

STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY

Beach Ballroom, Aberdeen
FRIDAY, 10th June, 2011

Present:- Councillor Dean, Vice-Chairperson; and Councillors Clark (as substitute for Councillor Pratt), Cormie, Cox, Penny (as substitute for Councillor John Stewart), Ross (as substitute for Councillor Argyle), and Sullivan.

Apologies:- Councillors Argyle, Boulton, McCaig, Merson, Pratt, John Stewart and Webster.

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: Team Leader – Planning Policy.

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. The Authority had before it the minute of its previous meeting of 25th March, 2011.

The Authority resolved:-

- (i) in relation to article 2 to the minute (resolution ii) to amend the minute to read “to note that a letter had not been sent to the appropriate minister from the Chairperson regarding the zero waste plan ... etc”;
- (ii) in relation to article 3 of the minute (third paragraph and resolution (i)) to agree to amend the minute to take out references to “finalised” marine plan and replace that with pre-consultation “draft” marine plan; and
- (iii) to otherwise approve the minute.

TAYplan PROPOSED STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

2. The Authority had before it a report by the Strategic Development Plan Manager which sought approval from the Authority for a response to the consultation by the TAYplan Strategic Development Planning Authority on their proposed strategic development plan and associated documents.

The proposed TAYplan strategic development plan formed appendix 1 to the report whilst the proposed response from the Authority formed appendix 2 to the report.

The Authority resolved:-

to approve the proposed response at appendix 2 to the report.

PRE-CONSULTATION DRAFT NATIONAL MARINE PLAN

3. With reference to article 3 of the minute of meeting of the Authority of 25th March, 2010, the Authority had before it a report by the Senior Planner, Strategic Development Planning Authority, which sought ratification by the Authority for the recent consultation response submitted by the Authority to the Scottish Government on the Pre-Consultation Draft National Marine Plan.

The report explained that the closing date for the current consultation on the Draft National Marine Plan was 7th June, 2011 and given that the consultation closed prior to this meeting of the Authority, the SDPA had resolved at its last meeting that a draft response would be circulated for comment and a provisional response agreed by the Strategic Development Plan Manager in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair.

Appended to the report was the response sent to the Scottish Government by its 7th June, 2011 deadline.

The Authority resolved:-

to ratify the response sent on behalf of the Authority to the Scottish Government in relation to the pre-consultation on the Draft National Marine Plan.

ACTION PROGRAMME UPDATE REPORT

4. With reference to article 3 of the minute of meeting of the Authority of 18 June, 2010, the Authority had before it a report by the Senior Planner, Strategic Development Planning Authority which provided information on progress with the implementation of the Structure Plan Action Programme.

The report explained that the Action Programme was agreed by the Authority in December, 2009 and a full update was provided to the meeting of the Authority in June, 2010, where it was resolved that in future, at least two reports should be received every year.

The report identified actions where significant progress against identified milestones had been made and appendix 1 to the report covered each of these points in more detail:-

- Aberdeen within the top 25 retail areas in the UK
- Housing in regeneration priority areas
- Quality and design of new development
- Levels of affordable housing
- Structure Plan links with regional transport strategy
- Third Don Crossing and other measures
- Park and Ride sites
- Inveramsay Bridge and other A96 improvements
- Road and rail improvements, such as Crossrail
- Aberdeen Airport Masterplan
- Energetica Initiative
- Facilities at Peterhead Harbour

- New Community Stadium
- New Peterhead Prison
- Electricity Grid upgrades
- Peterhead Power Station upgrade
- Developer contributions

Appendix 2 to the report showed what had been achieved recently against the actions identified in the National Planning Framework's Action Programme. The report explained that progress has been made against a number of the actions where the Authority or Nestrans are identified partners, however a number of actions will be implemented during the preparation of the Strategic Development Plan.

The report recommended:-

that the Authority –

- (a) note the content of the report;
- (b) consider the progress on targets highlighted in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (c) send Appendix 2 in the report to the Scottish Government to inform their monitoring of the National Planning Framework (2) Action Programme.

The Authority heard Councillor Ross explain that Aberdeenshire Council had received a presentation from BAA regarding the proposals for Aberdeen Airport and that this presentation had been well received by Aberdeenshire Councillors.

The Authority resolved:-

- (i) that the Chair would write to BAA Aberdeen acknowledging the good work that has been progressed at the airport in recent years but expressing concern as to the timeline involved for the full implementation of the proposed runway extension;
- (ii) to note the information provided by Councillor Ross; and
- (iii) to otherwise approve the recommendations contained in the report.

ANNUAL REPORT 2010/11

5. With reference to article 4 of the minute of meeting of the Authority of 18th June, 2010, the Authority had before it a report by the Strategic Development Plan Manager, which sought approval for the publication of the Authority's third annual report.

The Strategic Development Plan Manager explained that the foreword to the annual report had now been approved by the Chair of the Authority. He further explained that a provisional date for the first meeting of the Authority in 2012 was in the process of being finalised and that all members of the Authority would be notified of the date in due course.

The Authority resolved:-

to approve its 2010/11 annual report for publication.

MATTER OF URGENCY

The Vice-Chairperson intimated that she had directed in terms of Section 50(B)4(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that additional information relating to the draft statement of accounts and Audit Scotland's Annual Audit Plan 2010/11 be considered as a matter of urgency to enable the Authority to consider all relevant information relating to the following item.

DRAFT STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT SCOTLAND ANNUAL AUDIT PLAN 2010/11

6. The Authority had before it a report by the Treasurer to the Authority which outlined audit arrangements for the Authority and also put forward a draft Statement of Accounts for the Authority for 2010/11. Also circulated at the meeting was a remuneration report which formed part of the draft Statement of Accounts .

The report recommended:-

that the Authority –

- (a) note the Audit Scotland Audit Plan for 2010/11; and
- (b) considers the draft financial statements for 2010/11 and approves their issue to Audit Scotland and the Controller of Audit.

The Authority resolved:-

to approve the recommendations contained in the report.

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7. With reference to article 7 of the minute of meeting of the Authority of 25 March, 2011, the Authority had before it an information bulletin providing information on a number of issues which included:-

- Population estimates 2010
- Local Development Plans update
- Sustainability labelling within Building Standards
- Awards for Quality Development
- Housing Need and Demand Assessment
- Carbon Capture and Storage
- Six Cities Vision

The Authority resolved:-

to note the details contained in the information bulletin.

- **KATHARINE DEAN, Vice-Chairperson.**