

annual report 2012

Strategic Development Plan Approved By Scottish Ministers

On 29th May 2012 Scottish Ministers approved, with modifications, the first ever Strategic Development Plan for the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley city region.

The Strategic Development Plan (SDP) sets out the development strategy over the next 20 years of where new development should be located and a policy framework that supports sustainable economic growth, helps shape good quality places and which enhances the quality of life of the city region.

The SDP focuses on growing the economy of the city region in a low carbon and sustainable manner and sets out a planning framework which positively encourages investment within Glasgow and the Clyde Valley.

The document is available online at www.gcvsdpa.gov.uk



The Strategic Development Plan:-

- * promotes a Sustainable Development Strategy which includes the Clyde Waterfront (including Riverside Inverclyde and Clydebank Rebuilt), Clyde Gateway and Ravenscraig as core development locations;
- * identifies 20 Strategic Economic Investment Locations to support economic activity in the key sectors of the economy;
- * promotes Glasgow City Centre as the employment, civic and cultural core of the city region;
- * identifies a network of 23 strategic centres to support their community role and diversity of functions,
- * identifies 13 Community Growth Areas for approximately 20,000 new homes;
- * promotes High Speed Rail;
- * promotes the key role of Glasgow International Airport;



- * promotes the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Green Network and related spatial priorities including a Forestry and Woodland Framework;
- * sets a context for natural resources including surface coal, aggregate minerals, wind energy and biomass;
- * recognises the risk in delivering the strategy in the current economic climate.

The Strategic Development Plan forms part of the statutory Development Plan alongside Local Plans/Local Development Plans and provides a framework for development management decision making.

Work has commenced on the preparation of the next Strategic Development Plan which is due to be submitted to Scottish Ministers for approval in 2016.

convener's column



2012 was another historic year for strategic planning in west central Scotland as it saw the approval, by Scottish Ministers, of its first ever Strategic Development Plan and associated Action Programme.

The Plan sets out a development strategy over the next 20 years of where new development should be located and a policy framework to help deliver sustainable economic growth, shape good quality places and enhance the quality of life in the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley city region.

The Plan focuses on growing the economy of the city region in a low carbon and sustainable manner and setting out a planning framework which positively encourages investment within Glasgow and the Clyde Valley.

2013 will see Local Authorities move forward with their Local Development Plans as well as a review of Strategic Development Plans by the Scottish Government along with the publication of new Scottish Planning Policy.

As the Authority looks forward to delivering its second Plan in 2016 it will continue to work with its constituent local authorities and key stakeholders and encourages those with an interest in the Glasgow and Clyde Valley city-region to become involved.

Councillor Harry Curran
GCVSDPA Convener

ACTION PROGRAMME PUBLISHED

On 29th August 2012 the GCVSDPA published its Action Plan in support of the approved Strategic Development Plan. The Action Programme sets out the actions required to implement the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan.

The document is available online at www.gcvsdpa.gov.uk

The approach taken in respect of the Action Programme has been to develop the range of actions and describe the progress associated with each of the SDP's spatial development priorities. It draws upon the approach to the existing National Planning Framework 2 Action Programme under the main headings of the proposal, the lead Partner/delivery organisations and progress.

In preparing the Action Programme, the Authority has consulted and considered the views of the constituent Local Authorities, the Key Agencies (Scottish Natural Heritage, Historic Scotland, Scottish Environmental Protection Agency, Scottish Water, Scottish Enterprise, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport and



Health Boards), Transport Scotland and the Scottish Government and those who the Authority has specified by name.

As part of the ongoing monitoring of the Strategic Development Plan, and in fulfilment of the requirements of Planning Circular 1/2009, the Authority will keep the Action Programme under review and will update and republish at least every 2 years.

The next revision of the Action Programme will therefore be no later than July 2014.



GCVSDPA Joint Committee



Convener
Harry Curran
North
Lanarkshire



Depute Convener
James
Scanlon
Glasgow City



John
Dempsey
East
Dunbartonshire



Alan
Moir
East
Dunbartonshire



Tony
Buchanan
East
Renfrewshire



Gordon
McAskill
East
Renfrewshire



Elizabeth
Cameron
Glasgow City



Provost
Michael
McCormick
Inverclyde



David
Wilson
Inverclyde



James
Coyle
North
Lanarkshire



Terry
Kelly
Renfrewshire



Iain
Nicolson
Renfrewshire



Hugh
Dunsmuir
South
Lanarkshire



Chris
Thompson
South
Lanarkshire



Douglas
McAllister
West
Dunbartonshire



Lawrence
O'Neil
West
Dunbartonshire

NEW COUNCILLORS ELECTED ONTO AUTHORITY

Following the Local Government elections in May 2012 a number of new Councillors were elected onto the Authority's Joint Committee.

East Dunbartonshire Council

Councillor Alan Moir replaced Councillor Billy Hendry;

East Renfrewshire Council

Councillor Gordon McCaskill replaced Councillor Barbara Grant;

Glasgow City Council

Councillor James Scanlon replaced Councillor John Flanagan and was elected Deputy Convener;

Inverclyde Council

Councillor Michael McCormick replaced Councillor Robert Moran;

Renfrewshire Council

Councillor Terry Kelly replaced Councillor John Hood;

South Lanarkshire Council

Councillor Hugh Dunsmuir replaced Councillor Graham Scott;

West Dunbartonshire Council

Councillor Douglas McAllister replaced Councillor Jim Finn.

cities' agenda

2012 saw the reinvigoration of the Scottish cities agenda recognising the important role they play in delivering sustainable economic growth and place making for Scotland.

Led by Nicola Sturgeon MSP, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Capital Investment and Cities, the Scottish Cities Alliance has been established to take forward a programme of joint action aimed at attracting external investment, stimulating economic activity and most importantly creating new jobs and business opportunities in Scotland's cities.



The Alliance is a collaboration of Scotland's seven cities independently facilitated by the Scottish Council for Development and Industry and has a focus on four themes, namely Connected Cities, Sustainable Cities, Knowledge Cities and Vibrant and Cultural Cities.

The GCVSDPA is working closely with the Alliance as they take these themes forward with a view to them informing the development of the next Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan.

Priorities and Issues Affecting the Future Work of the GCVSDPA

The priorities for the future work of the GCVSDPA will be influenced, amongst other things, by

- * *the impacts of the economic recession on delivery of the key priorities of the Strategic Development Plan and the implications of reduced financial and staff resources in both the public and private sectors;*
- * *the Scottish Ministers approval letter on the 2011 Strategic Development Plan;*
- * *the Scottish Government's review of Strategic Development Plans during 2013;*
- * *the outcomes of the Scottish Government's Town Centres Review;*
- * *revisions of Scottish Government planning policy and related guidance to be published before the end of 2013;*
- * *the publication of National Planning Framework 3 in June 2014;*
- * *the increasing emphasis upon the role of cities; and*
- * *the refocusing of joint working topic group arrangements to reflect the current policy agendas and to support wider stakeholder engagement.*



Glasgow and the Clyde Valley
Strategic Development Planning Authority
Lower Ground Floor, 125 West Regent Street, Glasgow. G2 2SA
telephone 0141 229 7730
email info@gcvspda.gov.uk
website www.gcvspda.gov.uk