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**LIVINGSTON SOUTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE**

**WEST LOTHIAN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN ACTION PROGRAMME - FIRST REVIEW  
(2020) - UPDATE FOR WARD 4: LIVINGSTON SOUTH**

**REPORT BY HEAD OF PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION**

**A. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of the report is to inform the Local Area Committee of the West Lothian Local Development Plan (LDP) Action Programme First Review - 2020 as it relates to the Livingston South ward.

**B. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Local Area Committee notes the contents of the report.

**C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

<b>I Council Values</b>	Focusing on our customers' needs; being honest, open and accountable; making best use of our resources; and working in partnership.
<b>II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)</b>	<p>The West Lothian Local Development Plan (LDP) adopted in 2018 forms part of the development plan alongside the Strategic Development Plan (SDP 1) and provides the statutory framework for land use planning in West Lothian.</p> <p>Numerous planning policies and proposals in the LDP relate to Ward 4: Livingston South.</p> <p>The LDP is a material consideration in the determination of planning applications for development in West Lothian.</p> <p>There are no SEA, or Equality, or Health &amp; Risk issues.</p>
<b>III Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers</b>	None.
<b>IV Impact on performance and performance Indicators</b>	The West Lothian LDP provides the policy and development framework to support improving opportunities in West Lothian and sustainable growth.

<b>V</b>	<b>Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement</b>	Outcome 1 - Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed. Outcome 2 - We are better educated and have access to increased and better quality learning and employment opportunities. Outcome 3 - Our economy is diverse and dynamic, and West Lothian is an attractive place for doing business. Outcome 4 - We live in resilient, cohesive and safe communities. Outcome 8 - We make the most efficient and effective use of resources by minimising our impact on the built and natural environment.
<b>VI</b>	<b>Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)</b>	None.
<b>VII</b>	<b>Consideration at PDSP</b>	None.
<b>VIII</b>	<b>Other consultations</b>	The LDP Action Programme (First Review) was reported to the Council Executive on 15 December 2020.

## **D. TERMS OF REPORT**

### **D1 Background**

The West Lothian Local Development Plan (LDP) sets out the spatial land use planning policy and development framework for West Lothian for the next ten years and is a vital component in ensuring economic growth and business support, meeting confirmed housing need in all tenures and ensuring the protection / enhancement of built and natural heritage resources, all within an overarching aim of securing environmental sustainability. The LDP is supported by an Action Programme which provides an update on progress with policies and proposals set out in the LDP.

The LDP Action Programme First Review was reported to the Council Executive on 15 December 2020. In addition to approving the terms of that report, the Council Executive agreed that officers would produce an extract for members detail matters in the Action Programme which directly relate to their ward. This report relates to the Livingston South ward and provides extracts from the LDP Action Programme in relation to Ward 4.

### **D2 Development Proposals Affecting Ward 4**

A map of the ward area is attached as Appendix 1 and details of all LDP allocations and proposals affecting the ward are set out in Appendix 2.

#### **Housing**

There are 15 housing allocations in the ward, ten of which are complete or underway, while five have not yet progressed. Of the completed housing sites this includes the delivery of affordable housing at sites H-LV 12: Land north of Almondvale Stadium, H-LV 17: Almond Link Road, H-LV 18: former Lomond House, H-LV 30: Land south of Almondvale Stadium providing some 101 new additions to the council's housing stock.

Four sites are under construction: H-LV 7: Dedridge (East), H-LV 22: Kirkton North Rd (site of former Buchanan House), H-LV 33: Brotherton Farm and H-LV 35: Wellhead Farm, providing for some 560 homes.

### **Employment Sites**

There are 24 employment site allocations within Ward 4. Only three have been developed or advanced, while 21 have not yet been progressed. Those which are being progressed include the grant of planning permission at site E-LV 39: Williamston South, for an access road and sub-division of the site. In the case of site E-LV 35 (Gregory Road West), planning permission has been granted in principle for residential development in May 2019.

### **Town Centre - Almondvale**

There are eight mixed uses sites within the town centre boundary. Three have been built out, while one, MU4 (Ex-Nikon site) was recently granted planning permission for a residential development and four remain available for development.

