Development Plan Scheme

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BACKGROUND

What is a Development Plan Scheme?

A development plan scheme sets out how the next local development plan will be prepared. It includes:

- an explanation of what a local development plan is
- a timetable for preparing the next plan, to be called City Plan 2030, and
- details on how you can get involved in preparing City Plan 2030.

The Council needs to publish a development plan scheme at least annually. The Council's last development plan scheme was published in August 2019.

What is a Development Plan?

The planning system impacts on everyone. Our lives are shaped by the places we live, work and visit and these places are shaped by planning decisions.

The Scottish Government requires Councils to prepare development plans for their areas. Local Development Plans contain a 10 year strategy for the future development of an area and set out policies and proposals to guide decision making on planning applications.

A local development plan needs to take account of the following statutory documents:

The National Planning Framework: this sets out, at the national level, the Scottish Government's strategy for the country's spatial development, including developments of national importance. The third National Planning Framework was published in June 2014.

A Strategic Development Plan: this sets out a long term (20 years or more) spatial planning strategy for a city region, including where future development will be located and what is required to deliver it. The Strategic Development Plan for South East Scotland was approved in June 2013. It was prepared by the Strategic Development Plan Authority for Edinburgh and South East Scotland (SESplan). The six councils which are members of SESplan are Edinburgh, East Lothian, Fife, Midlothian, Scottish Borders and West Lothian.

The Strategic Development Plan, together with the local development plan and any associated supplementary guidance, form the statutory development plan referred to in decisions on planning applications.

Edinburgh Local Development Plan (2016) - The current Edinburgh Local Development Plan (LDP) was formally adopded on 24 November 2016. The plan is available online at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/localdevelopmentplan.

The adopted plan is to be accompanied by twelve pieces of Supplementary Guidance. These will also form part of the overall development plan. They cover the following matters:

- 9 town centres, including the City Centre Retail Core
- Developer Contributions and Infrastructure Delivery
- Edinburgh BioQuarter and Little France Park
- Heat Opportunities Mapping

The plan is being used to determine planning applications. It is accompanied by a statutory Action Programme which is being used to ensure delivery of the plan's policies and proposals, including necessary infrastructure.

Councils are currently required to review their local development plan at least every five years.

Changes to the Planning System

A Planning Bill was passed by the Scottish Parliament in June 2019. It will not take effect for some time, because secondary legislation, guidance and transitional arrangements all need to be put in place by the Scottish Government. Accordingly, City Plan 2030 is being prepared under the existing legislation. Further information on changes to the planning system is available on the Scottish Government webpage.

THE BIGGER PICTURE – 2050 CITY VISION AND OTHER STRATEGIES

City Plan 2030 is being prepared at a time when the long-term future of Edinburgh is being considered.

Edinburgh 2050 City Vision – an ongoing project in which residents, businesses and organisations define how they want the city to be in 2050.

Council Business Plan 2017-2022 - this sets out the Council's commitments and priorities over a five year period, several of which are relevant to the new local development plan.

National Planning Framework and policy – A replacement national planning framework is expected to be prepared during the preparation of City Plan 2030.

Community Planning – Four Locality Improvement Plans have been prepared – one for each part of the Council's area. In addition, an overall Community Plan has been prepared to coordinate services across the public and voluntary sector.

City Mobility Plan – a new transport strategy is being prepared alongside a project to deliver City Centre Transformation, and a Low Emissions Zone.

City Housing Strategy – a regularly updated strategy to deliver new affordable housing.

Edinburgh Economy Strategy – a strategy approved in 2018 which aims to enable good growth for Edinburgh's economy, based on inclusion, innovation and collaboration.

A NEW PLAN – CITY PLAN 2030

Our next local development plans can deliver the emerging vision of Edinburgh in 2050. The following diagram shows how a series of ten-year city plans can take us to 2050:

The new local development plan will be called City Plan 2030. This name is intended to help explain what time period the plan covers, and to be more user-friendly than calling our next plan an 'LDP'.

Timetable

Early engagement	2018 - 2019 **CURRENT STAGE**
Choices for City Plan 2030 **8 weeks consultation**	31 January 2020 - 27 March 2020
Proposed CITY PLAN 2030 **6 weeks Representation**	End August - Start October 2020
Consider and submit **Examination**	January 2021
Adopted City Plan 2030 **Use and evaluation**	Start 2022

Stage	Timetable	Dates
Choices for City Plan 2030 (main issues report) reported to Planning Committee	After decision on Strategic Development Plan 2	January 2020
Choices for City Plan 2030 consultation period	8 weeks	31 January 2019 – 27 March 2020
Proposed Plan reported to Planning Committee	8 months after publication of Choices for City Plan 2030	August 2020
Period for representations on Proposed Plan	6 weeks	End August – start October 2020*
Submit Plan and representations to Scottish Ministers	5 months after Proposed Plan formal publication	January 2021* (*assumes no notifiable modifications*.)
Examination and Report of Examination	6 to 9 months (target) + 1 month administrative preparation	November 2021*
Plan as Modified	Within 3 months after Report of Examination	December 2021*
Notify Scottish Ministers of intention to adopt	Within 3 months after Report of Examination	January 2022*
Adoption	Within 3 months after Plan as Modified	February 2022*

* Project stage duration estimates are derived from Circular 6/2013 Development Planning.

