

Item 4

**MINUTE of MEETING of the SESplan JOINT COMMITTEE**

held in the Dunedin Room, City Chambers, Edinburgh  
on Monday, 16th March, 2020 at 2.00 p.m.

**Present:** Councillor Russell Imrie, Midlothian Council (Convener)  
Councillor Norman Hampshire, East Lothian Council (Vice Convener)  
Councillor John Beare, Fife Council  
Councillor Altany Craik, Fife Council  
Councillor Maureen Child, City of Edinburgh Council  
Councillor Neil Gardiner, City of Edinburgh Council

**Apologies:** Councillor Jim Goodfellow, East Lothian Council  
Councillor Peter Smaill, Midlothian Council  
Councillor Stuart Bell, Scottish Borders Council  
Councillor Tom Miers, Scottish Borders Council  
Councillor Dom McGuire, West Lothian Council  
Councillor Cathy Muldoon, West Lothian Council  
Peter Arnsdorf, Midlothian Council  
Pam Ewen, Fife Council  
Fiona McBrierty, West Lothian Council  
Craig McCorrison, West Lothian Council

**In**

**Attendance:** Iain McFarlane, City of Edinburgh Council  
Robin Edgar, East Lothian Council  
Mike Broadway, Midlothian Council (Clerk)

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**1. ORDER OF BUSINESS AND ANY URGENT MATTERS**

The Convener confirmed that he was not aware of any urgent business and that the order of business was as per the agenda.

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2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2019**

The minute of meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 had been circulated.

**DECISION**

The Committee APPROVED the minute as a correct record.

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

**Liaison with Scottish Government** (paragraph 6)

The Committee NOTED that it was anticipated that guidance on the new Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 would be issued by the Scottish Government in due course.

**Regional Spatial Planning: Update on Progress** (paragraph 7)

The Committee NOTED the need for greater clarity regarding how the regional grouping might operate, its relationship to the City Deal and also SESplan's future role.

5. **DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEME 12**

There had been circulated a report by Deborah Armstrong, Planning Officer, Scottish Borders Council, the purpose of which was to present Development Plan Scheme 12 (DPS12) for the Joint Committee's approval.

**DECISION**

The Committee AGREED -

1. to approve the proposed Development Plan Scheme (DPS12) as set out in Appendix 1 to the report;
2. to note that the Development Plan Scheme had to be reviewed and published at least annually;
3. to note that SDP1 along with associated Housing Land Supplementary Guidance remained the extant development plan until such time as the provision of the new planning legislation came into effect; and
4. to authorise the Acting SDP Manager to make any necessary minor editing and design changes to DPS12 prior to publication.

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## 6. **RISK MANAGEMENT**

There had been circulated a report by Fiona McBrierty, Development Planning & Environment Manager, West Lothian Council presenting an update on risk management as at January 2020.

### DECISION

The Committee AGREED -

1. to note the update on risk management as set out within the Report;
2. to note that the Risk Register would continue to be reviewed by the SESplan Project Board; and
3. to note that risks associated with transport and affordable housing would be more appropriately addressed elsewhere.

## 7. **ANNUAL AUDIT PLAN 2019/2020**

There had been circulated a report by Robin Edgar, Acting SESplan Manager/Team Manager, East Lothian Council presenting the SESplan Annual Audit Plan for the year 2019/2020 and seeking delegated authority to review the accounts, and sign off the final Audit.

### DECISION

The Committee AGREED –

1. to note the SESplan Annual Audit Plan 2019/2020, as set out in Appendix A to the Report; and
2. to delegate authority to the Convener and Vice Convener of the Joint Committee, and the Chair of the SESplan Project Board to consider the unaudited accounts, and sign off the Annual Audit.

## 8. **STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN 1 ACTION PROGRAMME UPDATE**

There had been circulated a report by Fiona McBrierty, Development Planning and Environment Manager, West Lothian Council, seeking approval to adopt and publish the updated Action Programme to sit alongside approved Strategic Development Plan 1 (SDP1).

### DECISION

The Committee AGREED

1. to approve the changes made to the Action Programme to update it from a 2015 to a 2019 position; and
2. to adopt and publish the Action Programme to sit alongside approved SDP1 as required by the 2006 Planning etc. (Scotland) Act.

9. **NATIONAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK - CALL FOR IDEAS, AND REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY UPDATE**

There had been circulated a report by Robin Edgar, Acting SESplan Manager/Team Manager, East Lothian Council presenting the proposed response to the consultation on the National Planning Framework 4 and also providing an update on the development of an Interim Regional Strategy for South East Scotland. Both these documents were being prepared jointly by the six South East Scotland Local Authorities as input into the process of producing National Planning Framework 4.

**DECISION**

The Committee AGREED

1. to endorse the proposed response to the National Planning Framework 4: Call for Ideas;
2. to note the progress and proposed timelines for developing an Indicative Regional Spatial Strategy for South East Scotland (iRSS);
3. to note that it would be for individual SESplan member authorities to prepare individual responses to this consultation; and
4. to note the view that public engagement in the consultation process would be important to its success.

10. **AOCB**

None.

*The meeting concluded at 3.26 p.m.*