

# CEC Minutes

## Committee Minutes

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### The City of Edinburgh Council

Year 2011/2012

### Meeting 5 – Thursday, 22 September 2011

Edinburgh, 22 September 2011 – At a meeting of The City of Edinburgh Council.

#### Present:-

#### LORD PROVOST

The Right Honourable George Grubb

#### COUNCILLORS

Elaine Aitken  
Ewan Aitken  
Robert C Aldridge  
Jeremy R Balfour  
Eric Barry  
Angela Blacklock  
Mike Bridgman  
Deidre Brock  
Gordon Buchan  
Tom Buchanan  
Steve Burgess  
Andrew Burns  
Ronald Cairns  
Steve Cardownie  
Maggie Chapman  
Maureen M Child  
Joanna Coleman  
Bill Cook  
Jennifer A Dawe  
Cammy Day  
Charles Dundas  
Paul G Edie  
Nick Elliott-Cannon  
Paul Godzik  
Norma Hart  
Stephen Hawkins  
Ricky Henderson  
Lesley Hinds

Allan G Jackson  
Alison Johnstone  
Colin Keir  
Jim Lowrie  
Kate MacKenzie  
Marilyne A MacLaren  
Mark McInnes  
Stuart Roy McIvor  
Tim McKay  
Eric Milligan  
Elaine Morris  
Joanna Mowat  
Rob Munn  
Gordon J Munro  
Alastair Paisley  
Gary Peacock  
Ian Perry  
Alasdair Rankin  
Cameron Rose  
Jason G Rust  
Conor Snowden  
Marjorie Thomas  
Stefan Tymkewycz  
Phil Wheeler  
Iain Whyte  
Donald Wilson  
Norrie Work

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### 8 Proposed Strategic Development Plan

The Policy and Strategy Committee had recommended that the Council approve the Proposed Strategic Development Plan. The Plan had been approved by the SESplan Joint Committee and endorsed by the Council's Planning Committee.

#### Motion

To approve the Proposed Strategic Development Plan.

- moved by Councillor Lowrie, seconded by Councillor McIvor (on behalf of the Administration).

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**Amendment**

- 1) To recognise that SESplan's Proposed Strategic Development Plan was the basis for the planned development of Edinburgh and South East Scotland up to 2032.
- 2) To note that the first aim of the Proposed Strategic Development Plan (PSDP) was stated as '*enabling growth in the economy*' whereas the recognised national aim was '*sustainable economic growth*' and Council believes the PSDP should reflect this throughout.
- 3) However, to recognise that it would be difficult or impossible to produce a Strategic Development Plan for Edinburgh and South East Scotland that enabled sustainable economic growth given the Scottish Government's insistence on facilitating the expansion of Edinburgh airport and directing construction of a second Forth Road Bridge and Council believes that these issues should be raised with the Scottish Government.
- 4) Further, to note that the accompanying Strategic Environmental Assessment examined only '*high growth*' and '*market growth*' scenarios and therefore that the identification of '*market growth*' as the better environmental option did not necessarily represent the best option for sustainable economic growth and Council believes that a stable growth scenario should also be assessed.
- 5) Further, to note the PSDP estimated future demand for land for house building and its stated intention to encourage development of brownfield rather than greenbelt sites; however, to express concern that: (i) Policy 6 allowed planning authorities to approve development outwith the schedule of gradual development in tranches (as laid down in Policy 5); and (ii) Policy 7 allowed housing development '*outwith Strategic Development Areas*' and Council believes that either of these policies could undermine the development of existing land allocations (including brownfield sites) as a priority, and therefore prematurely threaten the greenbelt.
- 6) To note that Policy 10 – Energy Technologies of the PSDP as worded supported the development of fossil-fuelled power stations which ran counter to the aims of Climate Change legislation and Government policy to decarbonise Scotland's electricity generation sector by 2030 and that the intention of this policy should be clarified.
- 7) Therefore, not to endorse the Proposed Strategic Development Plan at this stage and instead to refer it back to the SESplan Joint Committee for further consideration.

