

annual report 2010

Main Issues Report launched

2010 saw a major step being taken in the process of transforming the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Joint Structure Plan 2000 into its successor, the Strategic Development Plan, as required by the *Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006*.

This process has been the primary focus for the majority of the work of the Joint Committee over the past 12 months.

This work culminated on 30 September 2010 when the Joint Committee published for consultation its first Strategic Development Plan Main Issues Report (MIR) with a closing date for responses of 14 January 2011.

Along with the MIR a number of related documents including a Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equalities and Human Rights Impact Assessment and a

Draft Housing Need and Demand Assessment were also published.

A number of technical Background Reports were also published in support of the Main Issues Report.

A series of consultation events were undertaken in support of the Main Issues Report and the Joint Committee's Participation Statement.

Each local authority hosted a specific Main Issues Report event which attracted representation from individuals, community groups, local interested groups, local area committees and other interested parties.

Additionally, presentations were given to the West of Scotland Chapter of the RTP1 and the West of Scotland SPT / Councils Liaison Group.



Convener's column

2010 has been a significant year for the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority with the publication of its first ever Main Issues Report.

At a time of significant strains on budgets I welcome the continued commitment of each of the eight Glasgow and the Clyde Valley local authorities and key stakeholders in assisting the Joint Committee deliver a document which has stimulated a welcome discussion on the key issues facing the city region.

These issues include how to

- break down distances to key economic markets
- support a sustainable economy
- promote environmental action
- promote sustainable locations for development, and
- tackle risk through identifying the strategic development priorities.

Securing an agreed vision and land use planning strategy for Glasgow and the Clyde Valley is vitally important as it will be the basis upon which the economic, environmental and social restructuring of our area will be based.

Whilst recognising delivering key components such as the Clyde Waterfront, Clyde Gateway, Ravenscraig, the Community Growth Areas and the Green Network in the current economic climate may be delayed they remain vital to the area.

Prioritisation will therefore be critical and that will be an important part of the work in 2011 for the Joint Committee which will focus on producing its first Strategic Development Plan.

I look forward to working with you in shaping this important document.

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New Councillors elected to Joint Committee

Two new Councillors from Glasgow City Council joined the Joint Committee in 2010 - **Councillor John Flannigan** and **Baillie Liz Cameron**, replacing Councillors George Ryan and George Redmond.

Futures

Strategic Futures Group analysis process

During 2010, the Joint Committee continued with its systematic Futures analysis involving key public sector organisations working alongside the eight Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Local Authorities as part of a Strategic Futures Group.

This work was the principal driver behind the *Vision* set out in the Main Issues Report.

Also part of the futures process the Group undertook a risk analysis of the *spatial stories* they had created.

This task highlighted the importance of identifying the risks and implications associated with delivering a spatial strategy in a number of potentially different operating environments in terms of available resources and governance.

This work on risk was reflected in **Issue 5 Tackling risk - strategic development priorities** of the Main Issues Report.

Housing

Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Housing Market Partnership

2010 saw Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Housing Market Partnership produce its first Draft Housing Need and Demand Assessment. This is a testament to the continued hard work and commitment shown by both planning and housing colleagues of the eight Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Local Authorities.

Innovative approaches have been taken in a number of key areas in particular the concept of defining and understanding the issue of *affordability*. The support of the Scottish Government's Centre for Housing Market Analysis is acknowledged.

The Partnership, during 2010, engaged with a wide range of external stakeholder with an interest in housing matters including Homes for Scotland, Council of Mortgage Lenders, Scottish Association of Landlords, Scottish Federation of Housing Associations, Glasgow and West of Scotland Forum of Housing Associations Association of Circus Proprietors of Great Britain and Age Scotland, this process of engagement will continue as the HNDA is finalised for submission to the Scottish Government.

Joint Committee

Priorities and issues

The main priorities for the future work of the Joint Committee will be driven by

- the June 2011 publication of the first **Strategic Development Plan Proposed Plan** and the submission of the Proposed Plan to Scottish Ministers in October 2011 for approval
- the impacts of the **economic recession** on delivery of the key priorities of the Plan and the implications of reduced financial and staff resources in both the public and private sectors
- the increasing emphasis upon meeting the **carbon emission reduction targets** set out in the *Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009* and the creation of a low carbon Scotland as set out in the Scottish Government's *A Low Carbon Economic Strategy for Scotland*. This is set in the context of promoting sustainable economic growth and sustainable development. The key areas identified are energy supply, housing and communities, business and the public sector, transport, rural land use and waste.