



SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE: FOOD AND DRINK AND OTHER NON-RETAIL USES IN TOWN CENTRES

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 Food and Drink and Other Non-Retail Uses in Town Centres Supplementary Guidance.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting of 20 November 2018 the Committee agreed to adopt the Food and Drink and Other Non-Retail Uses in Town Centres Supplementary Guidance following a formal consultation process which ran from August to 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 Food and Drink and Other Non-Retail Uses in Town Centres 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 Midlothian Food and Drink and Other Non-Retail Uses in Town Centres Supplementary Guidance; and
 - c. required notification of the outcome of the notification of the Scottish Ministers procedure.
- 2.2 The notification/advertisement referred to in paragraph 2.1a was published in the Midlothian Advertiser newspaper on 28 February 2019. 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 4 March 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 Food and Drink and Other Non-Retail Uses in Town Centres Supplementary Guidance 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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