

## STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY

Town House, Aberdeen  
FRIDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2011

**Present:-** Councillor Argyle, Chairperson; and Councillors Boulton, Cormie, Cox, Dean, Merson, Pratt, John Stewart, Sullivan and Webster.

**Apologies:-** Councillor McCaig

**Officers:-** **Strategic Development Planning Authority:** Strategic Development Plan Manager and Senior Planner.  
**Aberdeen City Council:** Head of Planning and Sustainable Development and Committee Manager.  
**Aberdeenshire Council:** Director of Infrastructure Services and Head of Planning, Policy and Environment.

### WELCOME

1. The Chairperson welcomed Ian Gabriel, Director of Infrastructure Services, Aberdeenshire Council to his first meeting of the Authority following his appointment to the post in a recent re-structuring at Aberdeenshire Council.

**The Authority resolved:-**  
to concur with the remarks of the Chairperson.

### MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2. The Authority had before it the minute of its previous meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2010.

**The Authority resolved:-**

- (i) in relation to article 2 to the minute, to note that a press release had been issued on the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route regarding the Authority's concern over the length of time taken to progress the route and that this press release had been widely used by local and national media;
- (ii) in relation to article 2 to the minute, to note that a letter has not been sent to the appropriate Minister from the Chairperson regarding the Zero Waste Plan, since discussions with the Scottish Government and CoSLA had led to an acceptable way forward regarding those issues which should be tackled locally rather than nationally;
- (iii) in relation to article 4 to the minute, to agree to amend the minute in relation to the Authority's resolution to read "to agree the recommendation as detailed in the report and that a draft response to the Marine Region Boundaries Consultation Group be circulated to members for comment prior to the response being agreed by the Development Plan Manager, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Authority";
- (iv) to otherwise approve the minute.

## **MARINE REGION BOUNDARIES CONSULTATION**

**3.** With reference to article 4 of the minute of the meeting of the Authority on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2010, the Authority had before it a report by the Senior Planner, Strategic Development Planning Authority which sought ratification for the recent consultation response submitted to the Scottish Government on Scottish marine regions on behalf of the Authority.

The report explained that the creation of marine regions was discussed at the Authority's meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2010 whereat it was decided that a response from the Authority should be submitted. The report explained that given the consultation closed on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2011, it was resolved that a draft response would be circulated to members of the Authority for comment prior to the provisional response being agreed by the Strategic Development Plan Manager in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Authority. The report explained that a draft response was circulated to all members and substitute members of the Authority on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2011 and there were no suggested changes proposed, therefore, the provisional response (as detailed in appendix 1 to the report) was agreed by the Strategic Development Plan Manager in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Authority and was submitted prior to the consultation closing date.

The Authority were informed by the Senior Planner, Strategic Development Planning Authority that responses on the pre-consultation draft marine plan were requested by the Scottish Government by the 7<sup>th</sup> of June, 2011 and that as the Authority is due to meet next on the 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2011, it was proposed that similar arrangements be put in place so that a draft response on the marine plan would be submitted to all members of the Authority for comments prior to it being approved by the Strategic Development Plan Manager in consultation with the Chair and the Vice-Chair of the Authority.

### **The Authority resolved:-**

- (i) to agree that a draft response on the pre-consultation draft marine plan be circulated to all members of the Authority prior to being approved by the Strategic Development Plan Manager in consultation with the Chair and the Vice-Chair of the Authority so that the response can be sent to the Scottish Government by its deadline of 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2011; and
- (ii) to otherwise note the detail of the report and ratify the recent consultation response submitted to the Scottish Government on Scottish Marine Regions on behalf of the Authority.

## **DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEME 2011/12**

**4.** With reference to article 3 of the minute of meeting of the Authority of 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, the Authority had before it a report by the Strategic Development Plan Manager which sought approval from the Authority for a replacement development plan scheme.

The report explained that under section 20B of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended by The Planning Etc (Scotland) Act 2006, the Authority are required to prepare a development plan scheme at least annually.

