

**MINUTE OF MEETING OF
THE GLASGOW AND THE CLYDE VALLEY STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING
AUTHORITY JOINT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 2014
AT THE OFFICES OF SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL**

PRESENT

Councillors Dempsey and Moir (East Dunbartonshire Council); McCaskill (East Renfrewshire Council); Scanlon (Glasgow City Council); Wilson (Inverclyde Council); Coyle and Curran (North Lanarkshire Council); Kelly and Nicolson (Renfrewshire Council); Dunsmuir (South Lanarkshire Council); and O'Neill (West Dunbartonshire Council).

Councillor Curran, Convener, presided.

S Tait, Strategic Development Plan Manager and D McDonald, Assistant Strategic Development Plan Manager (both Strategic Development Plan Core Team); M Hislop, GCV Green Network Partnership Manager (GCV Green Network Partnership); H Holland, Land Planning & Development Manager (East Dunbartonshire Council); G McCarney, Planning and Building Standards Manager (East Renfrewshire Council); F Barron, Head of Planning & Building Control (Glasgow City Council); S Jamieson, Head of Economic & Social Regeneration (Inverclyde Council); L Bowden, Business Manager (Strategic Planning) (North Lanarkshire Council); M McGlynn, Head of Planning & Building Control (South Lanarkshire Council); A Williamson, Team Leader – Forward Planning (West Dunbartonshire Council); and F Carlin, Head of Planning, D Forbes, Finance Manager, E Coventry, Democratic Services Officer and K Brown, Committee Services Officer (all Renfrewshire Council).

APOLOGIES

Councillors Buchanan (East Renfrewshire Council); Cameron (Glasgow City Council); and McAllister (West Dunbartonshire Council)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

1. MINUTE

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Joint Committee held on 8th September, 2014.

It was intimated that the Minute required correction in terms of item 6 of the Minute (Scottish Government Publication of National Planning Framework 3 and Scottish Planning Policy). Councillor Dempsey had noted the requirement of Strategic Development Plans to establish the need for a Green Belt had been removed from the newly published SPP. In response the Strategic Development Plan Manager stated that the designation of a Green Belt had been an important and long standing component of strategic planning policy of previous strategic plans for the city region. In this context the Green Belt, the Green Network and the regeneration strategy of the approved Strategic Development Plans collectively remained central to the sustainable planning of the city region.

DECIDED: That the Minute, as corrected, be approved.

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Councillor McCaskill entered the meeting during consideration of the following item.

2. GCV GREEN NETWORK PARTNERSHIP BUSINESS PLAN 2015/18 AND BUDGET 2015/16

There was submitted a report by the Glasgow & Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership Manager relative to the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership (GCVGNP) Business Plan 2015/18 and the local authority contributions to support the Business Plan for 2015/16.

The report intimated that the GCVGNP Business Plan provided guidance to the GCVGNP Board on the delivery of the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Green Network Programme for the three year period 2015/18. A copy of the Business Plan was appended to the report and provided a review of progress against the Partnership's remit, a plan for the continuing development of the Green Network Programme in 2015/16 and a budget for the Green Network Partnership's Executive Team.

The report highlighted that the budget for the GCVGNP in 2015/16 was £210,000, which comprised contributions from partner agencies and local authorities. The local authority contribution to the 2014/15 budget was £93,985 which equated to a 4.4% reduction per authority from the 2013/14 contribution. The contribution from each authority was calculated pro rata based on population size and a breakdown of the individual authorities' contribution was outlined within the report.

The GCVGNP Manager gave a presentation on the GCVGNP Business Plan highlighting the main aims and objectives for 2015/16. It was agreed that a copy of the presentation would be distributed to all members.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the content of the GCVGNP Business Plan be noted;
- (b) That the allocation of local authority contributions to support the delivery of the Business Plan be approved; and
- (c) That a copy of the presentation be distributed to all members.

3. AUDITED ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2013/14

There was submitted a report by the Treasurer relative to the audited accounts 2013/14 for the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority Joint Committee and included the report by Audit Scotland.

The report intimated that the Audit Certificate provided an unqualified opinion that the abstract of the accounts presented a true and fair view of the financial position of the Joint Committee as at March 2014, in accordance with the accounting policies detailed in the accounts. A report on the 2013/14 audit by Audit Scotland was also submitted. There were no matters arising from the audit which required specific reporting to the members.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the audited accounts be approved; and
- (b) That the report on the 2013/14 audit by Audit Scotland be noted.

4. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

There was submitted the revenue budget monitoring report by the Treasurer and the Strategic Development Plan Manager for the period 1st April to 7th November, 2014.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

5. REVENUE ESTIMATES 2015/16 TO 2016/17

There was submitted a report by the Treasurer, in consultation with the Strategic Development Plan Manager, relative to the Revenue Estimates of the Glasgow & the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan Authority and included the requisition of the constituent authorities for the financial years 2015/16 and 2016/17.

