

**EX88. Falkirk Local Development Plan 2  
Supplementary Guidance SG14: Renewable and Low Carbon**

The Executive considered a report by the Acting Director of Development Services which sought approval of the Supplementary Guidance SG14: Renewable and Low Carbon Energy.

LDP2 contained a number of policies in relation to renewable and low carbon energy and the requirements which such developments must meet, alongside promoting such developments. These policies included:-

- IR12 Energy Generation Development: Policy setting out general criteria for the assessment of all energy generation proposals;
- IR13 Low and Zero Carbon Development: Aimed at securing renewable energy equipment as an integral part of proposals thereby reducing carbon emissions associated with development;
- Policy IR13 set out the requirement for the inclusion of Low and Zero Carbon Generating Technologies (LZCGT) as part of new development, and the requirement for an Energy Statement, and
- IR14 Heat Networks: Requiring new developments to consider the potential for heat networks, including futureproofing of sites for future connection to such networks, within their Energy Statements.

The Supplementary Guidance expanded on these policies and consolidated information previously contained within three separate guidance documents relating to Wind Energy Developments, Renewable Energy, and Low and Zero Carbon Development.

The content of the SG was broadly summarised as:-

- An introduction
- An overview of each technology
- Specific Development Management Guidance to inform the assessment of planning applications
- Guidance on incorporating LZCGT into new development
- A series of Appendices which include supporting mapping to the locational guidance; specific guidance for developers on landscape capacity; a Development Management Checklist for officers and developers; and an Energy Statement template to assist developers

Following approval by the Executive, the SG would be submitted to Scottish Ministers along with a statement setting out the publicity measures that had been undertaken, the comments received and an explanation of how these comments had been taken into account. After a period of 28 days had elapsed the authority may adopt the SG unless Scottish Ministers had directed otherwise.

**Decision**

**The Executive:-**

- (1) agreed to submit SG14: Renewable and Low Carbon Energy, as attached at Appendix 2, to Scottish Ministers, and**
- (2) agreed to adopt the guidance following clearance from Scottish Ministers.**