- moved by Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Chapman (on behalf of the Green Group).

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### Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	52 votes
For the amendment	-	3 votes

### Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Lowrie.

(References – Policy and Strategy Committee 6 September 2011 (item 8); report no CEC/47/11-12/PS by the Head of Legal and Administrative Services, submitted.)

### Declaration of Interests

#### Financial Interests

Councillor Buchan declared a financial interest in the above item as an employee of a firm providing advice to interested parties and left the Chamber during the debate on the matter.

#### Non-financial Interests

Members declared non-financial interests in the item as Board members of organisations as follows:

Councillor Buchanan	SEStran CEC Holdings Limited EDI Group Ltd PARC Waterfront Edinburgh Ltd
Councillor Bridgman	PARC
Councillor Edie	PARC
Councillor Jackson	SEStran Waterfront Edinburgh Ltd
Councillor McKay	CEC Holdings Limited EDI Group Ltd
Councillor Morris	Waterfront Edinburgh Ltd
Councillor Perry	SEStran
Councillor Rose	CEC Holdings Limited
Councillor Rust	EDI Group Ltd
Councillor Wheeler	SEStran

# East Lothian Minutes

## **EXTRACT FROM MINUTE OF EAST LOTHIAN COUNCIL, 23 August 2011**

### **7. SOUTH EAST SCOTLAND STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN: RATIFICATION OF PROPOSED PLAN AND ACTION PROGRAMME**

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Environment seeking Council ratification of the decision of SESplan, the Strategic Development Planning Authority for Edinburgh and South East Scotland, to approve its Proposed Strategic Development Plan and accompanying Action Programme.

The Executive Director of Environment spoke to the report, explaining that the purpose of the Strategic Development Plan (SDP) was to set out the vision and spatial strategy for land use up to 2032, but did not allocate the use of specific sites. He advised Members of the timescales leading up to approval of the SDP. He highlighted the key aspects of the report, including economy, housing and infrastructure.

Councillor Hampshire expressed concern that there was no mention about the future of Torness Power Station in the SDP. The Executive Director of Environment noted that there had been no representations made with regard to Torness Power Station during the preparation of the SDP, and that there was no requirement for the SDP to take account of the use of the site beyond the life of the power station at this time. Councillor Hampshire argued that the future of the Torness Power Station site should be included in the SDP, as it contributed significantly to the East Lothian economy and therefore needed to be protected.

As regards land allocation for housing, Councillor Turner spoke of the importance of retaining a “plan-led approach” in order to protect the environment and identity of East Lothian. He also mentioned the need to create additional employment, particularly in the service and tourism industries. On public transport, he stated that links with Edinburgh would need to be improved and suggested that a cross-Edinburgh rail service would be a key part of the solution. He called for a specific reference to this proposal to be included in the SDP (Action Plan Point 64), adding that although Transport Scotland had declared that there should be no additional stations on the East Coast Mainline, the SDP proposed major development that would need to be supported by rail services. His views on public transport, particularly rail services, were shared by several other Members.

Concerning infrastructure issues, Councillor Hampshire warned of the pressure on drainage systems and claimed that Scottish Water had not kept pace with development, resulting in flooding in some areas.

Councillor Grant voiced his disappointment that a new train station at the proposed settlement at Blindwells would not be supported by Transport Scotland. He also mentioned the need for job creation within the Blindwells area itself to avoid it becoming a commuter town for Edinburgh.

On the matter of affordable housing provision, Councillor Innes expressed concern that forthcoming changes in homelessness legislation together with a shortage of land for affordable housing would create additional pressure in the housing sector.

Councillor Berry declared that the SDP did not allow for more innovative ideas regarding the development of East Lothian. He also pointed out that coherent communities could only be built if employment and transport were considered alongside the development of housing.