### **Other Allocations**

There are several other planning policies or proposals within Ward 4:

- the main parks at Howden and Bankton are protected as open space, as are the connecting greenways along the Murieston Water and Dedridge Burn;
- the main strategic active travel and core path routes are protected; and
- the Livingston Countryside Belt protects the Wellheads South / Skivo / Murieston Castle and Westfield areas.

## **D3 Supplementary Guidance and Planning Guidance**

Significant progress has been made on the preparation of supplementary and planning guidance in support of the LDP. Full details are set out in Schedule 5 of the [LDP Action Programme First Review](#).

Of particular note are supplementary guidance relating to the provision of affordable housing which requires 25% of the site capacity to be provided for affordable needs. Ward 4 is identified as a Priority 1 area for affordable housing development.

Since publication of the LDP Action Programme in December 2020, Supplementary Guidance relating to Planning and Education, Transport Infrastructure and Cemetery Provision as well as planning guidance on non-employment uses within employment areas has been approved by the Council Executive. Further details of supplementary and planning guidance can also be found on the council's website at [West Lothian Council - Planning guidance and background information supporting the West Lothian Local Development Plan 2018 \(LDP 1\)](#).

## **E. CONCLUSION**

The Local Development Plan (2018) sets out the spatial planning strategy for West Lothian. All development is required to comply with the LDP, unless there are other circumstances to be taken into consideration e.g. more up-to-date policies such as the recent amendments to Scottish Planning Policy. The Action Programme is an important document marking the transition from the plan making stage to the delivery stage and focusing on the specific infrastructure required to facilitate the implementation of the LDP. Significant progress has been made in implementing the LDP since its adoption in September 2018.

## **F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES**

West Lothian Local Development Plan (2018) -  
<https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/LDP>

West Lothian Local Development Plan (LDP): Action Programme (First Review)  
2020 – report at Council Executive 15 December 2020 -  
<https://coins.westlothian.gov.uk/coins/viewDoc.asp?c=e%97%9Dh%96q%7D%8D>

Appendices/Attachments: Two

Appendix 1- Extract from West Lothian LDP Proposals Map covering Livingston South  
Appendix 2 - Extracts from West Lothian LDP Action Programme: First Review relating to Ward 4

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This map displays the Livingston South area, highlighting the boundaries of Ward 4 in red. The map includes various planning designations such as Environmental LVPs (E-LV 1 to E-LV 48), Historic LVPs (H-LV 1 to H-LV 35), and Historic Parks (H-PB 1, H-PB 2). It also shows other council areas like Glasgow City, Glasgow City Council, and Glasgow City Council. The map includes a scale bar (0 to 1000 m) and a north arrow.

Extract from West Lothian Local Development Plan (2018) Proposals Map covering Ward 4:  
Livingston South

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## APPENDIX 2

### Extracts from West Lothian Local Development Plan (LDP) Action Programme: First Review - relating to Ward 4: Livingston South

**TABLE 1: Housing Allocations**

LDP Map Reference/ Location	LDP Action Plan update
H-LV 2: Murieston Gait (MS6a)	Development Completed.
H-LV 3: Tarbert Drive (MS8)	Notice Of Intention letter issued by DPEA on 5 May 2020.
H-LV 4: Calder Rd, Bellsquarry	Undeveloped – Site forms part of WLC's capital receipts programme and as such it will be brought to the market for disposal. Planning Brief approved by Council Executive 8 February 2011. No consent / No site start.
H-LV 7: Dedridge (East)	On site. Designated access via Quentin Court is not adopted but is under the control of WLC. Site has consent from 2018. Programmed to deliver from 2019/20.
H-LV 11: Brucefield - Limefields	Developers identified as Barratt Homes and WLC. Both parts of site have consent. Private development programmed to deliver from 2020/21. Affordable housing element on site & programmed to deliver from 2019/20.
H-LV 12: Land north of Almondvale Stadium	Development completed. Houses handed over to the council in November 2019.
H-LV 17: Almond Link Road	Development completed - Affordable Housing.
H-LV 18: Ex-Lomond House	West side built-out/ east side undeveloped.
H-LV 22: Kirkton North Rd (site of former Buchanan House)	Development at an advanced stage by Barratt Homes with 75 of 112 houses completed.
H-LV 24: Ex-Depot Eagle Brae	This site is owned by WLC and is held on the Housing Revenue Account with a view to being developed for social housing. School consultation underway to rebalance education capacity to assist in facilitating development. No consent. No site start but completions have been programmed to deliver in 2021/22
H-LV 29: Howden South Road (Former Trim Track)	This site forms part of WLC's capital receipts programme and will be brought to the market for disposal during the 2020-24 timeframe. No consent. No site start.
H-LV 30: Land south of Almondvale Stadium	Development completed. Houses handed over to the council in November 2019.
H-LV 31: Murieston Valley Road	This site forms part of WLC's capital receipts programme and is currently being marketed.
H-LV 33: Brotherton Farm	Site has consent from 2018. Programmed to deliver from 2019/20. Developer identified as Miller Homes and on site.
H-LV 35: Wellhead Farm	Site has consent from 2018. Programmed to deliver from 2020/21. Developers identified as Bellway Homes and Miller Homes and on site.

