

11. WEST LOTHIAN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (LDP): DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEME NO.11

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration advising of Development Plan Scheme (DPS No.11) for the West Lothian Local Development Plan (LDP2).

The report recalled that Section 20B of the Planning, etc (Scotland) Act 2006 required planning authorities to prepare a development plan scheme (DPS) at least annually for the local development plan (LDP). The DPS set out the programme for preparing reviewing and consulting on the LDP and was to be in place by 31 March each year.

A draft DPS No.11 for the new West Lothian LDP (LDP2) was attached to the report at Appendix 1. This may require to be amended to reflect a decision by Scottish Ministers on whether or not to approve Strategic Development Plan No.2. Other influencing factors were the progression of the Planning Bill which could alter the approach taken to the preparation of the development plan.

DPS No.11 set out a programme for preparation of a new LDP (LDP2) to meet the requirements of SDP2. The project stages set out in the draft DPS No.11 were based on Scottish Government Circular 6/2013: Development Planning. However these could alter as a result of legislative changes arising from progress with the Planning Bill and the approval of SDP2.

The report also provided a brief overview of the new Planning Bill which had completed its Stage 2 consideration in November 2018.

It was recommended that the Council Executive approves the content of Development Plan Scheme No.11 (DPS) for submission to the Scottish Government.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report