

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 Update

1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Joint Committee on the ongoing operation and work of Clydeplan.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Joint Committee
- note the contents of this report and the approach of Clydeplan and its Core Team particularly in relation to the implementation of the new Planning (Scotland) Act and Glasgow City Region related activities;
 - note the requirement and proposed timescales, following the Planning (Scotland) Bill receiving Royal Ascent, on local authorities to work together to prepare an 'Indicative' Regional Spatial Strategy in support of the development of the Scottish Government's National Planning Framework 4;
 - note that further organisational and governance changes may be required in respect of Clydeplan and its Core Team in support of the above activities and further reports will be brought forward to the Joint Committee as appropriate.

3. Introduction

- 3.1 This report is for the Joint Committee to consider a number of matters relating to the ongoing operation of Clydeplan and its Core Team including in the context of the new Planning (Scotland) Act and the activities of the Glasgow City Region.

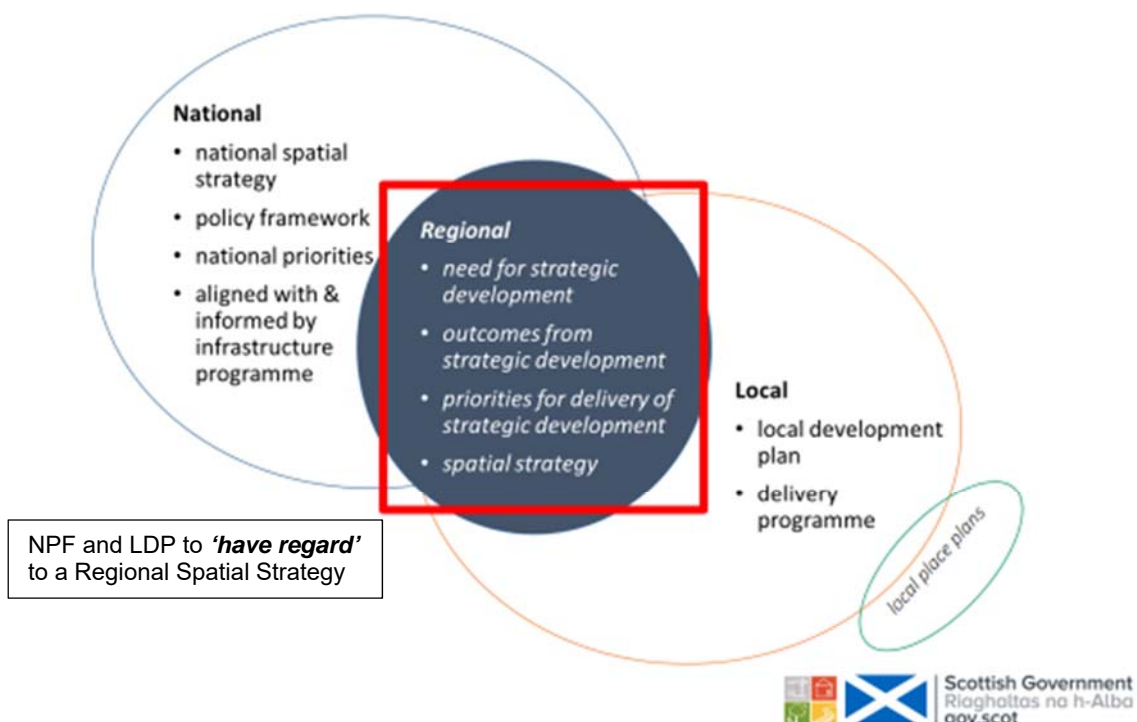
4. Clydeplan Update

- 4.1 Accommodation: Clydeplan, along with the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership and Climate Ready Clyde, have now relocated from the offices at Lower Ground Floor, 125 West Regent Street, Glasgow to offices within the Glasgow City Chambers complex at 40 John Street, Glasgow.
- 4.2 As Members were previously advised the dilapidations report in respect of 125 West Regent Street, commissioned through Renfrewshire Council's Property Services, estimated the dilapidations cost as being in the region of £28,500 + VAT.