Councillor Berry further claimed that the SDP did not take account of the need for sustainable tourism and economic development. East Lothian Council – 23/8/11

Councillor S Currie shared Councillor Hampshire's concerns about infrastructure connected with house building, and pointed out that the allocation for affordable housing would not meet the demand. He also spoke of the need to ensure that infrastructure, retail provision and employment was in place when building major housing developments.

In response to a question from Councillor R Currie regarding hovercraft crossings on the Forth, the Executive Director of Environment advised that SESTRAN was in support of developing a Fife-Edinburgh crossing and that this matter was still under consideration. The Executive Director of Environment stated that the function of the SDP was concerned only with land planning and not transport or economic development. However, he advised that the specific reference made to a cross-Edinburgh rail service could be incorporated into the more detailed action plan. As regards the comments on rail services to Blindwells, he noted that the view of Transport Scotland did not reflect that of SESplan, and that SESplan would need to try and persuade the Scottish Government and other agencies to act on this. He added that comments on traffic levels and drainage could be debated at the time of building new developments. Members were advised that, with the exception of Blindwells and current strategic sites, the conclusion had been reached that there was limited capacity in East Lothian for larger scale developments. It was also noted that adjustments could be made to the action plan which would not alter the SDP itself.

Responding to questions and comments from Councillor Innes regarding the provision of affordable housing, the Executive Director of Environment stated that the Council could not allocate sites for major affordable housing development, but that the SDP did allow for land on the edge of villages to be allocated for small scale development of affordable housing. The Executive Director of Environment concluded the debate by advising that the SDP and its accompanying action plan would provide the framework within which the next Local Development Plan would be produced.

#### **Decision**

The Council agreed:

- i. to ratify SESplan's decision to approve the Proposed Strategic Development Plan and its accompanying Action Plan, subject to any minor amendments of a non-substantive nature that may subsequently be made prior to publication;
- ii. to delegate authority to agree any non-substantive amendments to the Council's SESplan Joint Committee members; and
- iii. to delegate authority to the Council's SESplan Joint Committee members to agree any substantive changes requiring a decision of the SESplan Joint Committee.

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**THE FIFE COUNCIL - LEVENMOUTH AREA COMMITTEE - LEVEN**

**31st August, 2011**

**9.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon**

**PRESENT:** Councillors David Alexander (Chair), Charles Haffey, Alistair Hunter, Arthur Robertson, Andrew Rodger, Marilyn Whitehead and Jim Young.

**ATTENDING:** Dave Paterson, Area Services Manager and Stewart Christie, Area Locality Support Team Leader, Housing & Communities; Richard Simmons, Lead Officer Development Management (North Fife), Transportation & Environmental Services, Mike Collins, Fife Constabulary, Mark R. Russell, Lead Officer, Elspeth Cook, Lead Officer and Michael Westwater, Planner, Enterprise & Protective Services; Sheona McClure, Solicitor, Mike Melville, Team Manager/Adviser (Committee Services) and Susan Williams, Committee Administrator, Corporate Services.

**APOLOGY**

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**THE FIFE COUNCIL - CITY OF DUNFERMLINE AREA COMMITTEE - DUNFERMLINE.**

**10 August, 2011**

**9.30 a.m. - 11.25 a.m.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Joe Rosiejak (Chair), Jim Burke, Brian Goodall, Bill McCulloch, Tony Martin, David Mogg, Lizz Mogg, Mike Rumney, Willie Sullivan and Dave Walker.

**ATTENDING:** Norman Laird, Area Services Manager (Dunfermline), Mary Siskou, Locality Support Team Leader (Dunfermline), Stuart Wilson, Service Manager, David Grove, Lead Officer, Theresa Hughes, Planner, Enterprise & Protective Services; Frank Warrington, Team Leader, Mark Barrett, Lead Officer, Ian Henderson, Lead Officer, Transportation & Environmental Services; Andrew Ferguson, Team Leader, Stuart Crosbie, Managing Solicitor and Diane Barnet, Committee Administrator, Corporate Services.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Angus Hogg, Chairman, Royal Dunfermline (for Item 500(b)); Aida Rodo Arnedo and Alicia Ventoso Gil, Students from Logroño, Spain and Sean Cuthbert, Student, Queen Anne High School, Dunfermline (Observer).

