

5. TRANSIENT VISITOR LEVY : PROPOSED CONSULTATION RESPONSE

The Panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration advising of the Scottish Government's consultation on the Principles of a Local Discretionary Transient Visitor Leve (TVL) or Tourist Tax.

It was recommended that the panel notes and considers the following recommendations which were intended to be submitted to the Council Executive for approval :-

1. Notes the terms of the consultation; and
2. Agrees the report as the council's response to the consultation

In noting the proposed consultation response panel members made the following comments and observations :-

- That in relation to Q6 and Q7 the local authority should be able to set the transient levy;
- If the Transient Levy was set at a national level then the levies raised from the West Lothian area should be returned to the West Lothian area; and
- To mindful if the scheme was successful in raising levies then this could impact on a council's local government settlement from the Scottish Government.

Decision

1. To note the contents of the report; and
2. To agree that the recommendations contained in the report be forwarded to an appropriate meeting of the Council Executive for approval.