving technology (15)
- Waste SPG (18)
- % reduction in car journeys (38)
- AWPR (40)
- Balmedie to Tipperty (41)
- Haudagain roundabout (42)
- Park & Ride sites (44)
- Developer contributions (60)

3.5 In terms of action on these targets, the SDPA will continue to engage with the likes of Scottish Water, Transport Scotland and Nestrans to offer as much encouragement, support and information as possible. Discussions with British Airport Authority, Scottish Enterprise and Scottish and Southern Energy will also continue, whilst recognising financial and other resource issues they may face.

3.6 Where the SDPA remains the lead partner or has a supporting role to a council service, concerted action will be taken to drive forward targets where it is known progress continues to be a priority.

4 Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5 Recommendations

5.1 It is recommended that the SDPA:

- a) note the content of this report; and
- b) consider the exceptions highlighted in Appendix 1 and approve the next steps in progressing the implementation of the structure plan.

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