



SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE: LOW DENSITY RURAL HOUSING

Report by Chief Officer, Place

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Committee on the adoption of the Low Density Rural Housing Supplementary Guidance.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting of 14 June 2022 the Committee agreed to adopt the Low Density Rural Housing Supplementary Guidance following a formal consultation process which ran from 9 December 2021 to 5 January 2022 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, Sustainable Growth and Investment Manager to undertake the required notification/advertisement advising that the Low Density Rural Housing Supplementary Guidance will not have a significant environmental impact triggering the need for a formal Strategic Environmental Assessment;
 - b. instructed the Planning, Sustainable Growth and Investment Manager to notify the Scottish Ministers of the Council's intention to adopt the Low Density Rural Housing 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 23 June 2022. 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 10 August 2022 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

Low Density Rural Housing 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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Background Papers: Midlothian Local Development Plan 2017 adopted 7 November 2017.