

11. UPDATE ON SCOTTISH PLANNING POLICY FINALISED AMENDMENT, PLANNING ADVICE NOTE (PAN) 1/2020 AND THE WEST LOTHIAN HOUSING LAND POSITION

The panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration advising of the publication of finalised amendments to Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) and Planning Advice Note (PAN) 1/2020 and to advise on the preparation of a Housing Land Position Statement which sets out the council's effective housing land supply calculation. Once endorsed by Council Executive the Housing Land Supply Position Statement would be a material consideration to be taken into account when determining planning applications and defending decisions at appeal.

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

1. Notes the terms of the finalised amendments to Scottish Planning Policy and the reasons for the amendments (Appendices 1 and 2);
2. Notes the publication of Planning Advice Note 1/2020 (Appendix 3);
3. Endorses the content of the West Lothian Housing Land Position Statement, which will become a material consideration in the assessment of planning applications (Appendix 4).

Decision

1. To note the content of the report; and
2. To agree that the report be presented to a future meeting of Council Executive for approval