

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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**Report by
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SDP2 Examination Update

1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Joint Committee on matters relating to the Examination of the second Strategic Development Plan

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Joint Committee
- note the position with regard to the Examination of SDP2;
 - consider whether, given that the Reporter has missed the target date of submission of his report of examination to Scottish Ministers and the potential delays in the approval of SDP2 and impact on the Local Development Plan processes, the Joint Committee should write to the DPEA and Scottish Government to express its disappointment over the potential delay to the approval of SDP2.

3. Strategic Development Plan Examination

- 3.1 The second Strategic Development Plan was submitted to Scottish Ministers for approval on 26th May 2016, thereby meeting the legislative requirement of submission of a replacement plan within 4 years of approval of the first Strategic Development Plan.
- 3.2 The Scottish Ministers on 15th June appointed Mr David Liddell BA (Hons), MRTPI to carry out the examination of the SDP.
- 3.3 On 1st July the Reporter concluded his examination of conformity with Clydeplan's Participation Statement with the examination formally commencing on 14th July 2016.
- 3.4 On 15th July Clydeplan were advised that, due to other casework the Reporter appointed to undertake the Examination now anticipates that it will be late August before he will be in a position to commence examination of the Plan. The target date for the Reporter's report to be submitted to Scottish Ministers is the 23rd February 2017.
- 3.5 On 4th August DPEA advised that an additional reporter Michael Cunliffe BSc (Hons), MSc, MCIWEM had been appointed to assist with the examination.

4. Hearing

- 4.1 On the 14th December 2016 the Reporter held a formal hearing session in Renfrew Town Hall into housing related issues. The participants at the hearing were Clydeplan and Homes for Scotland.

5. Additional Further Information Request

- 5.1. As reported at the last meeting of the Steering Group the Reporter had issued 6 Further Information Requests between September and November 2016.
- 5.2 On 31st January 2017 the Reporter issued an additional Further Information Request relating to the implications for the Proposed Plan's Housing Supply Targets of the Scottish Government's target of delivering 50,000 affordable homes over a five year period.
- 5.3. The implications of this additional information request is that the Reporter will not now meet his proposed deadline of 23rd February 2017 (9 months after submission of Proposed SDP by Clydeplan to DPEA) for his Examination Report to be submitted to Scottish Ministers. This potentially has implications for the timescale for the Scottish Ministers approval of the Strategic Development Plan which was anticipated in May 2017.
- 5.4 The latest update from DPEA issued on 3rd March 2017 stated that the Reporters hope to be able to complete the examination shortly, and submit the report to Ministers.

6. Estimated Costs

- 6.1. An estimate of costs for the examination was requested from the DPEA. The Reporter has indicated an initial estimate of 90 days reporters work with an estimated cost of £18,200 (plus VAT), based on 90 days reporters work and 5 days admin work at 50% of LDP cost rates. This cost can be met from Clydeplan's current budget underspend and earmarked reserves.
- 6.2 To date the DPEA have issued two invoices for the period August to February 2017 for a total of £11,401.44 (VAT £1,900.24).