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Convenor's Column

2016 was another important year for strategic planning in west central Scotland. It saw the submission, in May, of the second Strategic Development Plan to Scottish Ministers for approval and the commencement of its formal examination in July 2016 by the Directorate of Planning and Environmental Appeals.

This process also saw the first oral hearing session into a Strategic Development Plan. This session into housing related matters of the Strategic Development Plan was held in Renfrew Town Hall in December 2016.

The second Strategic Development 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, create good quality places and enhance the quality of life in the Glasgow city region.

The Strategic Development Plan sets out a planning framework which positively encourages investment within the city region. It focuses upon growing the city region's economy in a low carbon and sustainable manner.

The Strategic Development Plan supports the role and function of Glasgow City Centre, the delivery of major transformational areas such as the Clyde Waterfront, Clyde Gateway and Ravenscraig. It also sets out housing supply targets to deliver 100,000 new private and social rented homes, green network delivery priorities and support for its strategic centre and strategic economic investment locations.

2016 saw the publication of the Scottish Government's independent panel report on the review of the Scottish planning system. The panel's recommendation to remove the Strategic Development Plan from the development planning system has potentially significant implications for the future role of Clydeplan.

Clydeplan will continue to work with the Scottish Government as they take the recommendations forward towards a new Planning Bill which is due for publication in late 2017.

2016 saw Clydeplan invited to become a member of the new Clyde Marine Planning Partnership and become increasingly involved in the work of the emerging Glasgow city region processes particularly in relation housing and inequalities, land use and sustainability and infrastructure and assets.

Looking forward to 2017, this will see the publication of the Glasgow city region's new Regional Economic Strategy and Action Plan and also a new Planning Bill which will set out a new planning system for Scotland.

Clydeplan is keen to work with all parties involved in these exciting new developments to ensure that city region land use planning makes a positive contribution to wider regional partnership working across the Glasgow city region.

Baillie James Scanlon



Convenor Clydeplan



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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 across the Glasgow city region, in support of the delivery of its Vision and Spatial Development Strategy.

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 deliver growth for Scotland's largest city region.

The scale of work that has been undertaken during 2016 has only been made possible by the willing support that Clydeplan has gratefully received from both private and public sector partners including the Scottish Government, Scottish Enterprise, Scottish Natural Heritage, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Historic Environment Scotland, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, Glasgow Airport, Visit Scotland, 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, Metropolitan Glasgow Strategic Drainage Partnership, Scottish Water, Homes for Scotland, Scottish Property Federation, University of Glasgow and Heriot Watt University.

This report sets out the work that has been undertaken by Clydeplan and its partners during 2016.

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





Review of Current Strategic Development Plan

The context for the review of the current Strategic Development Plan is set out in Clydeplan's Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement 2016/17 which was published in April 2016.

Clydeplan approved the Proposed Plan at its meeting on 14th December 2015 and the six week consultation commenced in January 2016.

The Proposed Plan sets out Clydeplan's Vision and Spatial Development Strategy for the growth of the city region over the next 20 years and supports the four planning outcomes as set out in National Planning Framework 3 and Scottish Planning Policy, 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).

Proposed Strategic Development Plan

The Proposed Strategic Development Plan places a strong emphasis on placemaking, leadership and delivery, as well as supporting key strategy components such as Glasgow City Centre, Glasgow and Clyde Valley City Deal, River Clyde and the Forth and Clyde Canal.

The Proposed Plan also includes a refreshed context for Development Management.

In total 64 responses were received which culminated in the identification of 28 issues.

The Proposed Strategic Development Plan and Clydeplan's response to the 28 issues was submitted to Scottish Ministers on 26th May 2016.

The Examination of the Plan by the Directorate of Planning and Environmental Appeals commenced on 14th July 2016 following the Reporters consideration that Clydeplan had conformed to the terms of its published Participation Statement.

Seven Further Information Requests were received on a range of topics including housing, heat and electricity, Glasgow Airport and climate change.

A formal hearing into housing related issues was held on Wednesday 14th December 2016 in Renfrew Town Hall and it is anticipated that the Plan will be approved by Scottish Ministers in Spring 2017.

Clyde Marine Planning Partnership

The Clyde Marine Planning Partnership (CMPP) was formally established in February 2016 by a number of the members of the former Core Group of the Firth of Clyde Forum including Clydeplan who have taken up Board membership of the Partnership.

The CMPP will take forward regional marine planning in the Clyde and prepare a Clyde Regional Marine Plan. Once adopted by Scottish Ministers the Clyde Regional Marine Plan will be statutory in nature making the CMPP a statutory consultee in all relevant license applications and Marine Plan related developments.

As part of the planning process CMPP staff have completed the final draft of the 'Assessment of the Condition of the Clyde Marine Region' identifying significant pressures and main issues to be dealt with in the marine plan.

The CMPP is also developing its approach to public and stakeholder input which is core to its activities.

Clydeplan will continue to actively support development of the emerging Clyde Regional Marine Plan and related activities.

Glasgow City Region and City Deal

During 2016 Clydeplan has become increasingly involved in the development of work streams within the partnership of the eight authorities around the Glasgow City Deal Programme.

Clydeplan has actively participated in the development of the emerging *Glasgow City Region Economic Strategy and Action Plan* and is involved in a number of the portfolio groups that have been established including Housing and Inequalities; Land Use and Sustainability and Infrastructure and Assets.

Additionally, Clydeplan has contributed to the discussions around the establishment of a Research and Intelligence Hub which if established, will provide an important city region resource.

