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## City development plan on the cards

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The Tiruchi Corporation would soon draw up a development plan to identify basic amenities and civic infrastructure required for the city with expanded areas.

It has planned to request the Tamil Nadu Urban Infrastructure Financial Services Limited to identify a consultant to take up the project after the proposal is approved by the Corporation Council.

Though the city had been implementing projects with government grants, loans from financial agencies and its own funds, there was a felt need to develop a long-term plan, sources said.

The Tiruverambur Town Panchayat and Pappakurichi, Ellakdudi, Alathur and Keezha Kalkandarkottai village panchayat areas have been merged with the Corporation. Its geographical spread has increased to 167.23 sq. km. from 146.90 sq.km.

The newly-added local bodies require major developments to bring them on a par with amenities available in the city.

The Corporation had drawn a Vision Plan and a Corporate Plan in 2004 identifying the infrastructure and civic requirements of the city. However, with the merger of the five local bodies, a new development plan is being worked out.