- 4.3 The property owners issued their own dilapidations claim in respect of the property which amounted to a sum of £10,332.08. After taking professional advice this figure was accepted. With the cost of the removal and office clearing being £9,538.07 this gave total relocation cost of £19,870.15, a significant saving for the original dilapidations estimate.
- 4.4 Staffing: Following a second round of advertising for the post of Strategic Planner interviews took place on 2nd December. This Committee will be advised of the outcome of this process at the meeting.
- 4.5 Delivering Clydeplan SDP: Clydeplan will continue to focus on working with its Local Authorities and its delivery partners, in the manner set out in the updated and recently published SDP Action Programme, to support delivery of the SDP Vision and Spatial Development Strategy, www.clydeplan-sdpa.gov.uk/docman/current-plan-july-2017-key-documents/278-action-programme-2019/file.
- 4.6 Glasgow City Region: The work of the Glasgow City Region portfolios is ongoing and increasingly Clydeplan are involved in supporting the activities of the Glasgow City Region and related portfolios, namely Land Use and Sustainability, Infrastructure and Assets, Transport and Connectivity, Housing and Equalities. Clydeplan also participate in the overarching Economic Delivery Group and support the activities of the Economic Intelligence Working Group and City Deal Programme Management office.

5. National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4)/Regional Spatial Strategies (RSS)

- 5.1 As Members will be aware the Planning (Scotland) Act has established a new Development Plan system for Scotland where the status and role of regional planning has changed and which has seen a new duty on local authorities, working jointly, to prepare a RSS.
- 5.2 The diagram below shows the relationship between the RSS and the NPF, Local Development Plans and Local Place Plans.



- 5.3 In response to this statutory duty to prepare a RSS for their area, the Scottish Government held an RSS local authority event on 2nd October which was attended by the Clydeplan Assistant Manager and a number of the Joint Committee Local Authorities.
- 5.4 The Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning stated at the event that the Scottish Government were keen to work collaboratively with local authorities in regional groupings and wish to work with the eight Glasgow City Region local authorities.
- 5.5 To support the preparation of NPF4 and the development of guidance in respect of RSS, the Scottish Government intend to publish a Participation Statement which will set out the key stages for their engagement process. This is due for publication in early January.
- 5.6 The Scottish Government's aim is to lay before Parliament a draft NPF4 by September 2020. This will then be subject to 120 days of Parliamentary scrutiny with an expectation that NPF4 will be approved by the end of 2021.
- 5.7 The Scottish Government are looking for local authorities to support this timeline and have asked that over the coming months local authorities working together develop 'indicative' RSSs as the vehicle to ensure that regional priorities can be embedded in the draft NPF4.
- 5.8 It is envisaged that in time, these 'indicative' RSS will help local authorities begin the work of preparing a 'formal' RSS for their area and that the shared experience of collaborating across Scotland in this work will help inform statutory guidance on RSSs which is expected to be published in 2021.
- 5.9 The Scottish Government do not intend to be prescriptive on how local authorities fulfil this new RSS duty however there is an expectation that there will be an alignment with wider national and city region infrastructure and economic policies and programmes.
- 5.10 To support the development of 'indicative' RSS process the Scottish Government are making a grant of up to £10,000 available to each regional RSS grouping to support an event in mid-March 2020 which will explore issues, priorities and outcomes.
- 5.11 This will be followed by the Scottish Government hosting an event at the end of March to explore and share the learning gained by that point to assist the production of 'indicative' RSS that can be reflected in the NPF. Submission of the agreed 'indicative' RSS is anticipated by June 2020.
- 5.12 In support of this process a meeting was convened with the Scottish Government's Chief Planner and Assistant Chief Planner to discuss RSS related matters involving the Clydeplan Manager and Assistant Manager, Director of Regional Economic Growth, Chief Executive, East Dunbartonshire Council (as Lead Officer for the Glasgow City Region Land Use and Sustainability Portfolio), Head of Planning Renfrewshire Council (representing the Clydeplan Steering).

