

SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE: RESOURCE EXTRACTION

Report by Director of Education, Communities and Economy

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Committee on the adoption of the Resource Extraction Supplementary Guidance.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting of 22 January 2019 Committee agreed to adopt the Resource Extraction Supplementary Guidance following a formal consultation process which ran from 7 September to 12 October 2018 and agreed that the supplementary guidance will not have a significant environmental impact triggering the need for a formal Strategic Environmental Assessment. In addition the Committee:
 - a. instructed the Planning Manager to undertake the required notification/advertisement advising that the Resource Extraction Supplementary Guidance will not have a significant environmental impact triggering the need for a formal Strategic Environmental Assessment;
 - b. instructed the Planning Manager to notify the Scottish Ministers of the Council's intention to adopt the Resource Extraction Supplementary Guidance; and
 - c. required notification of the outcome of the notification to the Scottish Ministers.
- 2.2 The notification/advertisement referred to in paragraph 2.1a was published in the Midlothian Advertiser newspaper on 31 January 2018. The advertisement was required to comply with Strategic Environmental Assessment legislation and regulations and was for information purposes only.
- 2.3 In line with paragraph 2.1b Scottish Ministers were informed of the Council's intention to adopt the supplementary guidance. Scottish Ministers informed the Council by letter dated 19 February 2019 that they did not propose to issue a direction in relation to the guidance and that the Council is free to adopt the guidance. The adopted version of the Resource Extraction Supplementary Guidance document is on the Council's website.

3 **RECOMMENDATION**

3.1 The Committee is recommended to note the contents of the report.

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