

# Annual Report 2014

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Constituent Local Authorities of Clydeplan



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East Dunbartonshire Council
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East Renfrewshire Council
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Glasgow City Council
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North Lanarkshire Council
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South Lanarkshire Council
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West Dunbartonshire Council

## Clydeplan Joint Committee

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Councillor  
East Renfrewshire



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## Convenor's Column

2014 saw some interesting developments for strategic planning in Scotland and the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley city region in particular.

One of the key developments of 2014 was the decision of the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority to rebrand itself as 'Clydeplan'. This rebranding is seen as a positive move to raise the profile of the Authority and its work and will hopefully enable Clydeplan to securing effective engagement across the city region.

June saw the Scottish Government published its response to its review of Strategic Development Plan in Scotland and set out 14 actions they will take, working with others, to strengthen strategic planning. Clydeplan looks forward to working with the Scottish Government, the other SDPAs in Scotland and any other interested parties in taking the outcomes of the review forward.

June also saw the publication of the third National Planning Framework for Scotland and a refresh of Scottish Planning Policy. These documents focus on four outcomes for planning namely a Low Carbon Place; a Natural Place to Invest; a Successful, Sustainable Place; and a Connected Place. Clydeplan has sought to align its Main Issues Report around these themes and support the delivery of the National Developments including Ravenscraig, the Metropolitan Strategic Drainage Plan, Strategic Airport Enhancements for Glasgow Airport and the Central Scotland Green Network.

From a Glasgow and the Clyde Valley city region perspective the announcement, in August, by its eight constituent Local Authorities along with the Scottish and UK Governments of a £1.13 billion City Deal Infrastructure Fund will increase economic growth across the city region, improve connectivity, create approximately 29,000 new jobs by 2035 and support over 5,500 residents back into sustained employment. City Deal will play an important part in supporting the deliver of the Strategic Development Plan's Vision and Spatial Development Strategy.

2014 also saw the start of the review of the current Strategic Development Plan. The first stage in this process was the publication in January of an Early Engagement Consultation exercise aimed at informing the Main Issues Report which was approved for consultation by the Joint Committee in December.

Looking forward to 2015 this will see the formal publication of the Main Issues Report and the development of the Proposed Strategic Development Plan which is due for publication in January 2016.

As Convenor of Clydeplan I would therefore encourage those with an interest in the long term planning and future well being of Scotland's largest city region to become involved with Clydeplan as it develops its next Strategic Development Plan.

Councillor **Harry Curran**



Convenor **Clydeplan**



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## Introduction

The eight Clydeplan local planning authorities are committed to strategic planning and working in collaboration with a wide range of stakeholders in support of the delivery of its Spatial Development Strategy as set out in the first ever Strategic Development Plan (SDP) for the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley city region which was approved by Scottish Ministers on 29th May 2012.

Many of the key elements of the Spatial Development Strategy such as Clyde Gateway, Clyde Waterfront and Ravenscraig and the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Green Network have been incorporated in the Scottish Government's National Planning Framework 3 which was published in June 2014.

These strategy components provide a sound foundation upon which the city region can base its recovery as the economy moves out of recession.



The scale of work that has been undertaken during 2014 has only been made possible by the willing support that Clydeplan has gratefully received. This has come from both private and public sector partners including the Scottish Government, Scottish Enterprise, Scottish Natural Heritage, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Historic Scotland, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, Visit Scotland, Transport Scotland, Forestry Commission Scotland, Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership, Central Scotland Green Network Trust, Glasgow Centre for Population Health, Metropolitan Glasgow Strategic Drainage Partnership, Scottish Water, Homes for Scotland, Scottish Property Federation, University of Glasgow and University of Stirling.



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## Review of Current Strategic Development Plan

Clydeplan approved its Main Issues Report in December 2014 as the next stage in reviewing the current SDP.

The Main Issues Report follows on from an early engagement consultation exercise undertaken in January 2014.

In addition Clydeplan have commissioned and/or supported a number of studies which will have assisted in the development of the Main Issues Report.

