

Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority

**To: Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority
Joint Committee**

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Clydeplan Annual Report 2017

1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for the Joint Committee to consider and approve for publication its Annual Report for 2017.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Joint Committee
- approve the 2017 Annual Report as set out in the Appendix; and,
 - agree that, in accordance with the practice of previous years, an enhanced version of the Annual Report be produced in order to promote the work of the Joint Committee.

3. Context

- 3.1 Clydeplan's Minute of Agreement requires the preparation of an Annual Report to set out the work of the Authority for the previous calendar year.
- 3.2 The Appendix sets out the 2017 Annual Report and provides a summary of the work undertaken by Clydeplan during the year under the following broad headings:
- Clydeplan Joint Committee;
 - Approval of the Strategic Development Plan and legal challenge;
 - Glasgow City Region and City Deal;
 - Scottish Government's Review of Planning in Scotland - Publication of the Planning (Scotland) Bill;
 - Scottish Awards for Quality in Planning - Clydeplan's Flood Risk Mapping Tool: and,
 - Priorities and Issues affecting the future work of Clydeplan.

Appendix

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Introduction

The eight Clydeplan Local Authorities are committed to strategic planning and working in partnership with a wide range of stakeholders in support of the delivery of its Vision and Spatial Development Strategy as set out in the Clydeplan Strategic Development Plan for the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley city region which was approved by Scottish Ministers on 24th July 2017.

The Clydeplan Strategic Development Plan provides a sound foundation upon which the city region can deliver growth for Scotland's largest city region and a context for its Local Authority Local Development Plans, Local Housing Strategies and Development Management decisions as well as supporting the Glasgow City Region's Economic Strategy 2017-2035 (December 2016)

www.glasgowcityregion.co.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=19521&p=0

The scale of work that has been undertaken by Clydeplan during 2017 has only been made possible by the willing support that it has gratefully received from both private and public sector partners. These include the Scottish Government, Scottish Enterprise, Scottish Natural Heritage, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Historic Environment Scotland, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, Glasgow Airport, Visit Scotland, Transport Scotland, Forestry Commission Scotland, Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership, Clyde Marine Planning Partnership, Central Scotland Green Network Trust, Glasgow Centre for Population Health, Metropolitan Glasgow Strategic Drainage Partnership, Scottish Water, Scottish Power, Openreach, Homes for Scotland, Scottish Property Federation, University of Glasgow and Heriot Watt University.

This report sets out the work that has been undertaken by Clydeplan and its partners during 2017.

Further information on the work of Clydeplan can be found at www.clydeplan-sdpa.gov.uk.

Clydeplan Joint Committee

The Clydeplan Joint Committee met four times during 2017 in March, June, September and December. Details of the meeting's agendas, papers and minutes can be found at

http://renfrewshire.cmis.uk.com/renfrewshire/JointBoardsandOtherForums/GlasgowandtheClydeValleyStrategicDevelopment/tabid/135/ctl/ViewCMIS_CommitteeDetails/mid/542/id/70/Default.aspx.

Approval of the Strategic Development Plan and Legal Challenge

The context for the review of the current Strategic Development Plan is set out in Clydeplan's Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement 2016/17 which was published in April 2016.

Clydeplan was approved with modifications by Scottish Ministers on 24th July 2017 after a formal Examination process.

The approved Clydeplan Strategic Development Plan places a strong emphasis on placemaking and leadership and delivery, as well as supporting key strategy components such as Glasgow City Centre, Clyde Waterfront, Clyde Gateway, the Glasgow and Clyde Valley City Deal, the River Clyde and the Forth and Clyde Canal.

In addition, the Strategic Development Plan sets out the context for the delivery of new homes, priorities for green network delivery and a refreshed context for the city region's network of Strategic Centres and Strategic Economic Investment Locations.

On 26th October 2017 a statutory appeal under Section 238 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 was lodged at the Court of Session. The appeal by Gladman Developments Limited is against the Scottish Ministers and their decision to approve the Clydeplan SDP. Clydeplan Strategic Development Planning Authority were listed as an '*interested party*' in terms of the appeal. The appeal is seeking to quash the Clydeplan Strategic Development Plan.

