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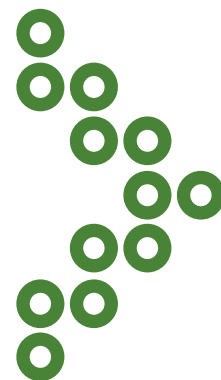
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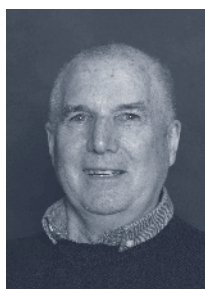
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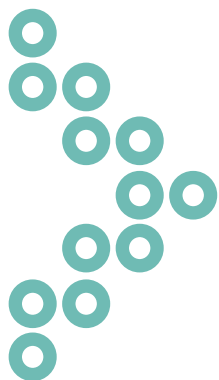
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Convenor's Column

2019 has again been another very interesting year in the world of strategic planning with the highlight being the enactment by the Scottish Parliament of the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019, nearly four years since the Scottish Government's review of planning began.

The new Act has seen the removal of the statutory requirement to prepare Strategic Development Plans across Scotland's four city regions and this has been replaced with a duty on all local authorities in Scotland to prepare a Regional Spatial Strategy, although the Regional Spatial Strategy will not form part of the statutory development plan system.

Regional Spatial Strategies are to be prepared following the approval of the National Planning Framework 4 which is likely to be late 2021. The Scottish Government will also publish guidance on Regional Spatial Strategies. Clydeplan is keen to share its experience of joint working on strategic planning with the Scottish Government during the development of both these documents.

The Clydeplan Joint Committee recognises regional land use planning as being crucial in supporting inclusive growth at both the city region and national scale.

Regional planning has served the Glasgow City Region well for over 70 years in term of both joint plan making and joint working. As a result Clydeplan will continue to support strategic planning.

Clydeplan will continue to work with its constituent Local Authorities as part of the Glasgow City Region and look to work towards closer integration both in terms of regional planning activities but also in terms of its future governance.

As Convenor of Clydeplan I would encourage those with an interest in the future well-being of Scotland's largest city region to become involved with Clydeplan as the new planning system comes into effect to ensure regional spatial planning continues to support the creation of a city region where people wish to live, work and invest.

Councillor **Lawrence O'Neill**

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Introduction

The eight Clydeplan Local Authorities are committed to strategic planning and working in partnership with a wide range of stakeholders in support of the delivery of its Vision and Spatial Development Strategy as set out in the Clydeplan Strategic Development Plan for the Glasgow City Region which was approved by Scottish Ministers on 24th July 2017.

The Clydeplan Strategic Development Plan provides a sound foundation upon which the city region can deliver growth for Scotland's largest city region and a context for its Local Authority Local Development Plans, Local Housing Strategies and Development Management decisions as well as supporting the Glasgow City Region's Economic Strategy 2017-2035.

The scale of work that has been undertaken by Clydeplan during 2019 has only been made possible by the willing support that it has gratefully received from both private and public sector partners.

These include the Scottish Government, Scottish Enterprise, Scottish Natural Heritage, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Historic Environment Scotland, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, Glasgow Airport, Transport Scotland, Forestry Commission Scotland, Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership, Clyde Marine Planning Partnership, Central Scotland Green Network Trust, Glasgow Centre for Population Health, NHS Scotland, Metropolitan Glasgow Strategic Drainage Partnership, Climate Ready Clyde, Scottish Water, Scottish Power, SGN, Virgin Media, Openreach, Homes for Scotland and Heriot Watt University.

This report sets out the key activities undertaken by Clydeplan and its partners during 2019.

Further information on the work of Clydeplan can be found at www.clydeplan-sdpa.gov.uk.





Clydeplan Joint Committee

The The Clydeplan Joint Committee met five times during 2019 in March, June, September, October and December. Details of the meeting's agendas, papers and minutes can be found at <https://bit.ly/2TAaTZo>

During 2019 the Joint Committee published its Annual Report 2018 and its Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement 2019/20.

