

National Planning Framework 4 – Glasgow City Region indicative Regional Spatial Strategy approved.

4 There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, East Dunbartonshire Council regarding the indicative Regional Spatial Strategy, advising

- (1) that the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 saw the removal of the statutory duty on the Glasgow City Region's local authorities to prepare a Strategic Development Plan (SDP), which was replaced with a duty to prepare a Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) that would not form part of the statutory Development Plan, however the Act conferred enhanced status on the National Planning Framework (NPF) and the statutory Development Plan would now comprise of the NPF and the Local Development Plan (LDP);
- (2) that the draft NPF4 was originally due to be laid before the Scottish Parliament in September 2020 at which stage there would be formal parliamentary scrutiny along with wider public consultation, with a revised version being brought back to Parliament for approval before being formally adopted by Scottish Ministers, however due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation the Scottish Government was currently revising its timescale for NPF4, which now would not be laid before Parliament until 2021, with the duty to prepare a formal RSS under the terms of the Act and related guidance not coming into force until NPF4 was approved, potentially in 2022;
- (3) that to assist the preparation of NPF4 the Scottish Government had asked local authorities, working together, to produce an indicative RSS; and
- (4) of the proposed Glasgow City Region indicative RSS, detailed in the Appendix to the report, which would also be presented to the Glasgow City Regional Partnership for its endorsement.

After consideration, the Cabinet approved the indicative Regional Spatial Strategy for the Glasgow City Region for submission to the Scottish Government as part of its development of NPF4.