

# Report

Report to:	<b>Executive Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>13 May 2020</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>The South Lanarkshire Development Plan Scheme 2020</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to:-

- seek approval for the South Lanarkshire Development Plan Scheme which will then be submitted to the Scottish Government for information.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1 The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the South Lanarkshire Development Plan Scheme 2020 is approved and published as set out in the attached appendix.
- (2) that the South Lanarkshire Development Plan Scheme 2020 is submitted to the Scottish Government.

## 3. Background

3.1 The Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 requires Planning Authorities in Scotland to prepare Strategic Development Plans (SDPs) and Local Development Plans (LDPs).

3.2 It also requires all planning authorities to prepare a development plan scheme. The scheme has to set out the authority's programme for preparing and reviewing their SDPs or LDPs and what is likely to be involved at each stage. The scheme is to be updated annually.

3.3 The SDP covering South Lanarkshire is the Glasgow and Clyde Valley SDP which is prepared by Clydeplan and they have a duty to prepare their own development plan scheme. The document covering the period from March 2020 to March 2021 was published on 25 March 2020. The current SDP was approved in July 2017.

## 4. The South Lanarkshire Development Plan Scheme 2020

4.1 A development plan scheme for South Lanarkshire has been prepared. The scheme covers:-

- The current coverage of development plans in South Lanarkshire;
- Progress on the preparation of the South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan 2 (SLLDP2) for the Council area and the context set for this by the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley SDP2.
- The timescale for adopting SLLDP2.
- Details, as appropriate, of the key components of each stage of preparation;

- A participation statement, giving an account of consultation which has taken place, with whom and in what form, during the preparation of the SLLDP2; and
- Information on how to access information and how to get in touch with the Council.

4.2 The following work has been completed in 2019/20: -

- Following the publication of the Proposed SLLDP2 in the Summer of 2018 and an assessment of representations received in response to consultation committee approval was given in March 2019 to submit the Proposed Plan to Scottish Ministers without any major change. Any unresolved representations would be the subject of an examination by a Reporter appointed by Ministers.
- Subsequently, preparation of reports relating to unresolved issues (known as Schedule 4's) and their submission together with associated evidence to the Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals (DPEA) was carried out. The Examination by the Reporter has commenced and officers have been dealing with a range of Further Information Requests. In addition, a hearing on housing land supply took place in Hamilton on 26 February 2020.
- It had been anticipated that the Examination would be completed and a Report with recommendations submitted to the Council by spring 2020. However, this timescale has slipped, and the Council anticipate the findings of the Examination will be sent to the Council later in 2020.

4.3 Once approved by Committee, the Development Plan Scheme will be sent to the Scottish Ministers and made available on the Council's web site.

## 5. **Employee Implications**

5.1 The timescales for the delivery of the local development plans and guidance outlined within the development plan scheme are based upon continuity of existing staff resources within Planning and Economic Development Services. Changes in this resource may impact on the programmes presented.

## 6. **Financial Implications**

6.1 The resources required to deliver the local development plans and guidance described in the development plan scheme are dependent upon the current budget levels available to Planning and Economic Development Services. Changes in these financial resources may impact on the programmes presented.

## 7. **Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

7.1 There are no direct implications, however, Local Development Plans are subject to the requirements of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005. Each plan is subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment as detailed within the development plan scheme. In addition the proposed plan contains a number of policies relating to tackling climate change, encouraging sustainable development and protecting the environment.

## 8. **Other Implications**

8.1 Plans will also be subject to other forms of assessment to address sustainability issues, meet other legislative requirement and/or Council/Community Planning policy, namely; Habitats Regulation Appraisal, Equality Impact Assessment and Health Impact Assessment. The Development Plan Scheme itself, however, does not raise any sustainability issues.

8.2 The production of the Development Plan Scheme is a statutory requirement and there would be a reputational risk to the Council if it failed to do so.

## **9. Equality impact assessment and consultation arrangements**

- 9.1 As indicated in the above paragraph, Equality Impact Assessment is undertaken on local development plans.
- 9.2 There are no consultation requirements for the development plan scheme. The scheme, however, details the stages, form and timing of the required participation and consultation associated with the preparation of the LDP.

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### **Link(s) to Council Objectives/Values/Ambitions**

- Work with communities and partners to promote high quality thriving and sustainable communities.
- Support the local economy by providing the right conditions for inclusive growth.
- Encourage participation in physical and cultural activities.

### **Previous References**

- None

### **List of Background Papers**

South Lanarkshire Development Plan Scheme 2020

### **Contact for Further Information**

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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