

19. STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Planning Services Manager, which provided an update on progress of the preparation of the Strategic Development Plan.

The Planning Services Manager advised that at a meeting of the SESplan Joint Committee a number of items concerning the Strategic Development Plan were considered and included the Development Plan Scheme, Operating Budget for 2009/2010, Financial Regulations for SESplan and Green Belt Study.

Details of the four elements that were discussed at the SESplan meeting, were outlined in the report and the Council Executive were asked to ratify the proposed operating budget for the financial year 2009/2010 and the proposed financial regulations for SESplan.

The report concluded that the Development Plan Scheme would set the timetable for the preparation of the Strategic Development Plan, whilst the proposed operating budget and financial regulations were considered appropriate, with the council's contribution being met from the existing Planning Service budget.

It was recommended that the Council Executive: -

- Note the contents of this report;
- Endorse the decision by the Edinburgh & South East Scotland Strategic Development Plan Joint Committee (SESplan JC) to agree the proposed operating budget for SESplan over the financial year 2009/10;
- Endorse the decision by SESplan JC to adopt the proposed financial regulations for the SESplan Joint Committee; and
- Delegate authority to the Planning Services Manager, acting in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Executive Councillor for Development and Transport, to agree any further non-substantive revisions to the operating budget and Financial Regulations as matters arose.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report