

PLANNING GUIDANCE ON THE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING GUIDANCE FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND AFTER USE OF SOILS ON DEVELOPMENT SITES

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration advising of the outcome of consultation on draft Planning Guidance related to West Lothian's historic environment and on draft Planning Guidance related to the management and after-use of soils on development sites and seeking approval of the guidance.

It was recommended that the Council Executive:

1. Approve the responses to the comments received during consultation on the draft Planning Guidance on the Historic Environment (Appendix 1);
2. Approve the content of the revised Planning Guidance on the Historic Environment (Appendix 2);
3. Approve the responses to the comments received during consultation on the draft Planning Guidance for the Management and After-use of Soils on Development Sites (Appendix 3);
4. Approve the content of the revised Planning Guidance on the Management and After-use of Soils on Development Sites (Appendix 4);
5. Approve the 'Screening Reports' for Planning Guidance on the Historic Environment (Appendix 5) and Planning Guidance on the Management and After-use of Soils on Development Sites (Appendix 6) which were 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 they would not in themselves have any significant environmental effects and there were no additional environmental effects not previously considered in the SEA for the LDP; and
6. Delegate authority to the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration to 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, where the SEA Gateway and the consultation authorities agreed that a SEA was required, to report matters to a future meeting of the Council Executive.

### Decision

To approve the terms of the report.