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Aligning community planning and spatial planning – East Ayrshire

The East Ayrshire Community Plan 2015-2030 sets out aspirational outcomes for East Ayrshire in the coming years. There are three shared priority areas, led by different community planning partners – Economy and Skills (East Ayrshire Council), Safer Communities (Police Scotland) and Wellbeing (the Health and Social Care Partnership). The East Ayrshire local development plan reaffirms the shared vision - in particular the drive to promote the economy and skills is fully embedded across all aspects of the plan. The plan was used to explore land use issues including strategic locations, infrastructure and town centres. Key to the success of this alignment were partnership working, a shared focus on outcomes, governance and dynamic leadership.



The Tay Cities Region – Partnership for Growth

The opportunity to secure a city region deal has brought together the Leaders and Chief Executives of local authorities across the region to work together as a strategic partnership. The four authorities (Angus, Dundee City, Fife and Perth and Kinross Councils) are collaborating with their Community Planning Partners, the private sector and voluntary organisations to develop and deliver on an agreed vision for the region as a distinctive place. The partnership has identified how the region's potential can be unlocked, including by supporting key growth sectors and fostering innovation and skills development. The need to address social and economic inequalities in both urban and rural areas and support transport and digital infrastructure investment are also identified as key regional priorities.



South Ayrshire Local Development Plan

The 2016 overall winner of the Scottish Awards for Quality in Planning was South Ayrshire Council. Its South Ayrshire Local Development Story Map is an online, interactive local development plan, designed to be in a user-friendly and non-technical format. Layers of information, reflective of the local area, and building on a solid approach to mapping, have led to transformational change across the authority. As a result, this seemingly modest scheme has turned into a local 'trail blazer' which has not only won 'hearts and minds' but has set the standards for development planning.



Isle of Rum – Community Land Use Plan

In 2015 the Isle of Rum Community Trust were assisted by PAS to produce a community land use plan. The community worked in partnership with organisations including The Highland Council and Scottish Natural Heritage to explore how its aims of increasing Rum's population to a more sustainable level, offer a better range of housing and improve tourism could be achieved. The plan needed to carefully balance these aims with protection of the unique natural and built heritage of the island. The collaboration produced a plan which was effectively 'owned' by the community. The plan was subsequently adopted by The Highland Council as supplementary guidance, which in turn forms part of the statutory local development plan.



Design-led Charrettes and the 2016-2017 Activating Ideas Fund

The Scottish Government provides funding to help community groups, local authorities and third sector organisations design the future of their areas. Charrette style working can bring together views about how an area should change and using these views to form proposals which are explored and tested in a collaborative way over a focused timeframe. The approach is design-led – it allows options for change to be clearly visualised, and in turn this has helped to inspire a much wider range of people to get involved in planning. This year, the programme has been accompanied by an opportunity to access further funds which can be used to help deliver the outputs from charrettes.



Greening Dunfermline Town Centre - A placemaking approach led by young people

The Scottish Government supported Greenspace Scotland to work with Youth Scotland, Youth First and the Fife Youth Advisory Group on a pilot placemaking project to improve the town centre in Dunfermline. The project trained and empowered young people to develop their role in helping to lead changes to their places. It used innovative, interactive ways of engaging people in planning and delivering town centre improvements. The young people used tools (the Place Standard and the Town Centre Toolkit) and this led to working with the local community to find opportunities for urban greening and increasing the connections between local greenspaces and the town centre, and making it a more attractive and enjoyable place.



The Hillington Park Simplified Planning Zone

This award winning SPZ Scheme was prepared in a partnership between Renfrewshire Council and Glasgow City Council, and MEPC Hillington Park (now Patrizia), who owns and manages the majority of the site. Initiated by the landowner, preliminary studies and a risk assessment were prepared by consultants instructed by the landowner to shape and inform the SPZ scheme. The scheme deals with the planning issues 'up front' and confirms what type of development, and how much, is allowed, providing greater certainty for developers and stakeholders. It removes the need for repetitive planning applications, which will save time and cost for the existing organisations and new businesses looking to invest in the park. It also benefits the planning authorities by reducing the resources needed to manage development in this dynamic area.



Dundee Waterfront - Regeneration - Infrastructure and Placemaking

This £1 billion transformation over 30 years comprises of 240 hectares split into five focussed zones, and aims to enhance physical, economic and cultural assets. Led by infrastructure, the Central Waterfront zone has created ready-made development sites. Dated infrastructure and buildings have been removed to make way for a newly formed grid iron street pattern mixed-use extension to the city centre, which provides plots ready for development. These sites have been promoted in brochures showing the plot sizes and dates for site availability, whilst design and planning guidance is provided for developers, making the city investor ready. Beyond this, connecting the city with the River Tay, providing open space and other cultural assets means that this infrastructure first approach is carried out with placemaking at its heart.



Glasgow Commonwealth Games Athletes' Village

The Athletes' Village is a 35 hectare residential community now established in the East End of Glasgow. The 700 homes and 120 bed care home, as well as the adjacent Emirates Arena, are powered by a district heating system comprising a combined heat and power energy centre and 28km of pre insulated pipes supplying heat and constant hot water. The system is approximately 30% - 40% more efficient than conventional heating schemes, providing residents with substantial cost benefits. This system, alongside a Fabric First Approach to housing design as well as the use of solar PV panels, contributed to a 95% carbon reduction on 2007 levels. To ensure the site remains sustainable for years to come, the energy centre has been future proofed to include capacity for an additional Combined Heat and Power engine, boiler and thermal store. This will accommodate connection to further phases of housing development planned for the site. When fully operational it will also generate and export electricity to the national grid.



Self-build – Maryhill, Glasgow

Glasgow City Council is bringing forward serviced plots for self-build as part of its housing strategy. The project will test the local appetite for self-build homes and offer an alternative option for those who want to stay living in the city. The small site, accommodating six plots, forms part of a wider regeneration area where a contemporary urban village is planned. If a design passport and code is followed, there is no need for self-builders to go through the formal planning process.



Royal Town Planning Institute – Future Planners Initiative

This initiative aims to reach out to young people aged 11-18 to raise awareness of and foster their interest in planning. Volunteer RTPI Ambassadors have been appointed to visit schools and discuss the importance of planning. This gives planners an opportunity to help develop a wider understanding of how the built environment affects everyone's lives. More than 100 Ambassadors have been participating in the initiative, visiting schools throughout the UK and Ireland. A short film 'How do we plan our world' was also developed and posted online to support school visits.



eDevelopment

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