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Report to:	<b>Planning Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>10 March 2009</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Enterprise Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>The South Lanarkshire Development Plan Scheme 2009</b>
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## **1. Purpose of Report**

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Inform Committee of new legislative requirements for development planning in Scotland and of the need to prepare a Development Plan Scheme setting out the Council's programme for preparing its development plans; and
- ◆ Seek Committee approval for the South Lanarkshire Development Plan Scheme (appended to report) which will then be passed 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 2009 is approved and published as set out in the appendix.

## **3. Background**

3.1. The Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 introduced a new statutory basis for development planning in Scotland, including the replacement of structure and local plans by strategic development plans (SDPs) and local development plans (LDPs). The Scottish Government seeks a genuinely plan-led modernised planning system in Scotland with development plans that are:-

- succinct, ambitious, up-to-date and practical;
- prepared with the early and full engagement of all interests in the development plan; and
- clearly focussed on outcomes and sustainable development

3.2. An early action for all planning authorities has been set by the Scottish Government to prepare a Development Plan Scheme, as required by the Act, by the end of March 2009. This scheme is to set out the authority's programme for preparing and reviewing their strategic development plan (SDP) or local development plan(s) (LDP) and what is likely to be involved at each stage. Once prepared the scheme is to be kept up-to-date by at least annual review.

3.3. Preparation of a new SDP for Glasgow and the Clyde Valley is being progressed by a Joint Committee that South Lanarkshire Council is a member of. The SDP team has prepared its own development plan scheme.

#### **4. The South Lanarkshire Development Plan Scheme 2009**

- 4.1. A development plan scheme for South Lanarkshire has been prepared and is appended to this report. The scheme covers:-
- The current coverage of development plans (structure and local plans) in South Lanarkshire;
  - Proposals for new local development plans (LDPs) for the area and the context for these to be set by the proposed Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan;
  - The timescale for preparation of these LDPs;
  - Details, as appropriate, of the key components of each stage of preparation;
  - A participation statement, giving an account of when consultation will take place, with whom and in what form, during the preparation of the LDPs; and
  - Information on how to access information and how get in touch with the Council.
- 4.2. Once approved by Committee the scheme will be sent to the Scottish Ministers, published and made available in hard copy and on the Council's web site and placed in every Council library.

#### **5. Employee Implications**

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

#### **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1. The financial resources required to deliver the local development plans outlined within the development plan scheme are based upon current budget levels available to Planning and Building Standards Services. Changes in these resources may impact on the programmes presented.

#### **7. Other Implications**

- 7.1. Local development plans are subject to the requirements of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005. Each plan will therefore be subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment as is detailed within the development plan scheme. Plans will also be subject to other forms of assessment to meet other legislative requirement and/or Council/Community Planning policy, namely; Appropriate Assessment, Equality Impact Assessment and Health Impact Assessment

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

- 8.1. As mentioned in the above paragraph Equality Impact Assessment will be undertaken on local development plans.
- 8.2. There are no consultation requirements for the development plan scheme. The scheme however details the stages, form and timing of participation and consultation in the preparation of the local development plans for South Lanarkshire.

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**Link(s) to Council Objectives**

- Improve the quality of the physical environment
- Support the local economy by providing the right conditions for growth, improving skills and employability
- Improve health and increase physical activity

**Previous References**

- None

**List of Background Papers**

- None

**Contact for Further Information**

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