

“Call-in” from Meeting of Cabinet on Tuesday 28 May 2013: Council House Building Programme Phase 2

Report by John Blair, Director, Corporate Resources

1 Background

This report advises of the “call-in” of a Cabinet decision from its meeting on 28 May 2013. A copy of the “call-in” is shown at Appendix 1.

The “call-in” relates to the Cabinet’s decision concerning the Council House Building Programme: Phase 2. A copy of the report which was considered by Cabinet is shown at Appendix 2.

The Cabinet agreed:-

- (a) To note the progress on Phases 1 and 2;*
- (b) To note the progress on Sites 2 (Woodburn Road) and 37(Eastfield Drive);*
- (c) To note the progress on Sites 9 (Craigiebeld Crescent), 18 (Eastfield Drive) and 42 (Jackson Street) including House/Flat Types and planning submissions; and*
- (d) To note progress on procurement for the Phase 2 Sites and agree the revised milestone dates with the overall programme.*

Under the “call-in” procedure the Cabinet’s decision in relation to the "called-in" item is frozen pending resolution through the process described at paragraph (h) of the “call-in” procedure, a copy of which is shown at Appendix 3.

2 “Call-in” Procedure

In terms of the “call-in” procedure, after having considered the "called-in" business, the Performance, Review and Scrutiny Committee must decide only in accordance with one of the following two options:-

- (i) Option 1** - To note the Cabinet's decision. (This will have the effect of immediately unfreezing the “called-in” decision); or
- (ii) Option 2** - To make specific recommendation(s) back to the Cabinet on the "called-in" item. Such recommendation(s) shall be reported to the next available Cabinet meeting without the need for prior publication or approval of the Performance, Scrutiny and Audit Committee minutes. Where the Cabinet declines to accept any or all of these, the matter shall continue to be frozen and referred *simpliciter* by the Director, Corporate

Resources to the full Midlothian Council for determination. Should he deem it appropriate, the Director may call Special Council and/or Cabinet meetings to facilitate the determination of the matter.

3 Recommendation

The Performance, Review and Scrutiny Committee is invited to consider the “called-in” business and agree in terms of either Option 1 or 2 above.

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