In January 2019 the Scottish Government provided feedback on Clydeplan's Planning Performance Framework 2017/18. Clydeplan's performance has been assessed very positively on its plan preparation performance; and collaborative approach to sharing good practice, skills and knowledge between authorities, with all categories rated as green, and 'culture of continuous improvement' as amber.

In December 2019 the Joint Committee approved its revenue budget for the period 2020/21.



Strategic Development Plan Action Programme

2019 saw the publication of the refreshed Strategic Development Plan's Action Programme.

The refresh has sought to present the Action Programme in a more succinct and accessible manner outlining Clydeplan's collaborative delivery role which includes the provision of evidence to develop a mutual understanding of the issues and agree the priorities, thereby providing a strong foundation for the delivery of outcomes.

The Action Programme seeks to more succinctly and appropriately describe Clydeplan's delivery role and which also reflects the Glasgow City Region emerging activities. The approach taken is considered to be more pragmatic, rounded and reflective of ongoing discussion with the Key Agencies, the Scottish Government and wider city region stakeholders in the context of the new planning system being established through the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019.

The refreshed Action Programme can be viewed at <https://bit.ly/2UH9zYS>





Glasgow City Region

During 2019 Clydeplan has become increasingly involved in the work stream in support of the Glasgow City Region's Economic Strategy Action Plan (February 2017)

<https://bit.ly/2GZL7fV>

This has included support for the activities of the Land Use and Sustainability, Infrastructure and Assets, Housing and Equalities and Enterprise based portfolios.

Clydeplan's involvement with the Glasgow City Region activities is likely to continue to grow and develop during 2019 particularly given the economies of scale and general benefits that can be gained through city region scale joint partnership working.

This approach supports the direction of the Planning (Scotland) Bill which seeks the joint working of local authorities as regional partnerships.



Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 – Regional Spatial Strategies

After nearly four years since the appointment of the independent planning review panel, the Planning (Scotland) Bill became an Act on 25th July 2019.

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2019/13/contents/enacted>

The Act removes the statutory requirement to prepare a Strategic Development Plan and replaces it with a duty for planning authorities to prepare and adopt a 'Regional Spatial Strategy' (RSS). In this context it has been agreed that the current eight Clydeplan Local Authorities will continue to work together to prepare future RSS.

The Act further states that both the National Planning Framework and Local Development Plans require to 'have regard' to such a RSS.

Unlike Strategic Development Plans, the RSS will not form part of the statutory development planning system for Scotland nor will they be subject to any formal examination process.

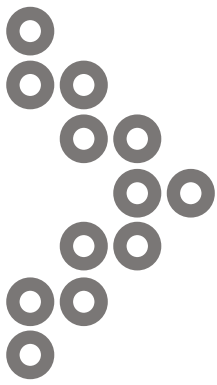
Under the terms of the Act, a Regional Spatial Strategy is defined as 'a long term spatial strategy in respect of strategic development of an area' and will include matters such as the need for strategic development, the outcomes to which the planning authorities consider that strategic development will contribute, the priorities for the delivery of strategic development, and the proposed locations for strategic development, which must be shown in the strategy in the form of a map or diagram.

Scottish Government intend to publish guidance on RSS after NPF4 is approved, most likely in late 2021.

In a Glasgow City Region context, the future Regional Spatial Strategy for the City Region will be the spatial expression of its Regional Economic Strategy, currently being refreshed for publication in 2020. The RSS will have a strong focus on people, place, business and the climate.

Following the enactment of the Planning (Scotland) Act in July, the Scottish Government are seeking local authorities working jointly to prepare *indicative Regional Spatial Strategies* by June 2021 in support of the development of NPF4. The indicative Regional Spatial Strategies are to comprise of a map/diagram of the Region's spatial priorities accompanied by a brief supporting narrative.

This work will commence early in 2020 and will be developed with a strong emphasis on joint working and engagement with Clydeplan's wider stakeholder community.



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