

9. SESPLAN HOUSING LAND POSITION STATEMENT UPDATE AND  
UPDATE ON THE LAND SUPPLY POSITION IN WEST LoTHIAN

The Panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration advising of a Housing Land Supply Position Statement approved by the SESPlan Joint Committee on 30 September 2019 and to provide an overview of the current land supply position in West Lothian.

It was recommended that the Panel notes the contents of the report and the SESPlan Housing Land Supply Position Statement attached to the report at Appendix 1.

The panel, by a majority, expressed concerns that to date the Scottish Government had not produced a methodology for calculating the five year effective housing land supply. Therefore, the Chair and Executive Councillor for Development and Transport suggested that she write to Scottish Ministers on this matter to urge them to resolve the situation at the earliest opportunity.

Decision

1. To note the content of the report;
2. To note the Panel, by a majority, were disappointed that to date the Scottish Government had failed to provide guidance to local authorities on the methodology for calculating the five year effective housing land supply; and
3. To agree that the Chair and Executive Councillor for Development and Transport write to Scottish Ministers on this matter to urge them to resolve the situation at the earliest opportunity.