

To: Planning and Climate Change Policy Board

On: 14 June 2022

Report by: Chief Executive

Heading: New Development Supplementary Guidance (2022) and Strategic Environmental Assessment Post Adoption Statement

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report presents the responses from the recent consultation on the draft New Development Supplementary Guidance (2022) which ended on 22nd April 2022 and seeks approval for the guidance which will support the Renfrewshire Local Development Plan 2021.
 - 1.2 The report also presents the Renfrewshire Local Development Plan Post Adoption Statement which forms part of the strategic environmental assessment process which ran in tandem with preparation of the Renfrewshire Local Development Plan 2021.
 - 1.3 A copy of both the New Development Supplementary Guidance and the post adoption statement are available on the Council's website at [Local Development Plan page](#).
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board:
 - (i) Approves the Renfrewshire New Development Supplementary Guidance (2022) and authorises the Head of Economy and Development to notify the Scottish Ministers of the Council's intention to adopt the supplementary guidance.
 - (ii) Approve the publication of the Strategic Environmental Assessment Post Adoption Statement.
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3. New Development Supplementary Guidance 2022

- 3.1 The Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board approved the draft New Development Supplementary Guidance for consultation at its meeting of 15 March 2022. The Guidance was then subject to a 4 week consultation period with local communities and a range of other stakeholders.
- 3.2 The draft New Development Supplementary Guidance supports the implementation of the Renfrewshire Local Development Plan 2021 by providing additional detailed information in relation to designing, delivering and implementing development, with an emphasis on place making, sustainability and inclusive processes.
- 3.2 16 responses to the consultation were received from local residents, a community council, the Scottish Government, key agencies and developers. A summary of the representations, with feedback/commentary on suggestions and proposed additional changes to the supplementary guidance is attached at Appendix 1.

4. Post Adoption Statement Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 4.1 In line with the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 the Renfrewshire Local Development Plan 2021 has been subject to the process of strategic environmental assessment. At each stage of the local development plan process there has been detailed consideration and assessment of the likely environmental factors and effects associated with preferred and alternative options, strategies, policies and proposals. It then considered how negative impacts can be avoided or minimised and identified opportunities for positive effects to be enhanced.
- 4.2 The Strategic Environmental Assessment shaped and positively contributed towards the finalised version of the Renfrewshire Local Development Plan 2021. Publication of the post adoption statement is the final stage in the process, and it illustrates how the environmental report influenced and informed the local development plan.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 If approved by the Board, the New Development Supplementary Guidance will be sent to the Scottish Ministers along with a summary of all representations received during the preparation process and the Council's response and actions to these representations.
- 5.2 The Scottish Ministers have 28 days to consider the supplementary guidance. After 28 days have elapsed, the Council can adopt the supplementary guidance unless Scottish Ministers have directed otherwise.

- 5.3 Following adoption, the supplementary guidance will be available on the Council's website and hard copies will be available in local libraries.
 - 5.4 The post adoption statement will be sent to the Strategic Environmental Assessment Gateway for circulation to the statutory consultees NatureScot, Historic Environment Scotland and Scottish Environmental Protection Agency. It's publication will be advertised in a local newspaper and it will be published on the Council's website.
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Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – None.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – None.
3. **Community/Council Planning** –

Reshaping our place, our economy, and our future – the New Development Supplementary Guidance set the framework for supporting, encouraging, and delivering sustainability, climate change adaption, reaching Net Zero, biodiversity gain and creating great places.
4. **Legal** – None.
5. **Property/Assets** – None.
6. **Information Technology** – None.
7. **Equality & Human Rights** -
 - (a) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.
8. **Health & Safety** – None.
9. **Procurement** – None.
10. **Risk** – None.
11. **Privacy Impact** – None.
12. **COSLA Policy Position** - None.

13. **Climate Risk** – The New Development Supplementary Guidance seek to ensure that any development coming forward is undertaken in a sustainable manner and aids the adaption required as a result of climate change.
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Appendix 1 – New Development Supplementary Guidance Consultation Responses

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