

Appendix 1: ACTION PROGRAMME UPDATE 2011 Q.2

Ref. No.	Target	Action / Proposal	Milestones	Lead / Partners ¹	Deliverables/Products	Update
SPATIAL STRATEGY						
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.	<p>2010 - Determination of planning applications. Publication of Shire Proposed Plan (July) and City Proposed Plan (September).</p> <p>2011 - Determination of planning applications. Examination of LDPs as move toward adoption.</p> <p>2012 - Determination of planning applications. Adoption of LDPs.</p>	<p>Lead - City & Shire Development Management</p> <p>Partners - SDPA team / City and Shire Development Planning / developers</p>	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 • Development Management Protocol in operation allowing the SDPA to be consulted, or ask for an opportunity to comment, on appropriate proposals
OBJECTIVES						
ECONOMIC GROWTH						
Z	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>	<p>Updated 2004 Study if required and an appropriate framework for the development of the city centre.</p> <p>Implementation of key projects in city centre.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Business Improvement District (BID) Manager, City Centre Manager and consultants on retail study (Jan 2011) • Response to draft retail study (March 2011) • City Centre Development Framework Supplementary Guidance being finalised for approval. • Update of information in baseline monitoring report
SUSTAINABLE MIXED COMMUNITIES						
27	To increase the range and quality of housing and the residential environment in the 'regeneration priority areas'.		<p>2010 - Publication of Shire Proposed Plan (July) and City Proposed Plan (September). Adoption of Shire Regeneration Framework (late 2010).</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 / Developers</p> <p>Partners - SDPA team / City & Shire Regeneration / Housing / RSLs</p>	<p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note 1 • Note 2 • Aberdeenshire Framework for Regeneration approved in August '10 • Aberdeen City considering establishment of a Housing Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) to assist regeneration opportunities

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. 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 • Recognition for Scotia development at Glenside, Rothienorman. Overall winner at Scottish awards for quality in planning 2011 • Work is continuing on a mixed use masterplan and associated detailed design guides, including discussions on overall design, placemaking, infrastructure delivery and phasing. The SSCI Communities Charrette Series Report was published in October 2010 and the site is currently allocated in the Aberdeen Proposed LDP. Discussions with Scottish Government are ongoing, including how Grandhome might deliver key themes identified in initiatives such as Architecture and Design Scotland's 'Learning Towns'. • March e-update highlighted the opportunity to submit proposals for the SSCI mainstreaming programme by 4 May 2011
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>	<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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First HNDA deemed robust and credible for LDP use • Updated HNDA submitted to CHMA March 2011. Assessed as robust and credible May 2011.
ACCESSIBILITY						
37		Work with Nestrans to make sure that putting the structure plan into practice closely links with the regional transport strategy.	<p>2010 - Monitor progress of projects in structure plan and any emerging priorities</p> <p>2011 - Monitor and consider how SDP / RTS timescales are proposed to fit</p>	<p>Lead - SDPA team / Nestrans</p> <p>Partners - City & Shire Development Planning</p>	<p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDPA continues to work closely with Nestrans to ensure work is complementary and assists delivery • Review of RTS due in 2011-12, will be done in tandem with preparation of the SDP as far as possible

PROPOSALS						
43		Third Don crossing and other measures	2010 - Submission / approval of planning application 2011 - Public Local Inquiry / timetable for construction	Lead - City Roads Partners - City Dev. Planning / Management / Nestrans	Access from North proposals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDPA commented on planning application June 2010 • full planning permission granted Feb 2011 • compulsory purchase orders currently being progressed and it is anticipated that an inquiry may be held within the next six to nine months • request made to Transport Scotland to consider as part of AWPR contract
44		New park and ride sites	2010 - Publication of Shire Proposed Plan (July) and City Proposed Plan (September). 2011 - Examination of LDPs as move toward adoption. Timetable for construction. 2012 - Adoption of LDPs	Lead - City & Shire Roads / Nestrans Partners - City & Shire Development Planning	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 - obtained planning permission, land purchase being progressed. Construction linked to AWPR • A90(S) (Portlethen) - pre-application stage complete, planning application due. May also be linked to AWPR
45		Replacing Inveramsay Bridge and other A96 improvements	2010 - Confirmation of timetable from Transport Scotland 2011 -	Lead - Transport Scotland Partner - Shire Roads	Bridge and A96 improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aberdeen - Inverness rail study published March 2011 • Contractor appointed to progress options and design
46		Road and rail improvements, such as Crossrail	2010 - Continued progress with RTS and LTS proposals 2011 - Ongoing improvements	Lead - Nestrans Partners - Network Rail, Transport Scotland	Completed projects as detailed in Nestrans Delivery Plan 2010-2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second draft of Nestrans Rail Action Plan published • A Rail Forum may be established • Kintore Station part of Aberdeen - Inverness study and confirmed as feasible, more detailed assessment being done to report by end 2011
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"> • Following draft of Route Utilisation Strategy (RUS), Network Rail to further examine options for reducing journey times
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"> • Construction of Phase I runway extension (124m) commenced March 2011 • Draft revised masterplan due by summer 2011, SDPA on steering group