**TABLE 2: Employment Allocations**

<b>LDP Map Reference/ Location</b>	<b>LDP Action Plan Update</b>
E-LV 1 / 2 / 3: Brucefield	No progress.
E-LV 23 / 24 / 25: Rosebank	No progress.
E-LV 26 / 27 / 28 / 29 (a,b,c,d): Alba Campus	No progress.
E-LV 30 / 31: Kirkton North	No progress.
E-LV 32 / 33 / 34: Kirkton South	No progress.
E-LV 35: Kirkton South	Permission in Principle for residential use granted in May 2019.
E-LV 36: Kirkton South	No progress.
E-LV 37: Williamston North	No progress.
E-LV 38: Williamston North	Open storage use ceased.
E-LV 39: Williamston South	Planning permission granted for access and site sub-division.
E-LV 46: Linhouse	No progress.

**TABLE 3: Town Centre (Almondvale) Mixed Use Allocations**

<b>LDP Map Reference/ Location</b>	<b>LDP Action Plan update - December 2020</b>
MU 1: Almondvale	Undeveloped.
MU 2: Almondvale	Existing multi-storey car park.
MU 3: Almondvale	Under construction.
MU 4: Almondvale	Recent planning approval for residential use.
MU 6: Almondvale	Undeveloped.
MU 7: Almondvale	Undeveloped.
MU 8: Almondvale	Developed.
MU 9: Almondvale	Developed.

**TABLE 4: Other LDP Proposals**

<b>LDP Map Reference/ Location</b>	<b>LDP Action Plan update – December 2020</b>
P 48 - Murieston Health Centre	New surgery.
P 50 - Extension Adambrae Cemetery	Development is on site and at an advanced stage – laid out and partially in use.
P 51 - Killandean Burn / Greenway (Allotments)	Allotments extension, drainage improvements and expansion of the adjacent car park -complete (albeit extension not progressed).
P 55 - Bellsquarry Primary School	School extension no longer required to support LDP allocations.
P 59 - Howden St Andrew's Primary School;	School extension no longer required to support LDP allocations.
P 60 - Harrysmuir Primary School, Ladywell;	School extension no longer required to support LDP allocations.
P 65 Toronto Primary School	School enhancement completed.
P 66 - James Young High School	School extension no longer required to support LDP allocations.
P 68 - St Margaret's Academy School extension;	School extension no longer required as a result of new denominational secondary school provision at Winchburgh.
P 101 - South Murieston Distributor Road	No further progress since publication of previous Action Programme. Road required for access to sites H-LV 35 & E-LV 46. Specific consideration to be given to providing for the needs of pedestrians, cyclists and access to public transport. Alignment of distributor road is subject to change to reflect planning consent for site H-LV 35 and any future planning consent for site E-LV 46 (Linhouse).
P 120 - Strategic walking along east side of Limefield Glen / east Polbeth to Alba Campus, Livingston	No further progress since publication of previous Action Programme. There has long been a desire to make this link. However, various routing and funding problems have delayed the project.