

STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY

WOODHILL HOUSE, ABERDEEN

FRIDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2018

Present: Councillors M Boulton, D Aitchison, J Cooke, G Graham, A Forsyth (as substitute for Councillor B A Topping), R Grant, PJ Johnston, D Lonchay, (as substitute for Councillor Wallace), and J Latham.

Apologies: Councillors J Cox; B Hunt, B A Topping, I Yuill, and S Wallace.

Officers: - **Strategic Development Planning Authority:** Senior Planner.
Aberdeen City Council: Head of Planning & Sustainable Development (Interim); Planning and Environmental Policy Manager, Legal Advisors (E Carlisle).
Aberdeenshire Council: Head of Planning and Building Standards, Accountant (B Allan), and Committee Officer (J McRobbie).

1. SEDERUNT AND DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors Cox, Hunt, Topping, Yuill, and Wallace.

2. MINUTE OF THE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY MEETING OF 20 SEPTEMBER, 2017

The Authority had before them and **resolved** to approve as a correct record the Minute of Meeting of 20 September, 2017.

3. MAIN ISSUES REPORT

There had been circulated a joint report by the Interim Head of Planning and Sustainable Development (Aberdeen City Council) and the Head of Planning and Building Standards, (Aberdeenshire Council), requesting consideration of the Main Issues Report, as part of the process for establishing a replacement Strategic Development Plan for the area, delayed in part by the ongoing work in respect of the Scottish Government's Review Of Planning, and the Supreme Court case on the Strategic Transport Fund. The report contained details of the initial workshop discussion of the potential issues with the Authority in September, 2017; the need to amend the vision to have a greater focus on environmental and social resilience rather than just economic resilience and to have greater consideration of economic diversification, in line with the Regional Economic Strategy; maintenance of the current special strategy, in the context of the potential for growth West of Aberdeen (A93 and A944), the AWPR, and regeneration priorities; the economy; housing, including affordable housing and the housing land supply; energy; transportation; and minerals and waste.

Noting that the New Planning Legislation, if approved, would remove the need for Strategic Development Plans, but that Minister had advised that the work should proceed, in order to meet the current statutory deadline of renewal by 28 March, 2018.

The Authority resolved: -

- a) to approve for consultation the Main Issues Report, as detailed in Appendix 1, and note the supplementary documents;
- b) that a consultation period of 10 weeks be established; and
- c) that, prior to its publication, approval of any drafting changes to the Main Issues Report be delegated to officers, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Authority.

4. PLANNING (SCOTLAND) BILL – CALL FOR EVIDENCE SUBMISSION

There had been circulated a joint report by Interim Head of Planning and Sustainable Development (Aberdeen City Council) and the Head of Planning and Building Standards, (Aberdeenshire Council), requesting Members' consideration of a proposed additional submission on the Scottish Government's proposed Planning (Scotland) Bill in the context of considered implications for Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire of the legislation as drafted. The report contained officers' suggested responses to the 2 questions asked by the Scottish Government relating to regional and strategic planning in its call for evidence submission.

After discussion of the success of the Authority's strategic partnership's joint working over strategic planning over a number of years, and of the benefits in building on that partnership experience and inter-authority political mechanisms,

The Authority resolved to approve the response, as detailed in the appendix in the report, for submission to the Scottish Government.

5. STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY BULLETIN

There had been circulated a report containing bulletin information for the Authority in terms of (a) the two local development plans, which were up to date, with development plan schemes approved by Aberdeen City Council, indicating January 2018 as the date for consideration of a Main Issues report, and Aberdeenshire Council's Infrastructure Services Committee to consider its development plan scheme on 25 January, 2018, proposing a Main Issues Report to be considered in November, 2018; (b) on a third submission, made on behalf of the Authority in respect of the Kingsford Stadium Planning application, of strategic importance, and which the City Council had approved, subject to conditions at a recent meeting; (c) the Employment Land Audit for both Councils, published in December, 2017; and (d) of positive feedback received from the Scottish Government on 3 January, 2018 on the region's planning performance framework 2016/17.

The Authority resolved to note the updates provided.

6. STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY BUDGET MONITORING AS AT 30 NOVEMBER, 2017

There had been circulated a report dated 17 January, 2018, by the Treasurer, providing monitoring information on the Authority's budget to 30 November, 2017.

There was discussion of the additional costs incurred in respect of the case for the Strategic Transport fund, and the Treasurer provided assurance that the additional costs would fall on the two Councils as partner authorities, and that budget provision had already been made for this.

The Authority **resolved** to note the budget monitoring as at 30 November, 2017.

7. STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

With reference to the Minute of Meeting of 20 September, 2017, (Item 3), there had been circulated a report dated 17 January, 2018 by the Treasurer, contained a proposed revised Financial Regulations for the Authority, produced in response to External Audit's annual assessment of the Authority to conform with the 2014 Regulations.

The Authority **resolved** to approve the revised Financial Regulations as detailed in the Treasurer's report.

8. STRATEGIC TRANSPORT FUND – SUPREME COURT RULING

There had been circulated a joint report by the Interim Head of Planning and Sustainable Development (Aberdeen City Council) and the Head of Planning and Building Standards, (Aberdeenshire Council), updating the Authority on the decision of the Supreme Court on the Authority's Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) regarding the Strategic Transport Fund (STF).

The Authority **resolved** to note the updates provided.

9. DATE OF FUTURE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY MEETINGS

The Authority **noted** the remaining scheduled meeting dates for the 2018/19 diary as undernoted:-

- 21 March, 2018 at 2.00pm at Aberdeen City Town House;
- 27 June, 2018 – Woodhill House;
- 26 September, 2018 – Aberdeen City Town House;
- 19 December, 2018 – Woodhill House; and
- 20 March, 2019 – Aberdeen City Town House.

Councillor Marie Boulton
Chair

