

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 2015

1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for the Joint Committee to consider and approve for publication its Annual Report for 2015.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Joint Committee
- approve the 2015 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 The Joint Committee's Minute of Agreement requires the preparation of an Annual Report to set out the work of Authority for the previous calendar year.
- 3.2 The Appendix sets out the 2015 Annual Report and provides a summary of the work undertaken by Clydeplan during the year under the following broad headings
- Review of current Strategic Development Plan;
 - Joint working workshops;
 - Glasgow and Clyde Valley Forestry and Woodland Strategy refresh;
 - Glasgow and the Clyde Valley City region retail study;
 - Marine Planning - Clyde Marine Planning Partnership;
 - Central Scotland Green Network Trust Established and Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership Business Plan 2015/18;
 - Scottish Government's Review of Planning in Scotland;
 - 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 first Strategic Development Plan (SDP) for the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley city region which was 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 deliver growth for Scotland's largest city region.

The scale of work that has been undertaken during 2015 has only been made possible by the willing support that Clydeplan has gratefully received from both private and public sector partners including 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, 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 the University of Stirling.

This report sets out the work that has been undertaken by Clydeplan and its partners during 2015.

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

Review of current Strategic Development Plan

The context for the review of the current Strategic Development Plan is set out in Clydeplan's Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement 2015/16 which was published in April 2015.

Following on from Clydeplan's '*Early Engagement*' consultation exercise in 2014 Clydeplan published its Main Issues Report on 30th January 2015. The consultation process ran for a period of 8 weeks until 27th March 2015.

Clydeplan identified 7 main issues and set out 20 related questions. The consultation process generated a wide range of responses which made an important contribution towards the preparation of the Proposed Strategic Development Plan.

A key part of the development of the Proposed Strategic Development Plan was its Housing Need and Demand Assessment (HNDA) being deemed '*robust and credible*' by the Scottish Government's Centre for Housing Market Analysis in May 2015.

Clydeplan approved the Proposed Plan at its meeting on 14th December 2015 and the six week consultation commenced in January 2016.

The Proposed Plan sets out the Authority's Vision and Spatial Development Strategy for the growth of the city region over the next 20 years and supports the four planning outcomes as set out in National Planning Framework 3 and Scottish Planning Policy, 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).

The Proposed Strategic Development Plan places a strong emphasis on placemaking, leadership and delivery as well as key components such as Glasgow City Centre, Glasgow and Clyde Valley City Deal, River Clyde, Forth and Clyde Canal along with a refreshed context for Development Management.

The Proposed Plan has been developed and supported by a range of joint working activities with key stakeholders including workshops, site visits and local charrettes. In addition this process of joint working has supported the production of a range of documents in support of the Proposed Strategic Development Plan including an Action Programme, Environmental Report, Habitats Regulations Appraisal, Equality Impact Assessment and a number of supporting Background Reports including,

- Economic Outlook and Scenarios for the Glasgow and Clyde Valley city region 2013 - 2038;
- Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Housing Needs and Demand Assessment (May 2015);
- Climate Change Adaptation;
- Network of Strategic Centres;
- Strategic Economic Investment Locations;
- Low and Zero Carbon Generating Technologies;
- Green Network;
- Forestry and Woodland Strategy;
- Active Travel - Strategic Walking and Cycling Network.

It is intended that the Proposed Strategic Development Plan will be submitted to Scottish Ministers for approval in May 2016 and this process will involve Examination of the Plan by the Directorate of Planning and Environmental Appeals.

Joint Working Workshops

During the process of developing the Main Issues Report and the Proposed Plan, Clydeplan focussed on establishing strong joint working processes in terms of a variety of topic areas.

In support of this approach Clydeplan held a number of topic based workshops with the Key Agencies and key stakeholders.

The topics included:

- Industrial and Business Land Workshop (September 2015)
- Forestry and Woodland (April)
- Development Management (June)

Glasgow and Clyde Valley Forestry and Woodland Strategy Refresh

Clydeplan working in partnership with Forestry Commission Scotland and the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership commissioned a refresh of the *Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Forestry and Woodland Strategy* which was originally launched in 2013.

The Strategy is intended to guide woodland expansion and the management of woodland by providing a policy and spatial framework to optimise the benefits for the local economy, communities and the environment. The Strategy comprises a Vision for forestry and woodland in the city region and consists of two main parts:

- guidance on how to expand and manage the forestry and woodland resource in the city region in relation into the economy, community, environment and climate change; and,
- spatial guidance in relation to landscape character.

This Strategy provides broad strategic locational and environmental advice to those seeking to manage or expand woodlands and is intended to be accessible to public agencies; local authority officers and elected members; landowners; land managers and agents; private sector businesses and individuals; representative organisations and community organisations.

Glasgow and the Clyde Valley City Region Retail Study

Clydeplan commissioned the Institute for Retail Studies at the University of Stirling to identify and analyse current and future retail trends in order to inform Clydeplan's Main Issues Report.

