

# Planning Committee

10.00am Thursday, 6 August 2015

## Attendance at Conference on Scottish Planning Policy and the New National Framework 3: Communities, Economic Growth and a Sustainable, Low Carbon Future

Item number	10.1
Report number	
Executive/routine	Executive
Wards	All

### Executive summary

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The purpose of the report is to advise the Planning Committee of the attendance of Councillor Dixon at a one day a one-day planning conference on Scottish Planning Policy and the New National Framework 3 to support him in the role of Vice Convener on 10 June 2015.

### Links

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### **Recommendations**

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- 1.1** To note the action by the Acting Director of Services for Communities in consultation with the Convener of the Planning Committee to authorise the attendance of Councillor Dixon at the Scottish Planning Policy and the New National Framework 3: Communities, Economic Growth and a Sustainable, Low Carbon Future conference on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015, under the urgency provisions set out at paragraph 3.1 of the Committee Terms of Reference.

### **Background**

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- 2.1** The National Planning Framework (NPF) sets the context for development planning in Scotland and provides a framework for the spatial development of Scotland as a whole. Scotland's third National Planning Framework 3 was laid in the Scottish Parliament on June 23, 2014.
- 2.2** The training event, Scottish Planning Policy and the New National Framework 3: Communities, Economic Growth and a Sustainable, Low Carbon Future, run by Mackay Hannah, explored both opportunities ahead and progress made in the year since the framework was laid before Parliament. As well as examining the framework's role in supporting communities and contributing to economic growth, healthy living and carbon reduction whilst also looking at 'National Developments' in Scotland.

### **Main report**

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- 3.1** Cllr Dixon was formally appointed Vice-Convener of the Planning Committee in May 2015.
- 3.2** The Acting Director of Services for Communities in consultation with the Convener of the Planning Committee agreed Cllr Dixon's attendance at the event held on 10 June 2015 with the Head of Planning and Building Standards as it provided an overarching view of Scottish Planning Policy and a networking opportunity for the Vice-Convener.

## Measures of success

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- 4.1 Learn from others' good practice.
- 4.2 Share Edinburgh's experience of the local government planning system.

## Financial impact

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- 5.1 The cost of the conference is £282 and was contained within budget.

## Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

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- 6.1 Not applicable.

## Equalities impact

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- 7.1 No negative impacts have been identified.

## Sustainability impact

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- 8.1 Travel arrangements have been made in accordance with the Council's Sustainable Travel Plan.

## Consultation and engagement

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- 9.1 Not applicable.

## Background reading/external references

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None.

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## Links

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<b>Coalition pledges</b>	P15 - Work with public organisations, the private sector and social enterprise to promote Edinburgh to investors
<b>Council outcomes</b>	CO19 Attractive Places and Well Maintained – Edinburgh remains an attractive city through the development of high quality buildings and places and the delivery of high standards and maintenance of infrastructure and public realm
<b>Single Outcome Agreement</b>	

**Appendices**

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