

6. PENTLAND HILLS REGIONAL STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT PLAN (2019-28)

The panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration advising of the review of the strategic management plan for the Pentland Hills Regional Park that covered the 10-year period from 2019–2028.

The report recommended that the panel note and consider the following recommendations which were intended to be submitted to Council Executive for approval after a consultation exercise had been undertaken:

1. Note the comments received on the Pentland Hills Regional Park Strategic Management Plan (2019-2028) following consultation;
2. Agree the responses to the comments received during consultation on the Pentland Hills Park Strategic Management Plan (2019-2028);
3. Approve the content of the Pentland Hills Regional Park Strategic Management Plan (2019-2028) (appendix 1);
4. Approve the “Screening Report” which was to be submitted to SEA Gateway and the Consultation Authorities and which set out the council’s justification that the guidance was exempted from additional Strategic Environmental Assessment because it would not in itself have any significant environmental effects;
5. Delegates authority to the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration to timeously issue a “Screening Determination” in the event that SEA Gateway and the Consultation Authorities confirm their agreement that the guidance would not in itself have any significant environmental effects, and to report the outcome of the SEA screening process to a future meeting of the Council Executive for information; and
6. Note that following consideration by Council Executive (and having secured exemption from additional SEA) the guidance would require to be submitted to Scottish Minister for scrutiny and consideration before it could be adopted as non-statutory supplementary guidance in support of the West Lothian Local Development Plan.

Decision

1. To note the contents of the report; and
2. Agreed that the report and its recommendations be forwarded to the next appropriate meeting of the Council Executive for approval.