

National Planning Framework 4 update noted – Instruction to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

4 With reference to the minutes of 8th March 2022 (Print 7, page 524) noting the key contents of the National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) by Scottish Ministers, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding an update on the adoption of the NPF4, advising

- (1) that the NPF4 constituted the national spatial strategy for Scotland and set out the spatial principles, regional priorities, national developments and national planning policy and that the revised NPF4 had been adopted by Scottish Ministers on 13th February 2023, replacing NPF3 and the Scottish Planning Policy;
- (2) that the NPF4 was a long-term plan which set out an approach to planning and development to help achieve a net zero, sustainable Scotland by 2045 and the adopted NPF4 had 3 parts, namely part 1 – National Spatial Strategy for Scotland 2045, part 2 – National Planning Policy and part 3 – Annexes, as detailed in the report;
- (3) that in addition to the adoption of the NPF4, new legislation by the Scottish Government had come into force on 19th May 2023 to support new Local Development Plans and that planning applications, including those required to be considered by the Planning Applications Committee, were now being determined to take account of the new requirements of NPF4; and
- (4) of the next steps.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted
 - (i) the adoption of the National Planning Framework 4 by Scottish Ministers on 13th February 2023; and
 - (ii) the current planning policy position and implications; and
- (b) instructed the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to submit progress reports on the National Planning Framework 4.