

South Ayrshire Council

**Report by Executive Director Development and Environment
to South Ayrshire Council
of 8th March 2012**

Subject: South Ayrshire Proposed Local Development Plan

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to publish the South Ayrshire Proposed Local Development Plan (the Proposed Plan), and the Environmental Report of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) which accompanies the Proposed Plan, for public consultation.

2. Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that the Council:

1. Approves the South Ayrshire Proposed Local Development Plan and the Environmental Report of the associated SEA, for publication and public consultation;
2. Approves the updated South Ayrshire Development Plan Scheme (forming Appendix 4 to the previously issued report);
3. Grants delegated powers to the Executive Director of Development and Environment to submit the South Ayrshire Proposed Local Development Plan for the Plain English Campaign's Crystal Mark seal of approval for document clarity and make any non-substantive changes to the Plan required to attain that approval; and
4. Agrees that, on publication, the provisions of the Proposed Plan will become a material consideration in determining planning applications, with the weight that is accorded to the Plan being dependent upon a number of considerations, including the extent of any objection received in relation to particular provisions, and generally increasing as the plan progresses through the statutory process.

3. Background

- 3.1 At a Special Meeting on 27th February, the Council considered a report by the Executive Director of Development and Environment on the South Ayrshire Proposed Local Development Plan (previously issued). Following discussion about a range of issues, the Council agreed to continue consideration of the proposed Local Development Plan to the next meeting of the Council on 8th March 2012 and that a Seminar for Elected Members be arranged to take place before that date at which the concerns and questions that had been raised by Elected Members would be clarified and addressed.

4. Proposals

- 4.1 A seminar for Elected Members on various aspects of the Proposed Plan was held in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Ayr on Wednesday, 29th February, 2012.
- 4.2 The Council is invited to re-consider the recommendations made in the report on the Proposed Plan, previously issued for the 27th February Council meeting (as set out in Section 2.1 above), on the basis of the information contained in that report and provided at the Elected Members' seminar.

5. Resource Implications

5.1 Financial

See the report on the Proposed Plan to the 27th February 2012 meeting of South Ayrshire Council.

5.2 Legal

See the report on the Proposed Plan to the 27th February 2012 meeting of South Ayrshire Council.

5.3 Human Resources

See the report on the Proposed Plan to the 27th February 2012 meeting of South Ayrshire Council.

6. Risk

- 6.1 See the report on the Proposed Plan to the 27th February 2012 meeting of South Ayrshire Council.

7. Equalities

- 7.1 See the report on the Proposed Plan to the 27th February 2012 meeting of South Ayrshire Council.

8. Sustainable Development Implications

- 8.1 See the report on the Proposed Plan to the 27th February 2012 meeting of South Ayrshire Council.

9. Options Appraisal

- 9.1 See the report on the Proposed Plan to the 27th February 2012 meeting of South Ayrshire Council.

10. Link to Council's Priorities / Improvement Programme

- 10.1 See the report on the Proposed Plan to the 27th February 2012 meeting of South Ayrshire Council.

11. Results of Consultation

- 11.1 See the report on the Proposed Plan to the 27th February 2012 meeting of South Ayrshire Council.

Background Papers

Report by the Executive Director of Development and Environment to South Ayrshire Council of 27th February 2012, entitled, "South Ayrshire Proposed Local Development Plan"

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