

5. SESPAN SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE FOR HOUSING

The Panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning and Economic Development providing an update on progress with the Supplementary Guidance on Housing (SG) as required by Scottish Ministers in approving the Strategic Development Plan and to seek ratification of the decision of the SESPlan Joint Committee to adopt the SG as modified.

The Head of Planning and Economic Development explained that on 12 November 2013, SESPlan published Supplementary Planning Guidance for Housing Land in support of the approved Strategic Development Plan. Following a period of public consultation and an assessment of responses received the guidance was submitted to Scottish Ministers on 21 May 2014 for approval.

Scottish Ministers had now considered the terms of the SG and on 18 June 2014 notified SESPlan of their intention to adopt the guidance subject to modification. The modification was to be made to the SG prior to its adoption. A copy of the letter from Scottish Ministers was attached to the report at Appendix 1.

The report explored the modifications to the SG, and which related to the removal of a sentence which read "*Member Authorities would base their calculation of the five year land supply on the period 2009-2024, taking into consideration housing completions*" that Scottish Ministers had given notice on and the report explored the implications of this modification. The Joint Committee agreed to modify the SG as directed by Scottish Ministers and adopt it as modified.

The Head of Planning and Economic Development further advised that the implications of the proposed and agreed modification to the SG would be detailed in a future report to the Panel.

It was recommended that the Panel :-

1. Support the modification to the Supplementary Guidance on Housing as directed by Scottish Ministers and thereafter;
2. Support the approval of the Supplementary Guidance on Housing as modified; and
3. Agree to forward the report to the Council Executive on 16 September 2014 for approval.

Decision

1. Noted the contents of the report; and
2. Agreed that the report be forwarded to the next appropriate meeting of the Council Executive with the recommendation that it be approved.

