

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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Annual Report 2014

1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for the Joint Committee to consider its Annual Report for the year 2014.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Joint Committee
- consider the 2014 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 Authority.

3. Context

- 3.1 Clydeplan's Minute of Agreement requires the preparation of an Annual Report on its work. The Appendix sets out the 2014 Annual Report and provides a summary of the work undertaken by Clydeplan during 2014 under the following broad headings
- Introduction
 - Review of current Strategic Development Plan;
 - Early Engagement consultation exercise;
 - Key Documents Published during 2014;
 - Review of Strategic Development Plans in Scotland - Recommendations Published;
 - 'Clydeplan' - rebranding of the Authority;
 - National Planning Framework 3 and Scottish Planning Policy published;
 - City Deal Announcement;
 - Central Scotland Green Network Trust Established and Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership Business Plan 2015/18;
 - Key stakeholder presentations to the Authority;
 - Priorities and issues affecting the future work of the Authority.

CLYDEPLAN ANNUAL REPORT 2014

Introduction

The eight Clydeplan local planning authorities are committed to strategic planning and working in collaboration with a wide range of stakeholders in support of the delivery of its Spatial Development Strategy as set out in the first ever Strategic Development Plan (SDP) for the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley city region approved by Scottish Ministers on 29th May 2012.

Many of the key elements of the Spatial Development Strategy such as Clyde Gateway, Clyde Waterfront and Ravenscraig and the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Green Network have been incorporated in the Scottish Government's National Planning Framework 3 which was published in June 2014. These strategy components provide a sound foundation upon which the city region can base its recovery as the economy moves out of recession.

The scale of work that has been undertaken during 2014 has only been made possible by the willing support that Clydeplan has gratefully received.

This has come from both private and public sector partners including the Scottish Government, Scottish Enterprise, Scottish Natural Heritage, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Historic Scotland, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, Visit Scotland, Transport Scotland, Forestry Commission Scotland, Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership, Central Scotland Green Network Trust, Glasgow Centre for Population Health, Metropolitan Glasgow Strategic Drainage Partnership, Scottish Water, Homes for Scotland, Scottish Property Federation, University of Glasgow and University of Stirling.

This report sets out the work that has been undertaken by Clydeplan during 2014.

Review of current Strategic Development Plan

Clydeplan approved its Main Issues Report in December 2014 as the next stage in reviewing the current SDP. The Main Issues Report follows on from an early engagement consultation exercise undertaken in January 2014.

In addition Clydeplan have commissioned and/or supported a number of studies which will have assisted in the development of the Main Issues Report. These studies include

- Economic Outlook and Scenarios for the Glasgow and Clyde Valley City Region 2013-2028 by Oxford Economics;
- City region wide landscape capacity study for wind turbines jointly funded by SNH, Clydeplan and its constituent Local Authorities;
- Firth of Clyde Forum study into the impact of rising sea levels in the Firth of Clyde; and,
- Retail study by University of Stirling to provide an overview and analysis of wider future retail trends and the potential impacts on the network of strategic centres.

Early Engagement Consultation exercise

In January 2014 Clydeplan initiated an early engagement consultation exercise to help inform the Main Issues Report being prepared for the next SDP.

The key emerging themes from the consultation included a need to:

- review the Community Growth Areas;
- consider health and wellbeing/health inequalities;
- encourage community growing as part of wider Green Network;
- consider wider broadband coverage;
- consider the important role for energy efficiency including provision of district heating networks;
- placemaking;
- align the components of SDP with delivery; and,
- reflect finalised NPF3 and SPP.

Key Documents Published During 2014

In support of the review of the current SDP Clydeplan published a number of key documents during 2014, including:

- SDP Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement 2014/15;
- Green Network Supplementary Guidance;
- Environment Common Perspective;
- SDP Action Programme update;
- Strategic Development Planning and Health; and,
- Industry, Business and Offices Monitoring Report (2012/13).

Review of Strategic Development Plans in Scotland - Recommendations Published

In December 2013 the Scottish Government commenced its review of Strategic Development Plans in Scotland. The aim of the review was to consider whether the current arrangements for, and approaches to, the new Strategic Development Plans are fit for purpose with the focus being on process and content with particular emphasis on key areas such as housing and transport.