The Court of Session will hear the appeal on 6th/7th of February 2018.

Glasgow City Region and City Deal

During 2017 Clydeplan has become increasingly involved in the development of work streams within the regional partnership of the eight authorities around the Glasgow City Deal Programme and related topic portfolios, each led by an individual local authority.

Clydeplan has actively participated in a number of the portfolio discussions that have been established to take forward the actions in the Glasgow City Region Economic Strategy Action Plan (February 2017) (www.glasgowcityregion.co.uk).

These include Housing and Equalities; Land Use and Sustainability; Enterprise; and Infrastructure and Assets.

Clydeplan's involvement with the City Region activities is likely to continue to grow and develop during 2018 and beyond, particularly given the economies of scale and general benefits that can be gained through city region scale joint partnership working, alongside the direction of travel set by the Planning Review and the Planning (Scotland) Bill which supports local authorities working jointly within regional partnerships.

Scottish Government's Review of Planning in Scotland - Publication of the Planning (Scotland) Bill

In September 2015, Alex Neil, MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners' Rights announced that he had appointed an independent panel to undertake a review of the Scottish planning system.

The panel, chaired by Crawford Beveridge, published its recommendations on 31st May 2016 and focussed on 6 key issues, namely:

- a) Development planning;
- b) Housing delivery;
- c) Planning for infrastructure;
- d) Further improvements to development management;
- e) Leadership, resourcing and skills; and,
- f) Community engagement.

Following a change in Ministerial responsibilities in May 2016 the new Minister leading the Review is Kevin Stewart, MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Housing.

One of the key recommendations of the Review was that the statutory requirement to prepare Strategic Development Plans should be removed and this has been reflected in the Planning (Scotland) Bill published in December 2017. The Bill also includes a statutory duty on local authorities to co-operate with the Scottish Government in producing the National Planning Framework. The Policy Memorandum which accompanies the Bill, indicates that strategic planning is regarded as an essential element of the overall planning system. Removing the statutory requirement to prepare the SDP is intended to enable authorities the scope and flexibility to determine how best to work together in bespoke regional partnerships.

The Bill is required to go through a Parliamentary scrutiny process and it is anticipated that the Bill will become an Act in September 2018.

The Bill will have significant implications for the work, governance and resources of Clydeplan.

Further information on the Planning (Scotland) Bill can be found at www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/106768.aspx.

Scottish Awards for Quality in Planning - Clydeplan's Flood Risk Mapping Tool

On 9th November 2017 at the Scottish Government's annual Awards for Quality in Planning ceremony, Clydeplan won an award for its Flood Risk Management Tool in the Process category.

The Tool assists planning authorities with local development planning, development management decision making and flood risk assessments by identifying potentially vulnerable sites and "at risk" neighbourhoods.

The Tool is a package providing excel and Geographic Information System (GIS) ready formats which:

- identifies all features affected by flooding;
- enables greater awareness and clearer understanding of potential long term, large scale projects linked to City Deal, infrastructure projects and other development sites; and,
- identifies three categories of flood risk to assist local authorities in prioritising flood risk.

This is a new and innovative approach to assessing flood risk and as such Clydeplan will issue annual data updates to ensure the Tool remains current and of continuing relevance and use, to its constituent planning authorities.

Priorities and Issues affecting the future work of Clydeplan

The priorities for the future work of Clydeplan will be influenced, amongst other things, by

- the legal challenge to the Clydeplan Strategic Development Plan (July 2017);
- the enactment of the Planning (Scotland) Bill in September 2018 and the requirements to assist the Scottish Ministers in the preparation of the National Planning Framework;
- continued joint working with key stakeholders in support of the delivery of the Spatial Development Strategy and Action Programme;
- ongoing developments around Glasgow City Region governance, subject based portfolios, City Deal and delivery of the Glasgow City Region Economic Strategy and Action Plan; and,
- continuing challenges of delivery in the context of reduced financial and staff resources in both the public and private sectors.