

Scottish Government Consultation on National Planning Framework No. 3, and Draft Scottish Planning Policy**Report by Ian Johnson, Head of Planning and Development****1 Purpose of Report****1.1** Scottish Government has published for consultation two documents:

- i. National Planning Framework No. 3 Main Issues Report and Draft Framework; and
- ii. Draft Scottish Planning Policy.

This report seeks the Committee's guidance on how it wishes to respond to Scottish Government on these consultations.

2 Background**2.1** The first stage in the Scottish Government's programme of preparation of its National Planning Framework No.3 (NPF3) was a general call, issued in Autumn 2012, for potential developments of national significance which should be included in the Framework. Following consideration at its meeting on 13 November 2012, Cabinet resolved:

- "(a) To note the current stage of preparation being undertaken by Scottish Government in its preparation of National Planning Framework 3; and*
- (b) To submit to Scottish Government information to support the inclusion of (i) infrastructure to further develop the Bush Estate Centre of Scientific Excellence; (ii) improvements to the A720 Edinburgh City Bypass; and (iii) projects under the auspices of the Central Scotland Green Network as national developments in NPF3."*

2.2 Publication of the Draft Scottish Planning Policy is the Scottish Government's first stage in the review of this document. Copies of both documents have been placed in the Members Library. They are also accessible online at:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2013/04/2377>
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2013/04/1027>

The deadline for the response to Scottish Government on both documents is 23 July 2013.

2.3 Consideration of both documents by officers is currently in progress.

3 Recommendation

- 3.1** It is recommended that Members advise of the most appropriate way in which they wish to consider and respond to Scottish Government on the current consultation on its National Planning Framework No.3 Main Issues Report and Draft Framework, and its Draft Scottish Planning Policy.

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