

# STIRLING COUNCIL

**MINUTES of SPECIAL MEETING of the ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE held in THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, VIEWFORTH, STIRLING on WEDNESDAY, 28 JUNE 2000 at 10.30 am.**

**Present:-**

Councillor Gillie THOMSON (in the Chair)

Councillor Alasdair BEATON  
Councillor Tom COLL  
Councillor Pat GREENHILL  
Councillor Corrie McCHORD  
(Ex Officio)  
Councillor Ann STRANG  
(Substitute)

Provost Tommy BROOKES  
Councillor Tony FFINCH  
Councillor John HOLLIDAY  
Councillor Colin O'BRIEN  
Councillor Catherine ORGAN

**Also present:**

Councillor Ann Dickson (part)  
Councillor Susan Love  
Councillor Gerry Power  
Councillor Alastair Reid

**In Attendance:-**

Mr Tony Cain, Service Manager, Environmental Services  
Mr Craig Cowbrough, Communications Officer, Chief Executive's Services  
Mr Richard Dyet, Service Manager, (Development Control) Environmental Services  
Mr David Martin, Director of Environmental Services  
Ms Oonagh McCulloch, Service Manager, (Planning & Policy), Environmental Services  
Mr Peter Morgan, Senior Planning Officer, Environmental Services  
Mr Arthur Nicholls, Director of Technical Services  
Ms Alison Scambler, Senior Planning Officer, Environmental Services  
Mr Mick Stewart, Head of Planning & Environmental Strategy, Environmental Services  
Ms Hedda King, Committee Officer, Civic Services (Clerk)

## **EQ69 CLACKMANNANSHIRE AND STIRLING STRUCTURE PLAN**

The Structure Plan set out a framework of policies and proposals which sought to guide development of the Stirling and Clackmannanshire area to

2017 within an overall strategy of “Working Towards Sustainable Development”. It included proposals for approximately 4500 new houses, new business/industrial land and new household shopping. It also contained a policy framework which set out the principles for future local plan policies on the environment, the National Park, shopping, tourism, local employment, rural development and the transport and other infrastructure which would be required to service new development. The Plan was supported by a Background Report which detailed all the research and background justification for the Plan and a Publicity and Consultation Report which detailed the key stages of Plan preparation, the public consultation carried out, the comments received and the Councils’ recommended response to these comments.

It was highlighted that the plan was prepared jointly by Clackmannanshire and Stirling Councils and it was advised that it had already been considered by Clackmannanshire Council at their committee meeting on 21 June 2000 and subject to a few minor amendments, which were tabled, was approved by that Council.

The report by the Director of Environmental Services provided details on the Structure Plan, made reference to the Background Report and Publicity and Consultation Report. It drew attention to the sustainability appraisal which tested all the policies and proposals of the Plan against a set of sustainable development objectives, to test whether or not the particular approach was working towards sustainable development.

Further reference was made to the fact, that, subject to approval by both Councils, with any minor amendments being delegated to the Director of Environmental Services, the Plan would be printed and forwarded to Scottish Ministers. At this point the plan would be advertised and the public would be invited to submit any new outstanding concerns on the Structure Plan directly to Scottish Ministers within a six week time period.

Following the presentation on the details of the Structure Plan, the Chair of the Committee congratulated the team from Environmental Services for their excellent work.

During discussion the undernoted issues were considered: \_

- Stirling’s major growth area – exclusion of the Manor Powis area
- Prevention of coalescence of villages
- Retention of community identity
- Affordability of housing
- Preservation of battlefield site in Bannockburn
- Definition of “affordable” housing
- Housing in the Stirling rural villages area – infill sites

It was considered that particular emphasis should be given to the prevention of urban sprawl and coalescence between Bannockburn, Plean, Fallin and Cowie including where appropriate, proposed and designated areas of Green Belt and that this should be moved to a more prominent place in the list of key principles.

There was also tabled an additional paper pertaining to additional alterations to the plan which consisted of:-

- (a) Typing errors,
- (b) Additional points of clarification which arose from discussion with Members and other officers following circulation of the Plan, and
- (c) A small number of changes which arose from the consideration given to the Plan by the Committee of Clackmannanshire Council.

### **Decision**

The Committee agreed:-

- (1) To approve the Clackmannanshire and Stirling Structure Plan, the Background Report and the Publicity and Consultation Report, subject to the additional alterations to the plan tabled in the paper and subject to the change of proposal HP3: Stirling's Major Growth Area, in moving the issue of coalescence from Key Principle 10 to Key Principle 1;
- (2) To submit the amended Clackmannanshire and Stirling Structure Plan to Scottish Ministers, and
- (3) Any minor changes consequent to the Councils' decision on the plan be delegated to the Director of Environmental Services in consultation with the Chair and the Opposition Spokesperson.

(Reference – Report by Director of Environmental Services of 19 June 2000, submitted.)

## **EQ70 LOCAL PLAN FIRST ALTERATION**

The report by the Director of Environmental Services proposed a timetable and process for bringing forward an alteration to the Stirling Council Local Plan. This followed the Council's approval of the Clackmannanshire and Stirling Structure Plan and agreement to submit that Plan to Scottish Ministers.

The Council was required to have an up-to-date "Development Plan" (i.e. Structure and Local Plan) against which decisions on land use planning could be judged. The Structure Plan provided the strategic planning framework and, importantly, identified a broad allocation of the nature and type of new development that should be accommodated within the Council area. However, it was role of the Local Plan to bring forward specific sites for development as well as more detailed planning policies to achieve the strategic aims of the Structure Plan.

It was advised that the new Clackmannanshire and Stirling Structure Plan required an alteration to the Stirling Council Local Plan in order to accommodate the development proposed in the emerging Structure Plan. However, it was not considered necessary or appropriate to undertake a comprehensive review of the Local Plan. Therefore it was proposed to update the Plan by means of a formal alteration that would focus primarily on the housing and business/industry allocations contained within the new

Structure Plan.

The report further gave consideration to

- (a) The need for an alteration,
- (b) The scope of the alteration,
- (c) The timetable of the alteration, and
- (d) Consultation issues

### **Decision**

The Committee agreed:-

- (1) To approve the commencement of work on the first alteration to the Stirling Council Local Plan:
- (2) To approve the scope of the alteration to the Plan as outlined in the report by the Director of Environmental Services,
- (3) That the suggested programme for bringing forward the first alteration be noted.

(Reference – Report by Director of Environmental Services of 19 June 2000, submitted.)

The Chair closed the meeting at 12.05p.m.