

8. DRAFT PLANNING GUIDANCE : CONTROLLING OBTRUSIVE LIGHTING (LIGHT POLLUTION) AND REDUCING LIGHTING ENERGY CONSUMPTION

The Panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration advising of the preparation of Planning Guidance (PG) on controlling obtrusive lighting (light pollution) and reducing lighting energy consumption in support of the West Lothian Local Development Plan (LDP) and to set out the next steps towards finalisation and approval of the guidance.

It was recommended that the panel notes and considers the following recommendations which were intended to be submitted to Council Executive for approval after a consultation exercise had been undertaken :-

1. Approves the content of the Planning Guidance “Controlling Obtrusive Lighting (Light Pollution) and Reducing Lighting Energy Consumption (Appendix 1);
2. Approves the responses to any comments received during consultation on the draft Planning Guidance (this will be provided an appendix to the Council Executive; and
3. Delegates to the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration to agree and conclude a “screening determination” as to whether a SEA is required, having taken into account the views offered by the Consultation Authorities.

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 following a period of consultation.