The study summarised current and future retail trends, and was structured into three main parts, namely:

- a) a review of the historical drivers of change during the last two decades;
- b) the wider potential drivers in the broader environment that will influence and impact retail and town centres are set out; and,
- c) a summary of the direction and dimensions of the key trends.

This study has helped inform the approach to the Network of Strategic Centres as set out in the Proposed Strategic Development Plan and will assist Local Authorities in terms of their future Local Development Plans, Town Centre Strategies and related health checks.

Marine Planning - Clyde Marine Planning Partnership

2015 saw the Scottish Government adopted the National Marine Plan and establish Scottish Marine Regions. The Clyde and the Shetland Isles regions are the first of eleven Marine Planning Partnerships (MPPs) to be established. The Clyde MPP will take forward the development of its Marine Plan and will seek to

- assess the condition of the region;
- summarise the significant pressures and consequences of human activity;
- keep under review the characteristics of the region: the purposes of its use, the communication, energy and transport systems and the living resources its supports;
- set economic, social, marine ecosystem and climate change objectives;
- state the contribution of Marine Protection Areas (MPAs) and other designated areas;
- state policies for sustainable development of the region; and
- develop a Statement of Public Participation and carrying out consultation.

The Clyde MPP consists of stakeholders reflecting marine interests in the Clyde and in December 2015 Clydeplan agreed to become a member of Clyde MPP Board.

Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership Business Plan 2016/19

The Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership is an important regional delivery mechanism of the Central Scotland Green Network (a national development in National Planning Framework 3) and in December 2015 Clydeplan endorsed the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership's Business Plan 2016/19 and related budget.

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 2016/17 are:

- Green Network Indicators for Community Plans - for Glasgow City, East Dunbartonshire and West Dunbartonshire Councils.
- Greenspace and Health Analysis - for Renfrewshire Council and South Lanarkshire Council.
- Green Networks and Climate Change Adaptation: Greenspace and Climate Change Adaptation analysis - for South Lanarkshire, North Lanarkshire and West Dunbartonshire Councils.
- Support the Climate Ready Clyde Partnership (CRC) - provide management and administrative support for the 'CRC' partnership for the GCV region.
- Integrating Green Infrastructure into new residential developments - in North Lanarkshire, East Renfrewshire.
- 'Sustaining the Central Scotland Green Network' project - strategic project for the CSGN with implications for the GCV region.
- The GCV Green Network 'Big Picture': a blueprint for delivery - work with all GCV local authorities on a spatial representation of the Green Network.
- Enhancing priority woodlands - work with all GCV local authorities to identify priority woodlands for FCS 'Woodlands In and Around Towns' funding.

The Geographic projects for 2016/17 are:

- Green Network Delivery Planning for Strategic Delivery Areas - detailed delivery plans and community engagement for Upper Greenock (Inverclyde), Clydebank (West Dunbartonshire), Renfrew (Renfrewshire) and Yoker (Glasgow).
- Integrating Green Infrastructure into Maidenhill development plans - work with developers to integrate green infrastructure into their planning applications for this major development site in East Renfrewshire.
- Gartloch Gartcosh Strategic Delivery Area - work with developers to integrate green infrastructure into their planning applications for the four Community Growth Areas in this location and the redevelopment plans for Greater Easterhouse (North Lanarkshire, Glasgow). Continue supporting delivery of the Seven Lochs Wetland Park.
- Natural Flood Management Study: Yoker - Deliver a Natural Flood Management study for the Yoker Burn catchment which extends into Glasgow, West Dunbartonshire and East Dunbartonshire council areas.
- Glasgow Parks Strategy - Assist in the preparation of the new strategy in Glasgow.

Scottish Government's Review of Planning in Scotland

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 is chaired by Crawford Beveridge, and also includes Petra Biberbach and John Hamilton.

The Panel is providing a strategic perspective of the planning system and is open to 'gamechanging' views and ideas about how it could be improved.

The review is focusing on 6 key issues, namely,

- Development planning;
- Housing delivery;
- Planning for infrastructure;
- Further improvements to development management;
- Leadership, resourcing and skills; and,
- Community engagement.

The independent panel will hear oral evidence as well as taking written submissions from a wide range of stakeholders and is due to produce its report in Spring 2016. Thereafter, Scottish Ministers will respond to its recommendations with a programme of work to take forward further improvements to the planning system.

Further information on the Review can be found at www.gov.scot/Topics/Built-Environment/planning/Review-of-Planning.

Priorities and Issues affecting the future work of Clydeplan

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

- consultation on the Proposed Strategic Development Plan and its submission to Scottish Ministers for approval;
- continued joint working with key stakeholders in support of the delivery of the Spatial Development Strategy and Action Programme;
- supporting the delivery of the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley City Deal;
- the findings of the Scottish Government's Review of Planning in Scotland;
- publication of the Scottish Government's Planning Delivery Advice on housing and Infrastructure; and
- the continuing challenges of delivery in the context of reduced financial and staff resources in both the public and private sectors.