The report intimated that the unaudited accounts for the year ended 31st March, 2014, as presented to this meeting of the Joint Committee, indicated the level of reserves as £386,616. Of these reserves, £198,386 was earmarked for specific purposes including allowing for ongoing work to support the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan Authority's work and to ensure that the Authority's statutory mandate was achieved. The balance of £188,230 held in general reserves had accumulated due to under spends in 2012/13 and 2013/14. This level of balances was in excess of that which would provide sufficient protection for the Joint Committee against unforeseen risks and events and, as such, it was proposed that a one-off reimbursement of requisitions was made to contributing authorities in 2015/16 amounting to £15,000 per contributing local authority and amounting to £120,000.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the revenue estimates for 2015/16 budget year and the related requisitions of the constituent authorities be agreed;
- (b) That the one-off reimbursement of £120,000 of member authority requisitions to be made during 2015/16 be agreed;
- (c) That the indicative revenue estimates for 2016/17 be noted; and
- (d) That it be agreed that the Strategic Development Plan Manager, in conjunction with the Treasurer, present a report to a future meeting of the Joint Committee should its remit and finances be materially affected by any future member authority policy decisions.

7. ADDITIONAL ITEM – MEETING WITH THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

The Convener intimated that he and the Depute Convener had met with the Minister for Local Government & Planning, Derek MacKay MSP. The Convener advised that the positive work undertaken by the Joint Committee had been highlighted during the meeting and the opportunity had also been taken to raise the issues regarding the complexity and cost of the Housing Need Demand Assessment (HNDA) and the cut back in resourcing and skills. The Minister agreed to look into the issues surrounding the HNDA.

The Convener advised that since this meeting, Derek MacKay MSP had moved to a new position within the Scottish Parliament and it was understood that Alex Neill, MSP was the new Minister for Local Government & Planning. It was agreed that the Strategic Development Manager would confirm with the Scottish Government whether the new Minister required a meeting/briefing with the Glasgow & Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority.

DECIDED: That it be agreed that the Strategic Development Manager would confirm with the Scottish Government whether a meeting/briefing was required with the new Minister for Local Government & Planning.

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

DECIDED: That it be noted that the next meeting of the Joint Committee would be held on Monday, 9th March, 2015 at the offices of East Dunbartonshire Council.

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IN ATTENDANCE

S Tait, Strategic Development Plan Manager and D McDonald, Assistant Strategic Development Plan Manager (both Strategic Development Plan Core Team); H Holland, Land Planning & Development Manager (East Dunbartonshire Council); G McCarney, Planning and Building Standards Manager (East Renfrewshire Council); F Barron, Head of Planning & Building Control (Glasgow City Council); S Jamieson, Head of Economic & Social Regeneration (Inverclyde Council); L Bowden, Business Manager (Strategic Planning) (North Lanarkshire Council); M McGlynn, Head of Planning & Building Control (South Lanarkshire Council); A Williamson, Team Leader – Forward Planning (West Dunbartonshire Council); and F Carlin, Head of Planning, D Forbes, Finance Manager, E Coventry, Democratic Services Officer and K Brown, Committee Services Officer (all Renfrewshire Council).

APOLOGIES

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1. CLYDEPLAN – MAIN ISSUES REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Strategic Development Plan Manager relative to the Main Issues Report (MIR).

The report intimated that the Development Plan Scheme (DPS) which had been published in 2014 set out the timeline and processes involved in the preparation of the second Strategic Development Plan (SDP) for the city region. The DPS declared the intention of the Authority to publish the MIR in January 2015 and a draft MIR was appended to the report for consideration by the Joint Committee.

The report highlighted that following any changes to the draft MIR agreed by the Joint Committee, the MIR would be finalised and prepared for printing and distribution. The MIR would then be subject to an eight week consultation and would be publicised in accordance with the publication requirements set out in Planning Circular 6/2013. It was noted that the Housing Need and Demand Assessment (HNDA) which was being developed as a technical background report to the MIR had been substantially concluded and agreed by the Housing Market Partnership Core Group. The write-up of the HNDA report was well advanced and in order to expedite the appraisal process and achievement of 'robust and credible' status from the CHMA in advance of the MIR publication, sections of the HNDA report were being submitted as they were concluded and agreed by the Core Group.

The Strategic Development Plan Manager gave a presentation on the GCVGNP Business Plan highlighting the main elements of the MIR.

Councillors Dempsey and Moir raised the issue of fracking and the potential impact on the Strategic Development Plan (SDP). It was agreed that the Strategic Development Plan Manager would raise this issue with the Scottish Government.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the MIR be approved for publication and consultation;
- (b) That the Strategic Development Plan Manager be granted appropriate editorial powers to finalise the MIR, in liaison with the Chair of the Management Team;
- (c) That it be agreed that the Strategic Development Plan Manager, in liaison with the Committee Clerk and Management Team, organise and deliver the relevant publicity to ensure that the statutory procedures are met; and
- (d) That it be agreed that the Strategic Development Plan Manager raise the issue of fracking with the Scottish Government.