

MINUTE of MEETING of the SESplan JOINT  
COMMITTEE held in City Chambers, Edinburgh on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor John Beare, Fife Council (Convener)  
Councillor Russell Imrie (Vice-Convener)  
Councillor Maureen Child, City of Edinburgh Council  
Councillor Neil Gardiner, City of Edinburgh Council (from item 7)  
Councillor Norman Hampshire, East Lothian Council  
Councillor Peter Smaill, Midlothian Council  
Councillor Stuart Bell, Scottish Borders Council  
Councillor Dom McGuire, West Lothian Council

Apologies: Councillor Tom Miers, Scottish Borders Council; Councillor Cathy Muldoon, West Lothian Council; Councillor Jim Goodfellow, East Lothian Council.

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Attendance: Mr Peter Arnsdorf, Acting SDP Manager, Midlothian Council  
Mr John Inman, City of Edinburgh Council  
Ms Pam Ewen, Fife Council  
Mr Iain McFarlane, East Lothian Council  
Mr Brian Frater, Scottish Borders Council  
Mr Craig McCorrison, West Lothian Council  
Mr Andrew Ferguson, Fife Council (Clerk)

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## 1. ORDER OF BUSINESS AND ANY URGENT MATTERS

The Convener indicated that the Order of Business would be as per the agenda, with matters arising being taken after the minutes.

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Smaill declared an interest in item 9, Supplementary Guidance – Cross Boundary Green Networks, as a warden for the Woodland Trust. Councillors Gardiner, Imrie, Smaill and Child declared an interest in the same item as trustees of Edinburgh and Lothian Greenspace Trust.

## 3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee considered the minute of 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

### DECISION

The Committee approved the minute as a correct record.

## 4. MATTERS ARISING

None.

## 5. SDP2 UPDATE

Peter Arnsdorf, Acting SDP Manager, gave a verbal update in respect of SESPlan, which still awaited formal signature from the Minister. The Committee expressed concern that there had been no further movement on this matter, particularly in the light of recent planning appeal decisions.

### DECISION

The Committee agreed that the Convener and Vice-Convener should write to the Minister expressing concern about the delay in sign off of SESPlan2, and requesting a meeting with the Minister; delegating the drafting of the letter to the Acting SDP Manager in consultation with the Convener and Vice-Convener.

## 6. DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEME (DPS) 11

There had been circulated a report by Peter Arnsdorf, Acting SDP Manager, seeking approval of DPS11.

### DECISION

The Committee:

a) Approved the proposed Development Plan Scheme 11 as set out in Appendix A to the report; and

b) Authorised the Acting SDP Manager to make any necessary minor editing and design changes to DPS11 prior to publication.

## 7. FINANCE

There had been circulated a report by Peter Arnsdorf, Acting SDP Manager, providing an update on the SESPlan operating budget for 2018/9.

### DECISION

The Committee:

- a) Noted the updated forecast expenditure against the approved Operating Budget for 2018/9 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report;
- b) Noted that an Operating Budget for 2020/21 would be brought to the November 2019 meeting of the Committee.

## 8. SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE – CROSS BOUNDARY GREEN NETWORKS

There had been circulated a report by Peter Arnsdorf, Acting SDP Manager, providing an update on the Cross Boundary Green Network Supplementary Guidance, as set out in the work programme approved by the Committee at its meeting in November 2018.

### DECISION

The Committee noted the update as set out in the report.

*The meeting concluded at 2.22 p.m.*