

## 12. SESPLAN UPDATE AND BUDGET RATIFICATION

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning and Economic Development advising of the progress on the Strategic Development Plan and to seek ratification of the proposed operating budget for SESPlan.

The Head of Planning and Economic Development explained that the SESPlan Joint Committee, comprising of representatives from City of Edinburgh, East Lothian, Fife, Midlothian, Scottish Borders and West Lothian Councils met on 11 March 2013 to consider a number of issues relating to SESPlan including the SESPlan Finance and Audited Accounts.

The report then provided a summary of the reports that had been ratified by the SESPlan Joint Committee and now required approval by West Lothian Council. Details of the SESPlan operating budget was attached to the report at Appendix 1.

It was recommended that the Council Executive :-

- Endorse the decision by the SESplan Joint Committee to agree the 2012/13 Six Month Provisional Out Turn for SESplan;
- Endorse the decision by the SESplan Joint Committee to agree the proposed operating budget for SESplan over the financial year 2013/14;
- Note the publication of the SESplan annual report for 2011/12;
- Note the publication of Development Plan Scheme No.5 setting out timescales for the various stages of preparing the strategic development plan;
- Note that the report on the Examination of the Proposed Strategic Development Plan was anticipated by 24 June 2013; and

### Decision

To approve the terms of the report.