

## **6 PROPOSED PLANNING BILL (AN234-2002)**

The First Minister announced in June, 2002 that the Scottish Executive would support the bringing forward of a new Planning Bill in the next session of the Scottish Parliament after the next elections in May, 2003.

The need for this new legislation has been principally prompted by the recent review of strategic planning and by the "Getting Involved in Planning" consultations, the latter being likely to be the subject of a White Paper later this year. The Scottish Executive has also indicated that it will be considering other possible matters for inclusion in the Bill.

The Scottish Executive has invited the Royal Town Planning Institute in Scotland to give detailed consideration to the above issues to assist it in informing the debate during the period leading up to the publication of the Bill and beyond. A Working Party has been established by the Institute in Scotland and Iain Ross, Team Leader (Development Quality) has been invited to participate together with other senior planning practitioners representing a range of expertise both in the private and public sectors.

The commitment will involve one day meetings in Edinburgh at approximately two monthly intervals over the period of the project and has the support of the Director of Planning and Transportation. All expenses are being funded by the Royal Town Planning Institute.

Members are requested to note this information.