The report explained that the current development plan scheme was agreed by the Authority on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 and that a new development plan scheme must therefore be published and submitted to Scottish Ministers by 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011.

The report explained that the current timetable for the publication of the Strategic Development Plan was based on the Local Government Elections being held in 2011. Since the Local Government Elections have now been “de-coupled” from the Scottish Parliament Elections (with the Local Elections being held in 2012) it is proposed that the timetable be moved back to avoid the election period. As a consequence it is proposed to organise a Councillor induction session for June 2012 and seek approval for the Proposed Strategic Development Plan, from the Authority and both Councils, in September/October 2012. Thereafter there would be a period of representations in late 2012 and onward submission to Scottish Ministers prior to August 2013.

**The Authority resolved:-**

- (i) to agree to amend the Strategic Development Plan timetable in light of the timetable for local government elections and Local Development Plan adoption;
- (ii) agree the contents of the Development Plan Scheme 2011/12 (as detailed in the appendix to the report) and its submission to Scottish Ministers by 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011;
- (iii) to agree the publication and circulation of the Development Plan Scheme as detailed in the report; and
- (iv) to agree that all members of both Councils be forwarded an electronic copy of the Plan (rather than a paper copy).

**STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY – BUDGET MONITORING TO FEBRUARY, 2011**

5. With reference to article 7 of the minute of meeting of the Authority of 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2010, the Authority had before it a report from the Treasurer which asked that the Authority note the budget monitoring and forecast position as at February, 2011.

**The Authority resolved:-**

to note the budget monitoring and forecast position for the Authority as at February, 2011 as detailed in the report.

**STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY BUDGET 2011-2014**

6. With reference to article 7 of the minute of meeting of the Authority of 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2010, the Authority had before it a report from the Treasurer which asked that the Authority agree a budget for 2011/12 and note the draft budgets for 2012/13 and 2013/14.

**The Authority resolved:-**

- (i) to agree the budget for 2011/12 (as detailed in the report); and
- (ii) to note the indicative budgets for 2012/13 and 2013/14 as detailed in the report.

**STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY INFORMATION BULLETIN – MARCH, 2011**

7. With reference to article 8 of the minute of meeting of the Authority of 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2010, the Authority had before it an information bulletin providing information on a number of issues which included:-

- Housing Market Activity
- Cities Outlook 2011
- Local Development Plans update
- Housing Land Supply – letter from Chief Planner
- Sustainability Labelling within Building Standards
- A Land Use Strategy for Scotland
- Amendments to the Development Planning Regulations
- Scotland's Digital Future: A Strategy for Scotland
- Planning for Waste
- Housing Need and Demand Assessment
- Audit Scotland – Modernising the Planning System
- Carbon Capture and Storage
- National Planning Framework 2: Monitoring Report
- TAYplan – Proposed Development Plan
- Structure Plan Proposals
- Cumulative Impacts of Development on the Transport Network
- Quantitative Greenhouse Gas Impact Assessment: A Tool for Spatial Planning Policy Development: Phase 1 – Feasibility Report
- Electricity Interconnector
- SDPA Website Statistics (July to December 2010)
- Scottish Awards for Quality in Planning

The Authority then heard officers from Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City provide updates on the progress of the Local Development Plans in the City and Shire.

The Authority highlighted a number of issues, including: the importance of trying to attract European funding to address areas of deprivation, specifically in rural parts of Aberdeenshire which were dependent on fishing; and the importance of encouraging developers to ensure that high speed broadband access is available in any new developments planned.

**The Authority resolved:-**

to note the details contained in the information bulletin.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

8. The Authority were informed that the next meeting of the Authority would be held on 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2011 at 4.00pm in the Beach Ballroom, Aberdeen. The Authority were informed that prior to the meeting a seminar would be held which will explore the likely content of the main issues report for the area's first Strategic Development Plan which will be published for consultation later in the year. It was explained that all members of Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Councils would be invited to the seminar.

**The Authority resolved:-**

to note the details.

- **PETER ARGYLE, Chairperson.**