These studies include:

- Economic Outlook and Scenarios for the Glasgow and Clyde Valley City Region 2013-2028 by Oxford Economics;
- City region wide landscape capacity study for wind turbines jointly funded by SNH, Clydeplan and its constituent Local Authorities;
- Firth of Clyde Forum study into the impact of rising sea levels in the Firth of Clyde; and,
- Retail study by University of Stirling to provide an overview and analysis of wider future retail trends and the potential impacts on the network of strategic centres.

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## Early Engagement Consultation Exercise

In January 2014 Clydeplan initiated an early engagement consultation exercise to help inform the Main Issues Report being prepared for the next SDP. The key emerging themes from the consultation included a need to:

- review the Community Growth Areas;
- consider health and wellbeing/health inequalities;
- encourage community growing as part of wider Green Network;
- consider wider broadband coverage;
- consider the important role for energy efficiency including provision of district heating networks;
- placemaking;
- align the components of SDP with delivery; and,
- reflect finalised NPF3 and SPP.





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## Review of Strategic Development Plans in Scotland - Recommendations Published

In December 2013 the Scottish Government commenced its review of Strategic Development Plans in Scotland. The aim of the review was to consider whether the current arrangements for, and approaches to, the new Strategic Development Plans are fit for purpose with the focus being on process and content with particular emphasis on key areas such as on housing and transport.

To this end the Scottish Government appointed a team from Kevin Murray Associates and Glasgow University to undertake the review and the consultants submitted their findings to the Scottish Government in February 2014.

The review report set out 22 findings relating to 6 themes and in June 2014 the Scottish Government set out its response to the findings along with 14 actions they will take, working with others, to strengthen strategic planning.

The six themes are

1. collaborative leadership and governance;
2. effective engagement and scrutiny;
3. housing and community building;
4. transport and infrastructure role;
5. the influence on delivery;
6. resourcing and skills.

Further information on the review of strategic planning in Scotland can be found at:  
[www.gov.scot/Topics/Built-Environment/planning/Development-Planning/Strategic-Planning/ReviewDocs](http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Built-Environment/planning/Development-Planning/Strategic-Planning/ReviewDocs)

Clydeplan will seek to work with the Scottish Government, the other SDPA's in Scotland and any other interested parties in taking the outcomes of the review forward.

Further information can be found at:  
[www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/planning/Development-Planning/Strategic-Planning](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/planning/Development-Planning/Strategic-Planning)

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## ‘Clydeplan’ - Rebranding of the Authority

In September 2014 the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority agreed to rebrand itself as ‘Clydeplan’. The rebranding offers an opportunity to raise the profile of the Authority and its work.

The rebranding to ‘Clydeplan’ also supports the findings of the Scottish Government’s review of Strategic Development Plans in Scotland which raised issues around securing effective engagement across the city regions.



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## National Planning Framework 3 and Scottish Planning Policy published

June 2014 saw the Scottish Government publish National Planning Framework 3 (NPF3) and updated Scottish Planning Policy. Both these documents will set the policy context for the next SDP.

These documents focus on four themes which the next SDP will align itself with, namely

1. **A Low Carbon Place** (infrastructure to enable transition to low carbon economy);
2. **A Natural Place to Invest** (environment protection, tourism and sustainable resource management);
3. **A Successful, Sustainable Place** (economic growth, sustainable settlements, regeneration, green networks, health and home);
4. **A Connected Place** (movement of people, digital links and connectivity).

Clydeplan has sought to align its Main Issues Report with these themes and support the delivery of the National Developments and will do the same for the Proposed Plan.

In addition 14 National Developments were identified of which the following are relevant to Clydeplan

- Metropolitan Glasgow Strategic Drainage Plan (which supports a Natural Place to Invest);
- Central Scotland Green Network (which supports a Natural Place to Invest);
- Ravenscraig (which supports a Successful, Sustainable Place);
- High Speed Rail (which supports a Connected Place);
- Strategic Airport Enhancements - Glasgow Airport (which supports a Connected Place);
- Digital Fibre Network (which supports a Connected Place);
- National Cycling and Walking Network (which supports a Natural Place to Invest); and
- Grid Infrastructure Enhancements (which supports a Low Carbon Place).

