

REPORT TO: PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - 8 JANUARY 2007

REPORT ON: PLANNING POLICY ADVICE: AIR QUALITY AND LAND USE PLANNING

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

REPORT NO: 696-2006

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this Report is to advise the Committee of the consultation exercise completed on 1st December 2006 and to seek approval of the Planning Policy Advice: Air Quality and Land Use Planning.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that Committee:
- a notes the consultation exercise as described herein;
 - b approves the planning policy advice contained in Air Quality and Land Use Planning;
 - c refers the advice note to the Development Quality Committee as a material consideration in the determination of future planning applications.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

4 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 This report ensures compliance with environmental legislation [the Environment Act (1995), Air Quality (Scotland) Regulations (2000), Air Quality (Scotland) Amended Regulations (2002) and Local Air Quality Management: Revised Policy Guidance (Feb 2003)] by mitigating or removing impact on Air Quality from proposed development as part of the planning process.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None

6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 Members approved the Draft Planning Policy Advice: Air Quality and Land Use Planning for consultation purposes at the Planning and Transportation Committee meeting of 8 May 2006. Report No. 186/2006 refers. The Director of Planning and Transportation was remitted to report back on any comments received prior to the adoption of the final policy advice.
- 6.2 The six week consultation period extended from 27 October to 1 December 2006. A copy of the Draft Planning Policy Advice was posted out to target groups. In total 154 individuals and groups were consulted including Council Members, community

councils, housing associations, the development and construction industries, neighbouring authorities, quangos and other organisations, the travel and transport industries, major employers, institutions and outside bodies.

- 6.3 Only one set of comments was received from an outside body, however, this did not require significant alteration of the draft. The Environmental Health and Trading Standards Department have advised that Union Street and Whitehall Street should be added to the list at Box 1 page 2 being areas where measures to reduce contaminants are proposed. It is recommended that Committee approve the Planning Policy Advice including the additions above and refer the document to the Development Quality Committee for consideration with a recommendation that the contents of the Advice are taken on board when determining future planning applications.

7 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) and Head of Environmental Health & Trading Standards have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None.

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