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Report to:	Planning Committee
Date of Meeting:	8 March 2011
Report by:	Executive Director (Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	The South Lanarkshire Development Plan Scheme 2011
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Seek Committee approval for the South Lanarkshire Development Plan Scheme 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 2011 is approved and published.

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). This is a statutory requirement for the Council with no discretion applicable.
- 3.2. Scottish Government has also instructed all planning authorities to prepare a development plan scheme. The scheme has 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. The scheme is to be updated annually. This will be the third development plan scheme.
- 3.3. Preparation of a new SDP for Glasgow and the Clyde Valley is being progressed by a Joint Committee that includes South Lanarkshire Council. The SDP team has prepared its own development plan scheme. It is anticipated that a proposed SDP will be published later this year.

4. The South Lanarkshire Development Plan Scheme 2011

- 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 Council area and the context set for these by the proposed Glasgow and the Clyde Valley SDP;
 - 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 The scheme highlights the good progress made in preparing and publishing a range of supplementary guidance that support the policies in the current Local Plan. This includes advice on affordable housing and renewable energy. The current position in the preparation of the Minerals Local Development Plan (recently the subject of public consultation) is set out; and the scheme outlines a programme for the preparation of the South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan that will in due course replace the current Local Plan. This process will start with the production of a Monitoring Statement, consultation with the public and stakeholders, and a Main Issues Report in the year ahead.
- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 The scheme has been available for viewing in Members' areas prior to Committee.
- 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 on the programmes presented and therefore fulfilling a statutory function.
- 6. Financial Implications**
- 6.1. The financial resources required to the 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 this resource may impact on the programmes presented and therefore fulfilling a statutory function.
- 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; Habitats Regulation Assessment, Equality Impact Assessment and Health Impact Assessment. Changes in employee and financial resources may impact on the programmes presented and therefore fulfilling a statutory function
- 8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**
- 8.1. As mentioned in the above paragraph Equality Impact Assessment will be undertaken on the local development plan.
- 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 Values/Improvement Themes/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

- South Lanarkshire Development Plan Scheme 2011

Contact for Further Information

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

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