PARTICIPATION STATEMENT

The following section sets out how we intend to engage during the preparation of City Plan 2030, and what we have been doing so far.

Early Engagement (up to Autumn 2019)

We have been working with community representatives and others to shape the choices to be presented in the main consultation stage in 2019/2020. This engagement has included the following:

- Community briefings and workshops including 12 briefings with community councillors and ward councillors and 6 community workshops.
- Children and Young People Engagement Programme, including 9 Place Standard workshops in schools.
- Topic stakeholder discussion events, focusing on key land use issues including office and industry development, housing, visitor accommodation and shopping and leisure.
- Use of social media to build awareness and interest in the project.
- Engagement and consultation on closely-linked projects such as City Centre Transformation.

Choices for City Plan 2030 Consultation

The main issues report is the key consultation opportunity in the City Plan 2030 project. Our main issues report is called 'Choices for City Plan 2030'. It will set out the main choices for the new plan, including the Council's preferred options for change and other reasonable alternatives.

We will be consulting on these choices using the Council's online Consultation Hub. Support will be provided to those who do not have access to online services.

The following activities will be used to raise awareness and encourage people to have their say:

- Launch of consultation document and questions on Consultation Hub.
- Publicity to raise awareness of consultation.
- Notification to those groups and individuals on the project mailing list telling them how to comment.
- Staffed exhibitions in public places to raise awareness.
- Drop-in sessions to allow opportunity to find out more about consultation proposals.

How Consultation will help us shape City Plan 2030

Your choices in the main issues consultation will be used to help decide what should be in the next stage – the Proposed Plan.

The Proposed Plan is due to be reported to Planning Committee in August 2020. It will be accompanied by a summary explaining how the main issues consultation responses have been taken into account.

The Proposed Plan will then be published for a 6 week period in which representations can be made. These can support the Proposed Plan, or seek changes to it. These will then be considered, first by the Council then by a Scottish Government reporter in an examination. The examination report can make recommendations for changes to the plan.

Other consultations

It is intended to consult on the City Mobility Plan in January in parallel with the Choices for City Plan 2030 consultation.

Choices for City Plan consultation runs 31 January 2020 to 27 March 2020

Date	Time	Location	What's on
Saturday 1 February	11am to 3pm	Juniper Green Village Hall	Drop-in
Monday 3 February	4pm to 7pm	Gilmerton Library	Drop-in
Saturday 8 February	11am to 4pm	The Wash House Portobello	Drop-in & City Mobility
Monday 10 February	1pm to 7pm	Urban Room, Waverley Court, Council Offices	Drop-in & Consultation hub surgery
Wednesday 12 February	10am to 8pm	European Room, City Chambers	Awareness raising
Thursday 13 February	4pm to 7.30pm	Kirkliston Parish Hall	Drop-in
Saturday 15 February	11am to 3pm	Edinburgh Bus Station	Awareness raising
Wednesday 19 February	4pm to 7pm	Wester Hailes Library	Awareness raising
Saturday 22 February	11am to 3pm	Waverley Station	Awareness raisings
Monday 24 February	4pm to 7pm	Piershill Library	Consultation hub surgery
Wednesday 26 February	4pm to 7pm	YMCA, Leith	Drop-in
Saturday 29 February	11am to 3pm	Ocean Terminal	Awareness raising
Monday 2 March	4pm to 7pm	Fountainbridge Library	Consultation hub surgery
Wednesday 4 March	4pm to 7pm	Blackhall Library	Drop-in
Saturday 7 March	11am to 3pm	Gyle Shopping Centre	Awareness raising
Monday 9 March	4pm to 7pm	Leith Library	Consultation hub surgery
Wednesday 11 March	4pm to 7pm	Drum Brae hub	Consultation hub surgery
Saturday 14 March	11am to 3pm	Cameron Toll	Awareness raising
Thursday 19 March	1pm to 8.30pm	St Bride's Centre	Drop-in & City Mobility

Public promotion *– pop-up displays in key locations with planning staff. Members of the public can find out about the consultation, what it's about and how to take part.*

Drop-in sessions *- open to all who are interested in the Choices for City Plan 2030. All are welcome to drop-in look through the documents and have a chat with planning staff on what is proposed through Choices.*

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HOW TO STAY INFORMED

Follow us:

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View the project webpage at: www.edinburgh.gov.uk/cityplan2030

To find out more about engagement in the City Plan 2030 project or add yourself to the mailing list:

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