- 5.13 The Scottish Government welcomed the continued support for regional planning in the west of Scotland and noted the ongoing alignment with Glasgow City Region processes. It was agreed that Clydeplan and the City Region would work closely with the Scottish Government on the development of both the 'indicative' RSS and the refresh of the Regional Economic Strategy.
- 5.14 In addition Clydeplan have also set up a meeting with the Scottish Government to discuss the approach to graphics for both the NPF4 and 'indicative' RSS.
- 5.15 A workshop session was held on 27th November with the Clydeplan Steering Group and Heads of Policy officers to initiate thinking on the Glasgow City Region 'indicative' RSS. This workshop considered potential themes, outcomes, the role of the existing Clydeplan Strategic Development Plan strategy and its spatial priorities and the potential for additional spatial and infrastructure priorities.
- 5.16 It is recognised that the 'indicative' RSS will also require to be aligned and take cognisance of the development of other national and regional strategies in including the
- Glasgow City Region Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan;
 - Glasgow City Region Regional Transport Strategy;
 - Glasgow City Region Regional Investment Prospectus;
 - Glasgow City Region Green Network Blueprint;
 - National Transport Strategy;
 - Strategic Transport Projects Review 2; and,
 - Infrastructure Investment Plan.
- 5.17 The outputs of the Connectivity Commission, Infrastructure Commission and Place Commission will also be considerations for the 'indicative' RSS.

6. Clydeplan - Work Plan

- 6.1 Key elements of the current Core Team work plan consists of the following:
- Early engagement with the Clydeplan Local Authorities and key stakeholders in respect of the development of a Glasgow City Region Regional Spatial Strategy;
 - Land Supplies and related monitoring (housing land, vacant and derelict land, and industrial and business land), and ArcGIS online mapping (AGOL) analysis and development;
 - Employment and Business Land Review;
 - Mapping/data support for Glasgow City Region City Deal Programme Management Office Business cases;
 - Support for Glasgow City Region Partnership Portfolios
 - Land Use and Sustainability;
 - Infrastructure and Assets;
 - Transport and Connectivity;

- Housing and Equalities; and,
- Economic Delivery Group;
- Support for the Glasgow City Region Economic Intelligence Working Group, including the Regional Strategic Assessment preparation and update;
- Development of Strategic Active Travel Strategy and Action Plan and support for Strathclyde Partnership for Transport in respect of the development of the new Regional Transport Strategy;
- Supplementary Guidance - Forestry and Woodland Strategy;
- HNDA 3/Housing Market Partnership;
- Development Management Forum;
- Flood risk mapping updating;
- Scottish Government liaison - Planning Act implementation/HNDA3/NPF4; and,
- Ongoing wider stakeholder engagement including Scottish Government, Metropolitan Glasgow Strategic Development Plan, Central Scotland Green Network Trust, Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network, Climate Ready Clyde, Clyde Marine Planning Partnership, Homes for Scotland, Scottish Water, Sustrans, Glasgow Airport, Scottish Futures Trust, Scottish Forestry and SPT.

7. Observations

- 7.1 Clydeplan continues to remain a funded resource which can help support a number of activities including:
- the delivery of the 'indicative' Regional Spatial Strategy and associated joint working in support of the development NPGF4;
 - the delivery of the approved SDP Vision and Spatial Development Strategy through partnership working with local authorities, the Key Agencies and wider stakeholders;
 - supporting the development of the Local Authority Local Development Plans;
 - land supply data collection, monitoring and analysis including issues identification;
 - supporting the work of the Glasgow City Region local authority led portfolios with regard to the delivery of a number of the actions contained within the Glasgow City Region Economic Strategy Action Plan;
 - contributing to the refresh of the Glasgow City Region Economic Strategy; and,
 - supporting the ongoing implementation of the new Scottish planning system and planning reform.