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## Glasgow and Clyde Valley City Deal Announcement

In August 2014 the eight Clydeplan local authorities and the UK and Scottish Governments signed the Glasgow and Clyde Valley City Deal which established a £1.13 billion Infrastructure Fund.

This Fund will be used to support projects aimed at improving the transport network across the city region; unlocking key development and regeneration sites; and improving public transport.

This investment seeks to increase economic growth across the city region, improve connectivity and create approximately 29,000 new jobs by 2035 and support over 5,500 residents back into sustained employment.

It is anticipated that there will be a 4% uplift in GVA equivalent to £2.2bn per annum.

Twenty projects have been identified and Clydeplan will seek to work with all parties to take forward their delivery.

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/city-deal-glasgow-and-clyde-valley](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/city-deal-glasgow-and-clyde-valley)





## City Deal Projects

	Lead Authority	Project Name
1	East Renfrewshire	M77 Strategic Corridor
2	Glasgow	Collegelands/Calton/Barras Action Plan
3	Glasgow	City Centre Public Realm/Canal and North Glasgow
4	Glasgow	Clyde Waterfront and West End Innovation Quarter
5	Glasgow	Metropolitan Glasgow Strategic Drainage Plan
6	Inverclyde	Inchgreen
7	Inverclyde	Inverkip (former Inverkip Power Station)
8	Inverclyde	Ocean Terminal
9	North Lanarkshire	A8/M8 Corridor Access improvements
10	North Lanarkshire	Gartcosh Community Growth Area
11	North Lanarkshire	Pan Lanarkshire Orbital Transport Corridor
12	Renfrewshire	Clyde Waterfront and Renfrew Riverside
13	Renfrewshire	Glasgow Airport Economic Investment Zone
14	Renfrewshire	Glasgow Airport Rail Link
15	South Lanarkshire	Cathkin Bypass
16	South Lanarkshire	Community Growth Area's (East Kilbride, Hamilton, Newton and Larkhall)
17	South Lanarkshire	Greenhills Road/A726 Dual Carriageway
18	South Lanarkshire	Stewartfield Way
19	West Dunbartonshire	Exxon Site
20	Strathclyde Partnership for Transport	Strathclyde Bus Investment Programme



## Central Scotland Green Network Trust established and Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership Business Plan

The new Central Scotland Green Network Trust (CSGNT) came into being on 27th March 2014, as part of a programme of changes to the Central Scotland Green Network (CSGN) initiative which is a 'National Development' in the Scottish Government's National Planning Framework 3.

The new CSGNT, which has 'inherited' the assets of the Central Scotland Forestry Trust, will devote all of its resources to driving forward delivery of the CSGN with a wide range of stakeholders including local authorities, regional partnerships, landowners, environmental groups and local communities, in order to help realise the CSGN Vision.

Core priorities for the CSGNT will include action on vacant and derelict land, active travel and environmental improvements in disadvantaged areas.

Through extensive partnership working, the principal aim of the CSGNT is to bring about the realisation of the Green Network on the ground, and the benefits that this will bring to local communities, businesses and wildlife.

The Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership is an important regional delivery mechanism of the CSGN and in December 2014 Clydeplan endorsed the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership's Business Plan 2015/18 and related budget for 2015/16. The Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Green Network is a core component of SDP's Spatial Development Strategy.





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## Key Stakeholder Presentations to the Authority

During 2014 the Joint Committee received presentations from:

- Derek Dunsire, Principal, City Centre Regeneration on the Glasgow City Centre Strategy: [www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=9935](http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=9935)
- Max Hislop, Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Green Network Programme Manager on the Partnership's 2015/18 Business Plan.

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## Priorities and Issues affecting the future work of Clydeplan

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

- the continuing challenges of delivering the key spatial priorities of the Strategic Development Plan and the implications of reduced financial and staff resources in both the public and private sectors;
- business case development and delivery of the Glasgow and Clyde Valley City Deal projects;
- responses to its Main Issues Report and preparation of the Proposed Strategic Development Plan
- the Scottish Government's review of Strategic Development Plans; and,
- the publication of NPF3 and Scottish Planning Policy.







