## EX8. Development Plan Scheme 2019

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services seeking approval of the latest update to the Council's Development Plan Scheme.

Under Section 20B of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, planning authorities required to prepare a Development Plan Scheme at least annually. The 2019 update to the Development Plan Scheme focused on progress with, and the projected programme for, the Falkirk Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2).

The proposed Development Plan Scheme 2019 was provided as an appendix to the report and it:-

- explained the development plan framework for the area, and how it was
- evolving;
- explained the key stages in preparing a local development plan;
- set out the intended programme for LDP2, and the remaining Supplementary Guidance associated with LDP1;
- described the progress made to date on LDP2; and
- explained how the Council had involved and would involve people and agencies at each stage in the preparation of LDP2.

The Proposed LDP2 was published at the end of September 2018. This was a delay of one month compared with the timescale set out in the previous Development Plan Scheme. 187 submissions were made, comprising 405 comments, of which 303 sought changes to the plan. Should the Council make no notifiable modifications to the plan, submission to Scottish Ministers was programmed for July 2019, after which the Examination would take place. The anticipated adoption date was July 2020 which remained within the 5 year lifespan of LDP1, in accordance with the Council's statutory obligations.

## **Decision**

The Executive approved the Falkirk Local Development Plan Scheme 2019.