To this end the Scottish Government appointed a team from Kevin Murray Associates and Glasgow University to undertake the review and the consultants submitted their findings to the Scottish Government in February 2014. The review report set out 22 findings relating to 6 themes and in June 2014 the Scottish Government set out its response to the findings along with 14 actions they will take, working with others, to strengthen strategic planning.

Clydeplan will seek to work with the Scottish Government, the other SDPAs in Scotland and any other interested parties in taking the outcomes of the review forward.

Details of the review can be found at www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/planning/Development-Planning/Strategic-Planning.

'Clydeplan' - rebranding of the Authority

In September 2014 the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority agreed to rebrand itself as '*Clydeplan*'. The rebranding offers an opportunity to raise the profile of the Authority and its work.

The rebranding to '*Clydeplan*' also supports the findings of the Scottish Government's review of Strategic Development Plans in Scotland which raised issues around securing effective engagement across the city regions.

National Planning Framework 3 and Scottish Planning Policy published

June 2014 saw the Scottish Government publish National Planning Framework 3 (NPF3) and updated Scottish Planning Policy. Both these documents will set the policy context for the next SDP.

These documents focus on four themes which the next SDP will align itself with, namely

- 1) *A Low Carbon Place* (infrastructure to enable transition to low carbon economy);
- 2) *A Natural Place to Invest* (environment protection, tourism and sustainable resource management);
- 3) *A Successful, Sustainable Place* (economic growth, sustainable settlements, regeneration, green networks, health and home);
- 4) *A Connected Place* (movement of people, digital links and connectivity).

Clydeplan has sought to align its Main Issues Report with these themes and support the delivery of the National Developments and will do the same for the Proposed Plan.

In addition 14 National Developments were identified of which the following are relevant to Clydeplan

- Metropolitan Glasgow Strategic Drainage Plan (which supports a Natural Place to Invest);
- Central Scotland Green Network (which supports a Natural Place to Invest);
- Ravenscraig (which supports a Successful, Sustainable Place);
- High Speed Rail (which supports a Connected Place);
- Strategic Airport Enhancements - Glasgow Airport (which supports a Connected Place);
- Digital Fibre Network (which supports a Connected Place);
- National Cycling and Walking Network (which supports a Natural Place to Invest); and
- Grid Infrastructure Enhancements (which supports a Low Carbon Place).

Glasgow and Clyde Valley City Deal Announcement

In August 2014 the eight Clydeplan local authorities and the UK and Scottish Governments signed the Glasgow and Clyde Valley City Deal which established a £1.13 billion Infrastructure Fund.

This Fund will be used to support projects aimed at improving the transport network across the city region; unlocking key development and regeneration sites; and improving public transport.

This investment seeks to increase economic growth across the city region, improve connectivity and create approximately 29,000 new jobs by 2035 and support over 5,500 residents back into sustained employment. It is anticipated that there will be a 4% uplift in Gross Value Added (GVA) equivalent to £2.2bn per annum.

20 projects have been identified and Clydeplan will seek to work with all parties to support the development of their respective business cases and their future delivery.

	Lead Local Authority/Agency	Project Name
1	East Renfrewshire	M77 Strategic Corridor
2	Glasgow	Collegelands/Calton/Barras Action Plan
3	Glasgow	City Centre Public Realm/Canal and North Glasgow
4	Glasgow	Clyde Waterfront and West End Innovation Quarter
5	Glasgow	Metropolitan Glasgow Strategic Drainage Plan
6	Inverclyde	Inchgreen
7	Inverclyde	Inverkip (former Inverkip Power Station)
8	Inverclyde	Ocean Terminal
9	North Lanarkshire	A8/M8 Corridor Access improvements
10	North Lanarkshire	Gartcosh Community Growth Area
11	North Lanarkshire	Pan Lanarkshire Orbital Transport Corridor
12	Renfrewshire	Clyde Waterfront and Renfrew Riverside
13	Renfrewshire	Glasgow Airport Economic Investment Zone
14	Renfrewshire	Glasgow Airport Rail Link
15	South Lanarkshire	Cathkin Bypass
16	South Lanarkshire	Community Growth Areas (East Kilbride, Newton and Hamilton)
17	South Lanarkshire	Greenhills Road/A726 Dual Carriageway
18	South Lanarkshire	Stewartfield Way
19	West Dunbartonshire	Exxon Site
20	Strathclyde Partnership for Transport	Strathclyde Bus Investment Programme