Clydeplan's involvement with the city region activities is likely to continue to grow and develop during 2017 and beyond, particularly given the general direction of the review of the Scottish Planning System and the economies of scale and general benefits that can be gained through city region joint partnership working.

Scottish Government's Review of Planning in Scotland

In September 2015, Alex Neil MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners' Rights announced that he had appointed an independent panel to undertake a review of the Scottish planning system. The panel was chaired by Crawford Beveridge, and also included Petra Biberbach and John Hamilton.

Earlier in 2016, the Strategic Development Plan Managers and the Convenors and Vice Convenors of the four Scottish Strategic Development Planning Authorities provided oral evidence to the panel. The SDP Manager and Assistant Manager were invited to take part in workshops in October to discuss with the Scottish Government and other stakeholders the review recommendations.

The panel published its recommendations on 31st May 2016 and focussed on 6 key issues, namely,

- Development planning;
- Housing delivery;
- Planning for infrastructure;
- Further improvements to development management;
- Leadership, resourcing and skills; and,
- Community engagement.

Following a change in Ministerial responsibilities in May 2016 the new Minister leading the Review is Kevin Stewart, MSP, Minister for Local Government and Housing.

Scottish Ministers published their initial response to the report's recommendations on 11th July 2016 and have recently published a consultation on 10th January 2017 with a view to a Planning Bill in late 2017.

The scope of the consultation seeks views on proposals for:

- a reconfigured system of development plans. This will link with proposals to extend the role and scope of the National Planning Framework and Scottish Planning Policy;
- new tools to assist housing delivery and the diversification of types of housing;
- an approach to infrastructure delivery which recognises the development planning process;
- changes to the development management process to improve efficiency and transparency;
- a renewed approach to performance improvement which links with an enhanced fee structure and more innovative resourcing solutions;
- more meaningful and inclusive community engagement; and,
- embedding IT and innovation to achieve a digitally transformed planning system.

One of the key recommendations for Clydeplan is Recommendation 2 which states strategic development plans should be replaced by an enhanced National Planning Framework and that strategic development planning authorities should be repurposed to pioneer a different way of working where planners proactively co-ordinate development with infrastructure delivery at the city-region scale and be given a statutory duty to co-operate with the Scottish Government in producing the National Planning Framework.

This recommendation has potentially significant implications for the work, governance and resources of Clydeplan.

Further information on the Review can be found at <https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/planning-architecture/a-consultation-on-the-future-of-planning/>



Continuing Stakeholder Engagement

Effective stakeholder engagement is an ongoing feature of Clydeplan's day to day activities in its endeavours to influence the activities of others around delivery of the Clydeplan Vision and Spatial Development Strategy.

In April Clydeplan presented to Homes for Scotland Strathclyde Committee and throughout the year, took part in a number of meetings to assist mutual understanding of the issues impacting on delivery of homes in the Glasgow city region and to assist Homes for Scotland's in responding to the Proposed Plan.

A Concordat on the approach to Housing Land Audits between Homes for Scotland and the Clydeplan local authorities was refreshed in May to support efficiency within the process.

In addition, Clydeplan has instigated discussions and exchanges with key infrastructure providers including Scottish Water, Scottish Power Energy Networks and Openreach to develop a shared understanding of the investment requirements needed to achieve the Vision set out in the Strategic Development Plan.

Clydeplan has also been liaising with SEPA on flood mapping for the city region and with the Forestry Commission Scotland on forestry related matters.

Personnel

A number of personnel changes took place in 2016 involving staff secondments.

One member of the team took a temporary position with the National Records of Scotland assisting with enhancing statistical skills particularly in relation to population and household statistics.

Whilst in that post, a member of North Lanarkshire Council's planning team was seconded in bringing new skills and experience to Clydeplan particularly around housing data analysis and Habitat Regulations Appraisal.

Another member of Clydeplan has provided support and training in the development of a Strategic Environmental Assessment for the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Local Development Plan.

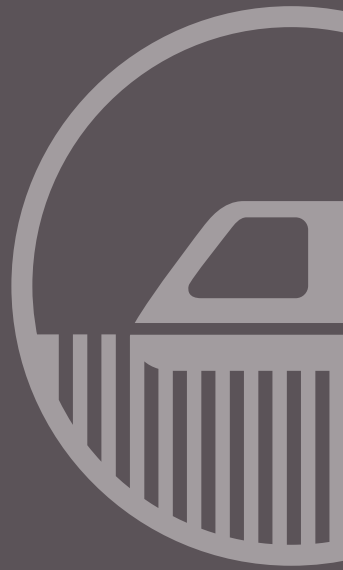
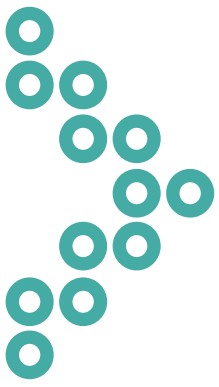
Priorities and Issues affecting the future work of Clydeplan

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

- the Scottish Ministers decision letter on the Proposed Strategic Development Plan;
- continued joint working with key stakeholders in support of the delivery of the Spatial Development Strategy and Action Programme;
- the Scottish Government's consultation on the Review of Planning in Scotland published on 10th January 2017;
- publication of the Scottish Government's Planning Delivery Advice;
- the outcome of the Local Government elections in May 2017;
- ongoing developments around Glasgow city region governance and City Deal including actions in support of its Economic Strategy and Action Plan; and,
- continuing challenges of delivery in the context of reduced financial and staff resources in both the public and private sectors.







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