

9. REVIEW OF STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS IN SCOTLAND

The Panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning and Economic Development advising of the publication of the Scottish Government's response to a review of Strategic Development Plans in Scotland.

The Head of Planning and Economic Development explained that in October 2013 the Scottish Government commissioned a review into whether the procedural arrangements and approaches to the preparation of SDP's were still fit for purpose. A team from Kevin Murray Associates and Glasgow University were appointed to carry out the review and their findings were summarised in Appendix 1 attached to the report.

The review set out twenty two findings which related to six themes, details of which were summarised in the report and included collaborative leadership & governance, effective engagement & scrutiny, housing & community building, transport & infrastructure role, the influence on delivery and resourcing & skills.

Scottish Ministers then published their response to the review of strategic planning with the response outlining the fourteen actions, as detailed in the report, that the Scottish Government would take, including working with others, to support strategic planning to realise its full potential.

It was recommended that the panel notes the content of the report.

Decision

Noted the contents of the report.