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**Decision**

The amendment was approved and the Committee agreed to proceed with the production and installation of orientation boards based on the design of option 2 as detailed in the report.

505. **EDINBURGH AND SOUTH EAST SCOTLAND STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2012-2032 (SESPlan) - RATIFICATION OF PROPOSED PLAN**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Enterprise and Protective Services seeking the views of the Committee on the proposed Strategic Development Plan for the SESPlan area.

**Decision**

The Committee: -

- (1) noted the potential impact of the SESPlan proposed plan; and
- (2) agreed with the recommendations detailed in the report with a minor adjustment to the final recommendation on page 53 of the agenda as follows: -

“Agrees to the delegation of minor editorial changes to the proposed plan to the Head of Enterprise and Protective Services, in consultation with the Chair of the Planning Committee”.

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**THE FIFE COUNCIL - COWDENBEATH AREA COMMITTEE - COWDENBEATH**

**31st August, 2011**

**2.00 p.m. - 5.40 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Willie Clarke (Chair), Alistair Bain, Ann Bain, Ian Chisholm, Margot Doig, Mark Hood, Alex Maxwell, Alex Rowley and John Simpson.

**ATTENDING:** Joe McGuinness, Area Services Manager (Cowdenbeath); Fiona Forbes, Area Locality Team Leader (Cowdenbeath), Chief Inspector Ross Bennet, Fife Constabulary; Murray Hannah, Team Leader, Transportation & Environmental Services; Chris Smith, Lead Officer (DPD), Angus Dodds, Planner, Dave Wardrope, Planner, James Wright, Planner and Ron Wilkinson, Property Gazetteer Officer, Enterprise & Protective Services; Mary McLean, Solicitor, Andrew Ferguson, Service Manager (Committee Services) and Diane Barnet, Committee Administrator, Corporate Services.

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438. **EDINBURGH AND SOUTH EAST SCOTLAND STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2012-2032 (SESPlan) - RATIFICATION OF PROPOSED PLAN**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Enterprise & Protective Services seeking the views of the Committee on the proposed Strategic Development Plan for the SESPlan area.

**Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the potential impact of the SESPlan proposed plan; and
- (2) agreed with the recommendations detailed in the report.

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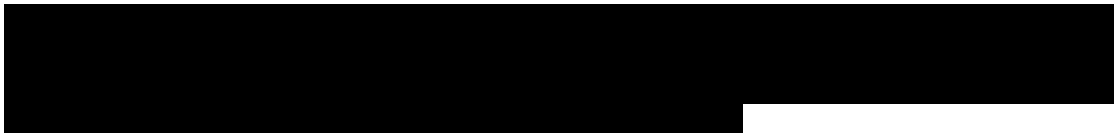
453. **EDINBURGH AND SOUTH EAST SCOTLAND STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2012-2032 (SESPlan) - RATIFICATION OF PROPOSED PLAN**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Enterprise & Protective Services seeking views on the proposed Strategic Development Plan, Action Plan, the Equalities and Human Rights Impact Assessment for the SESPlan area and views on the Schedule of SESPlan's responses to representations made at the Main Issues Report stage. The report also highlighted the consistency between the Proposed Plan and current planning policy, and that the Proposed Plan ensured the continuation of the Council's existing planning policy.

