

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

The Council Executive 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. If endorsed by Council Executive the Housing Land Supply Position Statement will be a material consideration to be taken into account when determining planning applications and defending decisions at appeal

It was recommended that the Council Executive:

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. Notes that the West Lothian effective housing land supply is above the five-year requirement;
4. Notes that the revised Scottish Planning Policy and the new Planning Advice Note 1/2020 are material considerations in the determination of planning applications and should carry considerable weight in any determination; and
5. Approves 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

To approve the terms of the report