Central Scotland Green Network Trust established and Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership Business Plan

The new Central Scotland Green Network Trust (CSGNT) came into being on 27th March 2014, as part of a programme of changes to the Central Scotland Green Network (CSGN) initiative which is a 'National Development' in the Scottish Government's National Planning Framework 3.

The new CSGNT, which has 'inherited' the assets of the Central Scotland Forestry Trust, will devote all of its resources to driving forward delivery of the CSGN with a wide range of stakeholders including local authorities, regional partnerships, landowners, environmental groups and local communities, in order to help realise the CSGN Vision. Core priorities for the CSGNT will include action on vacant and derelict land, active travel and environmental improvements in disadvantaged areas.

Through extensive partnership working, the principal aim of the CSGNT is to bring about the realisation of the Green Network on the ground, and the benefits that this will bring to local communities, businesses and wildlife.

The Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership is an important regional delivery mechanism of the CSGN and in December 2014 Clydeplan endorsed the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership's Business Plan 2015/18 and related budget for 2015/16. The Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Green Network is a core component of SDP's Spatial Development Strategy.

The Partnership's Programme Plan is split into 'strategic' and geographic' projects.

The strategic projects for 2015/16 include:

- **Green Network Indicators for Community Plans** - for Glasgow City Council and North Lanarkshire Council;
- **Active Healthy Lifestyles: Greenspace and Health Analysis** - for Glasgow City Council and West Dunbartonshire Council;
- **Green Networks and Climate Change Adaptation: Partnership Development** - to develop a 'Climate Ready Clyde' partnership for the whole city region;
- **Green Networks and Climate Change Adaptation: Greenspace and Climate Change Adaptation analysis** - for Renfrewshire, East Dunbartonshire, Inverclyde, East Renfrewshire and South Lanarkshire Councils;
- **'Funding the Central Scotland Green Network' project** - a strategic project for the CSGN with implications for the whole GCV region;
- **The GCV Green Network 'Big Picture': a blueprint for delivery** - work with all Clydeplan local authorities on a spatial representation of the Green Network.

The geographic projects for 2015/16 include:

- **Green Network Action Plans for Strategic Delivery Area** - focus on Glasgow, Inverclyde, North Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire, South Lanarkshire and West Dunbartonshire;
- **Integrating Green Infrastructure into Community Growth Area Masterplans** - for Glasgow City, North Lanarkshire, South Lanarkshire and Renfrewshire Councils;
- **Gartloch Gartcosh Green Network (focusing on the Seven Lochs Wetland Park)** - Greenspace and green infrastructure delivery associated with the major wetland park proposal straddling the Glasgow / North Lanarkshire boundary.

In October the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership re-launched its website. The new format displays key project information via enhanced content, for example, the Integrating Green Infrastructure (IGI) project features video, an interactive gallery and 'design case studies'. Further information can be found at www.gcvgreennetwork.gov.uk.

Key Stakeholder Presentations to the Authority

During 2014 the Joint Committee received presentations from Derek Dunsire, Principal, City Centre Regeneration on the Glasgow City Centre Strategy and Max Hislop, Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Green Network Programme Manager on the Partnership's 2015/18 Business Plan.

Priorities and Issues affecting the future work of the Joint Committee

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

- the continuing challenges of delivering the key spatial priorities of the Strategic Development Plan and the implications of reduced financial and staff resources in both the public and private sectors;
- business case development and delivery of the Glasgow and Clyde Valley City Deal Infrastructure Fund projects;
- responses to its Main Issues Report and preparation of the Proposed Strategic Development Plan;
- the findings of the Scottish Government's review of Strategic Development Plans; and,
- the publication of NPF3 and Scottish Planning Policy.