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## **SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE: HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTRYSIDE AND GREEN BELT**

Report by Director of Education, Communities and Economy

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### **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Committee on the adoption of the Housing Development in the Countryside and Green Belt Supplementary Guidance.

### **2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 At its meeting of 14 May 2019 the Committee agreed to adopt the Housing Development in the Countryside Supplementary Guidance following a formal consultation process which ran from 22 November 2018 to 18 January 2019 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 Housing Development in the Countryside and Green Belt 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 Housing Development in the Countryside and Green Belt 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 20 June 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 5 July 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 Housing Development in the Countryside and Green Belt 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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