49	Better links to north coast communities and Shire phased improvements	2010 - Progress with Nestrans initiatives and Shire phased improvements	Lead - Shire Roads	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 ride.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A947 Route Action Study commissioned for 2010 • Bus Punctuality Improvement Partnership developed and being implemented. Baseline monitoring of Peterhead to Aberdeen route underway and bus lane in City approved
		2011 - Further transport initiatives	Partners - Transport Scotland / Nestrans		
51	Energetica initiative	2010 - Refinement of Energetica concept and publication of Shire Proposed Plan (July) and City Proposed Plan (September)	Lead - Scottish Enterprise / ACSEF	Master plan, development allocations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note 1 • Note 2 • Energetica Placemaking documents published April 2011 for consideration by both Councils • Consultation likely from Aug. - Sept. 2011
		2011 - Examination of LDPs as move toward adoption.	Partners - City & Shire Development Planning / Private sector		
		2012 - Adoption of LDPs			
52	Improving facilities at Peterhead Harbour	2010 - Completion of Phase I (Sept)	Lead - Peterhead Harbour Board	Taking advantage of the economic potential of Peterhead Harbour.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase I (Smith Embankment and Albert Quay) completed Sept. 2010 • Possible Phase II, but dependent on commercial interest • Meeting held with Port Authority, Scottish Govt and Scottish Enterprise April 2011 • Link to National Renewables Infrastructure Plan (N-RIP)
		2011 - Ongoing	Partners - Shire Development Planning / Management / SDPA team		
54	New community stadium	2010 - Publication of City Proposed Plan (September)	Lead - AFC	Confirmed site and lodging of planning application leading to successful proposal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDPA commented Nov. 2010 • full planning permission granted Feb. 2011, subject to legal agreement
		2011 - Examination of LDP as it moves toward adoption.	Partners - City Development Planning / Management		
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"> • SDPA commented Dec. 2010 • planning permission in principle granted April 2011
		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"> • Proposal of application notice (POAN) submitted for Rothienorman electricity substation March 2011. Community consultation conducted, awaiting planning application • POAN submitted for Leylodge extension April '11 • Section 37 application expected imminently for consideration • Further discussions with SSE regarding offshore grid development April 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"> • Note 1 • Discussions with SSE regarding their proposals for deployment of carbon capture and storage (CCS) technology at Peterhead April 2011 • Confirmation from DECC that the UK Govt. have submitted the SSE proposal for European funding as one of seven CCS proposals from the UK (May 2011) and 13 across Europe in total
			2011 - Ongoing	Partners - Shire Development Planning / Management / SDPA team		
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"> • Note 1 • Note 2 • supplementary guidance being prepared by SDPA, Neustrans, councils (planning & transportation) and Transport Scotland, on strategic transport fund to deliver projects to address the cumulative impact of development. Consultation on draft anticipated Sept. 2011 subject to SDPA approval • Meetings held with housebuilders (March 2011) and surveyors (April 2011) to discuss proposals and seek feedback
			2011 - Requirements and mechanisms established through Future Infrastructure Groups	Partners - HfS/ GHBC / Developers		

Note 1: Shire LDP and supporting documents submitted to Scottish Ministers for Examination on 31 March 2011.

Note 2: City LDP and supporting documents submitted to Scottish Ministers for Examination on 10 May 2011.

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