

## **City Development Plan 2 - Evidence report and draft report of engagement noted.**

**6** There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the draft City Development Plan (CDP) 2 evidence report and the draft report of engagement, advising

- (1) that the planning system in Scotland was plan-led and development planning was required to manage the development and use of land in long-term public interest with decisions on planning applications being made in accordance with the development plan, unless there were material considerations that indicated otherwise;
- (2) that the current CDP had been adopted in 2017 and work had commenced in 2023 to produce CDP2 which was anticipated to be adopted in 2027;
- (3) that a new Planning Act had been introduced in 2019 which altered the position on many aspects of the planning procedures including the context for preparing a new CDP, as detailed in the report;
- (4) that the Council was required to publish an annual Development Plan Scheme (DPS) to ensure that communities and stakeholders were aware of the process, timetable and opportunities to be involved and the City Development Team had created a storymap version to sit as a live, visual document that formed the basis for future communication and interaction with the plan process;
- (5) that the City Administration Committee on 30th November 2023 (Print 6, page 29) had approved the DPS 2023 and the key stages in the development plan process, as detailed in the report;
- (6) that early engagement was an important part of producing an evidence report to ensure that it was informed by communities' lived experience and stakeholders' evidence and Appendix 1 to the report set out the activities carried out, in line with the DPS and the findings;
- (7) that an evidence report was required for submission to the Scottish Government for the Gatecheck process and the evidence report was required to be a baseline account of information to assist the Council in considering what the planning authority should plan for its area and the gathering of evidence was a broad exercise to ensure that the evidence base needed for all areas of the city and that National Planning Framework 4 topic areas were in place to allow new policies to be written;
- (8) of the sections that were contained in the evidence report; and
- (9) of the next steps.

After consideration, the committee noted the

- (a) City Development Plan 2 draft evidence report and the draft report of engagement; and
- (b) City Development Plan 2 process and that the final document would be submitted to the City Administration Committee for approval and thereafter to Scottish Ministers for the Gatecheck process.