**Decision**

The Committee:-

- (i) noted that the Proposed Plan was consistent with existing Fife Council Planning Policy;
- (ii) recommended that the Planning Committee, at its meeting on 20th September, 2011 endorses the ratification of the Proposed Strategic Development Plan, the Proposed Plan Action Programme, the draft Equalities and Human Rights Impact Assessment, the updated Environment Report and Addendum and SESPlan's Responses to Submissions on the Main Issues Report;
- (iii) recommended that the Planning Committee at its meeting to be held on 20th September, 2011 endorses the adoption of the Background Topic Papers; and
- (iv) agreed to the delegation of minor editorial changes to the proposed plan to the Head of Enterprise & Protective Services in consultation with the Chair of the Planning Committee (and the Chair of this Committee, on any matters specifically concerning the Glenrothes Area).



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■ **SESplan Update: Strategic Development Plan for South East Scotland – Proposed Plan and Related Documents for Ratification**

There was submitted report dated 10 August 2011 by the Head of Planning and Development, seeking ratification of the decision of the Strategic Development Planning Authority for Edinburgh and South East Scotland (SESplan) Joint Committee on 26 July 2011, to approve the Proposed Strategic Development Plan (SDP) for South East Scotland for publication.

The Proposed Plan was accompanied by a Proposed Action Programme, an updated Environmental Report (and Addendum) and a draft Equalities and Human Rights Impact Assessment which were also approved for ratification. Following publication, there would be a period for public representations on the Proposed Plan.

The SESplan Joint Committee also approved the proposed responses to submissions made on the Main Issues Report which was the subject of consultation between May and August 2010. These submissions had informed the preparation of the Proposed Plan and the Council was invited to ratify the proposed responses.

The Minutes of the Meetings of the SESplan Joint Committee held on 13 June and 26 July 2011, were also appended to the report.

**Decision**

- (a) To note the Minutes of 13 June and 26 July 2011 of the SESplan Joint

Committee and matters arising;

- (b) To ratify the decision of the SESplan Joint Committee to approve the proposed responses to submissions on the Main Issues Report (as available in the Members' Library);
- (c) To ratify the decision of the SESplan Joint Committee to approve the Proposed Strategic Development Plan for South East Scotland and supporting documents comprising the Proposed Action Programme, the updated Environmental Report (and Addendum) and the draft Equalities and Human Rights Impact Assessment (all as provided in the Members' Library), subject to any minor editorial amendments of a non-substantive nature as delegated to the SESplan Manager in consultation with the SESplan Joint Committee and Project Board Chairs and Vice-Chairs;
- (d) To note that the preparation of the Proposed Plan had been informed by a series of Technical Notes, as provided in the Members' Library;
- (e) To delegate authority to the SESplan Joint Committee to consider any amendments to the Proposed Plan as may be suggested by the Member Councils during the ratification process, provided that such amendments do not undermine the spatial strategy of the Plan; and
- (f) To note that, following ratification by the six SESplan Member Councils, the Proposed Plan will be published for formal representations during a six-week period commencing in November 2011.

(Action: Head of Planning and Development)

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## **DECISION**

### **DECIDED to:-**

- (a) ratify the response to representations on the Main Issues Report as set out in Appendix A to the report;**
- (b) ratify the Proposed Plan, Action Programme, updated Environmental Report and Addendum and draft Equalities and Human Rights Assessment as set out in Appendices 2-5 within Appendix B to the report for public consultation from 7 November to 19 December 2011 with the exceptions below at e and f;**
- (c) note that any editorial changes of a non policy nature are delegated to the SESplan Manager in consultation with the SESplan Committee and SESplan Project Board Chairs and Vice-Chairs;**
- (d) remit its decisions on the Proposed Plan package to the SESplan Strategic Development Plan Authority;**
- (e) notwithstanding (a) to (d) above, Scottish Borders Council wish all references to "Midlothian/Borders Corridor" be removed and replaced with "Midlothian/Borders"; and**
- (f) on page 24 of the Plan, in the box above paragraph 71, the first two sentences in the box should read:-**

**“Development within the Midlothian/Borders Sub Regional Area will be focussed on four SDAs comprising locations on the A7/A68/ Borders Rail routes, the Central and Western Borders and the A701. For the avoidance of any doubt, ribbon development will be avoided in the Borders.”**

# West Lothian Minutes

10. RATIFICATION OF THE PROPOSED STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning and Economic Development advising that a Proposed Strategic Development for Edinburgh and South East Scotland had been prepared by SESPlan, the Strategic Development Plan Authority.

