

# annual report 2011

## Proposed Plan published and submitted for approval

2011 saw the publication of the first ever Strategic Development Plan for the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley city region. Consultation ran for a period of 8 weeks from 30 June to 26 August 2011.

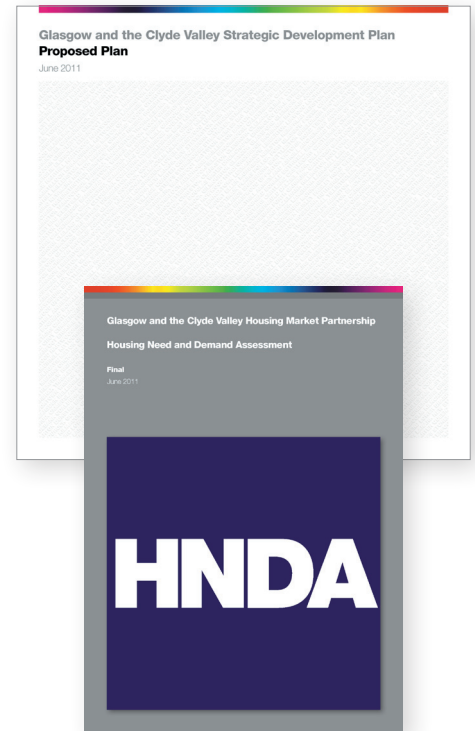
The consultation was supported by the launch of the Authority's new website and a series of public consultation events hosted by each of the eight constituent local authorities.

In total 75 representations were received covering a wide variety of subjects ranging from the spatial vision to housing and from the green belt to waste management. These representations raised 36 individual issues which were submitted along with the Proposed Plan to Scottish Ministers on 31 October 2011.

A key component of the delivery of the Proposed Plan was the assessment of the process and methodology used by the Authority's in preparation of its Housing Need and Demand Assessment. This was deemed "robust and credible" by the Scottish Government's Centre for Housing Market Analysis on 21 June 2011.

An important part of the new planning system is the mandatory Examination of Strategic Development Plans.

In this context the Scottish Ministers have appointed two reporters to consider the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan and its examination commenced on 6 December 2011. It is anticipated that the Plan will be approved by Scottish Ministers in 2012.



### Convenor's column

**2011 was a very important year for the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority as it submitted to Scottish Ministers for approval its first ever Strategic Development Plan.**

This milestone was only achieved through the continued joint working and support of the eight Glasgow and the Clyde Valley local authorities and key stakeholders in assisting the Authority deliver a Plan which sets a clear, long-term strategic direction of travel for the future physical,

environmental and social development of the city-region.

In keeping with the spirit of the new planning system in Scotland the Authority has sought to keep its new Strategic Development Plan concise and visionary in addition to being a bold in its aspirations and above not backing away from a consistent and at time difficult response to the current and future drivers of change.

The Strategic Development Plan is now with Scottish Ministers for their consideration and it is hoped that the

finalised Plan will be in place during 2012.

I would like to thank all those who have engaged with the Authority over the last year and who have assisted in shaping what is a very important document.

Cllr **Graham Scott**  
GCVSDPA Chair

# GCVSDPA Joint Committee



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## New Councillors elected to Joint Committee

Three new Councillors joined the Joint Committee in 2011, Councillor **Tony Buchanan**, East Renfrewshire Council, replaced Councillor Eddie Phillips; Councillor **John Hood**, Renfrewshire Council, replaced Councillor Jackie Green; and Councillor **Lawrence O'Neill**, West Dunbartonshire Council, replaced Councillor Gail Casey.

## Engagement

### New GCVSDPA website launched

As part of its commitment to improved engagement the Authority launched its new website - [www.gcvsdpa.gov.uk](http://www.gcvsdpa.gov.uk) - on 30 June 2011 as a key component of the consultation process on the Proposed Plan.

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## Publications

### Big Picture leaflet published

Along with the other three Strategic Development Planning Authorities in Scotland and in association with the Scottish Government and Architecture + Design Scotland the Authority contributed to the publication of an innovative graphic leaflet called *The Big Picture* which will be used as part of the Authority's engagement strategy.

The leaflet is aimed at raising awareness of the role of strategic planning and to help communities and stakeholders engage with strategic planning issues.

An animated video version is proposed for 2012.



## Joint Committee

### Priorities and issues

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

- the Examination of the first Strategic Development Plan Proposed Plan and consideration of the related findings by Scottish Ministers
- setting a work programme for the development of SDP2 which is due for publication in 2016
- 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 the role of cities.

