

National Planning Framework 4 – Position noted.

10 There was submitted a report by the Manager, Clydeplan, regarding an update on the adoption of the National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) by Scottish Ministers, advising

- (1) that NPF4 had been in development by the Scottish Government for over 2 years and had been the subject of public consultation on a Draft in November 2021 and Parliamentary scrutiny in a Revised Draft which had been laid in the Scottish Parliament in November 2022;
- (2) that following the period of Parliamentary scrutiny, on 11th January 2023, the Scottish Parliament had approved NPF4 and Scottish Ministers had adopted and published NPF4 on 13th February 2023, following which there would be a period of 6 weeks for parties to lodge any legal challenge;
- (3) that following the adoption of NPF4, the Strategic Development Plan for the Glasgow City Region would cease to be in effect and the new statutory Development Plan would now comprise the National Planning Framework and Local Development Plan;
- (4) of the 3 parts contained within NPF4 and the 6 overarching principles, all as detailed in the report;
- (5) of the priorities for the central area in relation to the place agenda, as detailed in the report;
- (6) of the National Developments that would also support delivery of the spatial strategy for the GCR, as detailed in the report;
- (7) that the Indicative Regional Spatial Strategy which had been endorsed by the GCR Regional Partnership and submitted in June 2020 by Clydeplan to support the development of the Draft NPF4, the regional spatial themes (housing, vacant and derelict land and sustainable connectivity) and key elements of the Spatial Investment Framework (Clyde Mission, Green Network, MGSDP), had all been reflected in NPF4; and
- (8) that following the adoption of NPF4, the GCR planning authorities would be considering the implications of the national planning policies and the opportunities for taking a consistent approach to their interpretation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation through the Local Development Plan and Development Management processes.

After consideration, the Cabinet noted

- (a) the adoption of the NPF4 by Scottish Ministers on 13th February 2023; and
- (b) the timeline for the publication of Regional Spatial Strategy guidance by the Scottish Government in support of the delivery of the NPF4.