The Head of Planning and Economic Services advised that the Strategic Development Plan set a strategic context for proposed development in south east Scotland including West Lothian to 2032 and was supported by a series of Technical Notes, an Action Programme, an Environmental Statement and an Equalities and Human Rights Impact Assessment.

The Strategic Development Plan had been prepared in close consultation with key agencies, including Homes for Scotland, SNH, SEPA, Scottish Water and Transport Scotland. Additionally the plan had also been informed by the terms of the three approved structure plans – the Edinburgh and the Lothian's Structure Plan 2015, the Fife Structure Plan and the Scottish Borders Structure Plan, which in time would be replaced by the Strategic Development Plan.

The report further advised that the principal topics covered by the Strategic Development Plan were housing, economic development, environment and strategic infrastructure and would focus on five key sub-regional areas, details of which were summarised in the report. The report also provided a running commentary on the detail of the Technical Notes that formed part of the Strategic Development Plan.

The Council Executive were informed of the implications for West Lothian of adoption of the Strategic Development Plan and included that no significant additional housing land allocations were required for the area over the short to medium term i.e. to 2024.

In conclusion the preparation of the Strategic Development Plan was a statutory requirement and would set the direction of development to 2032, providing a long-term vision for the area.

It was recommended that the Council Executive :-

- Endorse the Proposed Strategic Development Plan and accompanying documents, i.e. the technical notes, the SEA, response to submissions to the SESplan Main issues Report (MIR) and the equalities and Human Rights impact Assessment;
- Ratify the decision of the Edinburgh & South East Scotland Strategic Development Plan Joint Committee (SESplan JC) to approve the Proposed Strategic Development Plan for consultation and representation, subject to any minor amendments of a non-substantive nature that may subsequently be made;

- Ratify the decision of the Edinburgh & South East Scotland Strategic Development Plan Joint Committee (SESplan JC) to approve the Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Report subject to any minor amendments of a non-substantive nature that may subsequently be made
- Ratify the decision of the Edinburgh & South East Scotland Strategic Development Plan Joint Committee (SESplan JC) to approve the Action Programme subject to any minor amendments of a non-substantive nature that may subsequently be made;
- Ratify of the decision of the Edinburgh & South East Scotland Strategic Development Plan Joint Committee (SESplan JC) to approve the Equalities and Human Rights Impact Assessment subject to any minor amendments of a non-substantive nature that may subsequently be made;
- Approve the response to submissions to the SESplan Main Issues Report (MIR) subject to any minor amendments of a non-substantive nature that may subsequently be made;
- Delegate authority to the Head of Planning and Economic Development, in consultation with Councillor Day as Executive Councillor for Development and Transport, to put forward and/or agree with the SESplan Project Manager any non-substantive changes to the documents, if required; and
- Note that, subject to agreement of the Proposed SDP by all SESplan member authorities the Proposed Strategic Development Plan will be published for representation for a six-week period commencing in November 2011.

#### Motion

To approve the terms of the report and agree to delegate to the Head of Planning and Economic Development to advise SESPlan of West Lothian Council's concerns with the credibility of the plan in that details contained within, particularly in relation to the tram system within the city of Edinburgh were out of date.

- Moved by the Chair and seconded by Councillor Anderson

#### Amendment

"Council Executive agrees to refer the paper to the Council Meeting scheduled for 18 October 2011 for resolution".

- Moved by Councillor McGinty and seconded by Councillor King

#### Decision

Following a vote the motion was successful by 8 votes to 2 and it was

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agreed accordingly.